

Morphology and natural flood management pilot catchments

Strategically targeting river restoration in catchments

Pilot catchments

- **What?**
- **Why?**
- **Where?**



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Water Environment Fund

HIGH

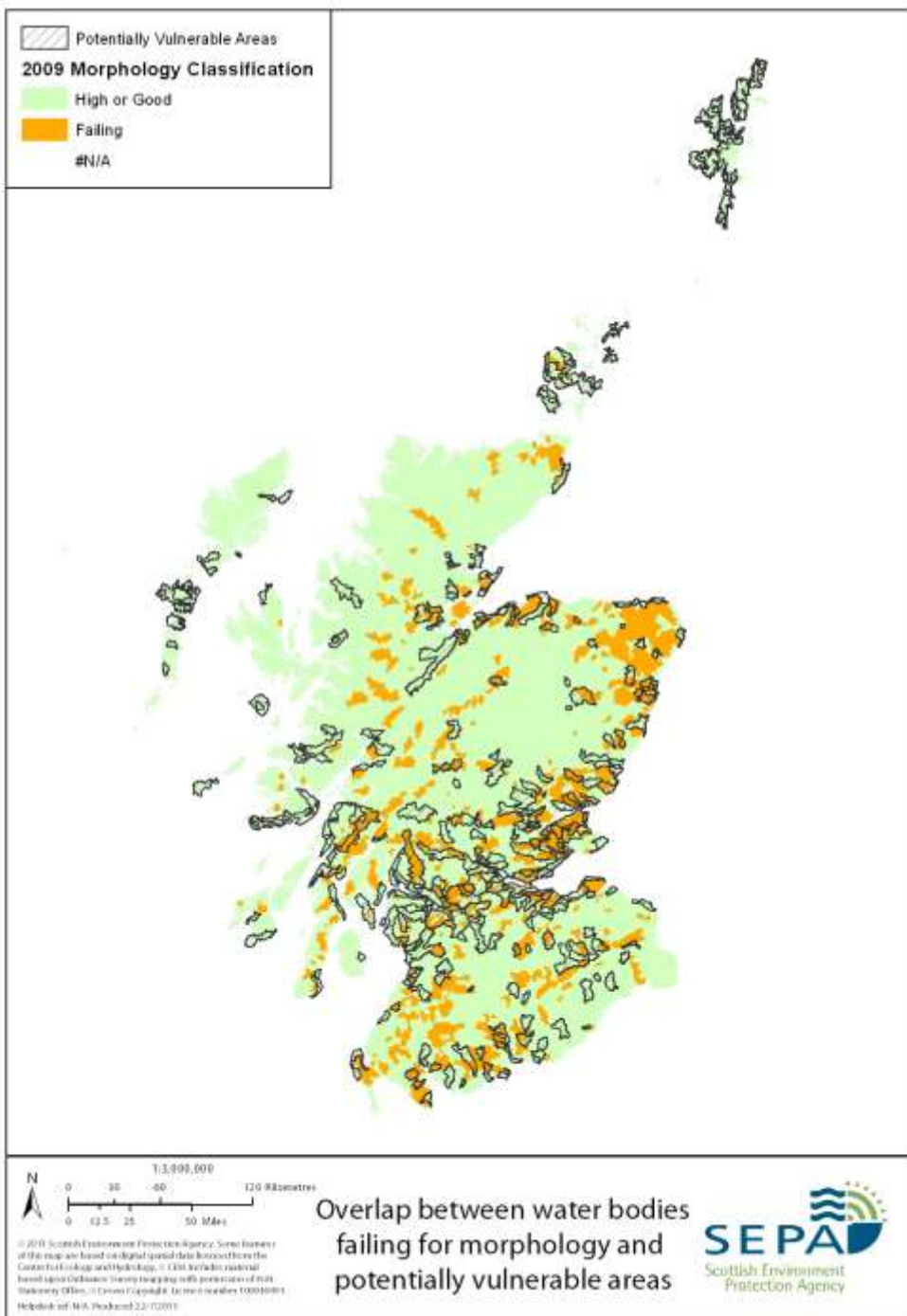
GOOD

MODERATE

POOR

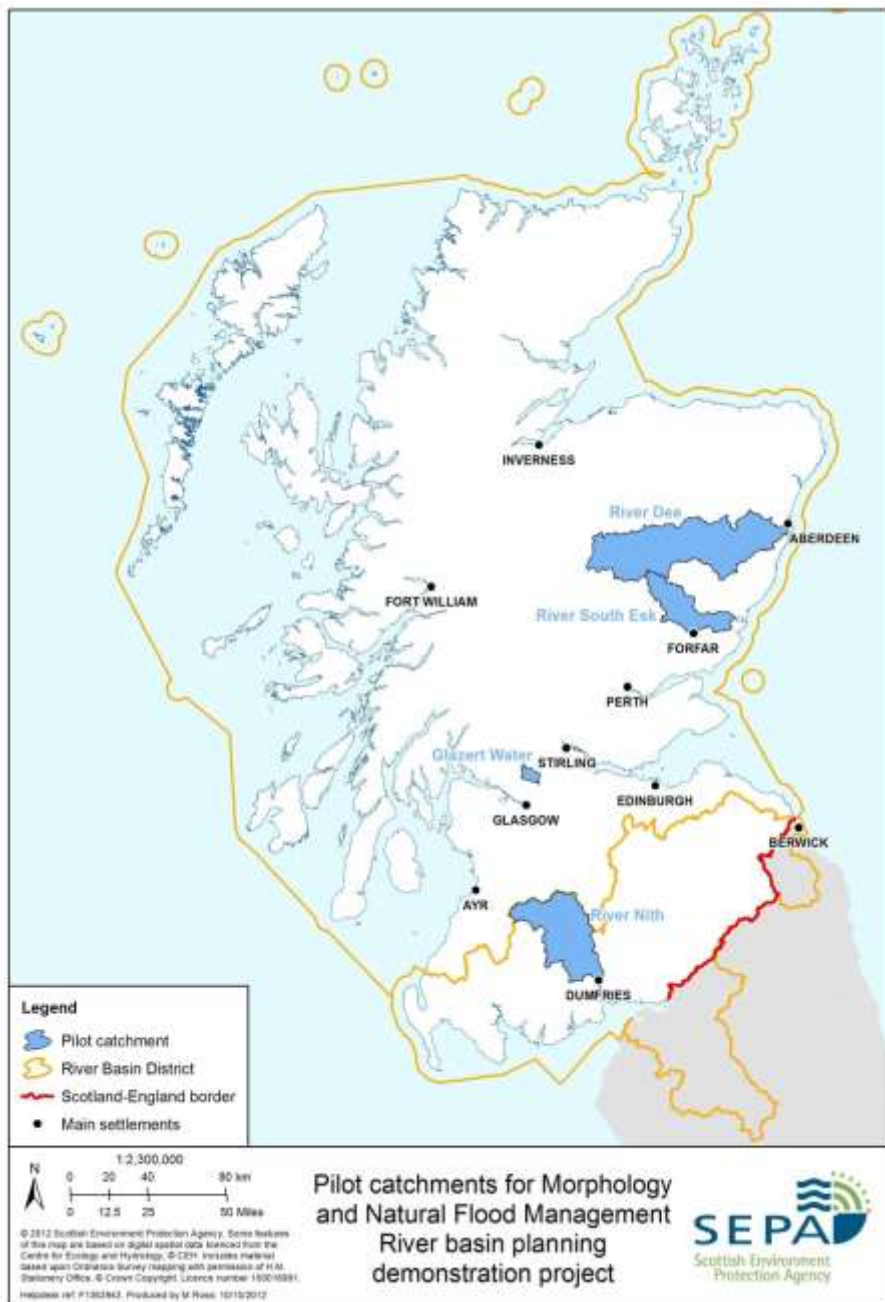
BAD

25%



Catchments selected

- **Dee**
- **South Esk**
- **Glazert**
- **Nith**





Embankment

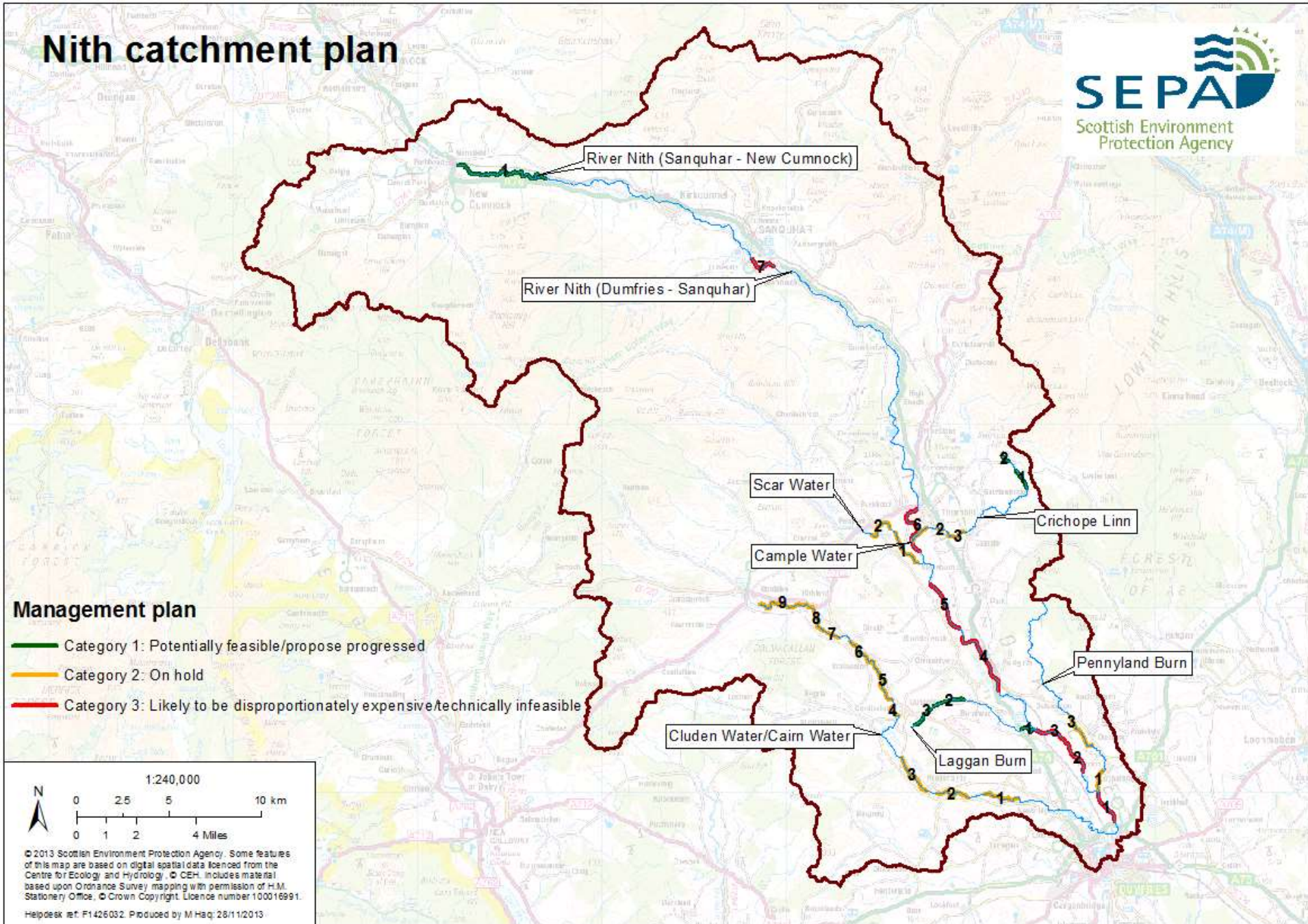
Gravel from river





River confluence

Silt flow direction >>>

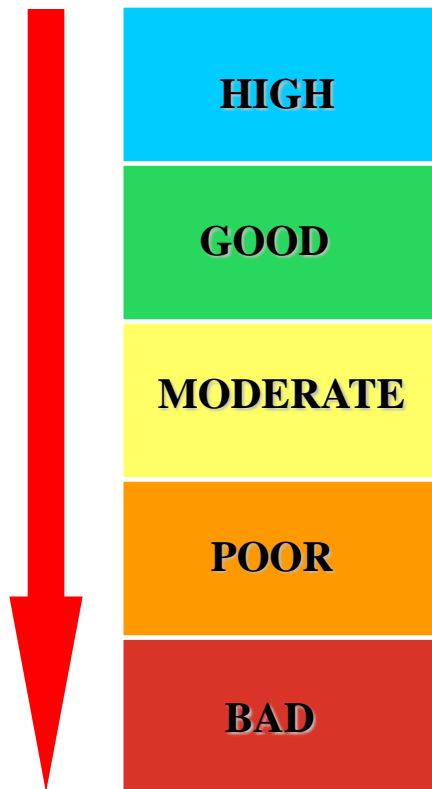
Water from beach

Nith catchment plan



<p>Baseline study: 12 water bodies, 45 reaches identified</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarland – engagement / options appraisal • Bo Burn – design • Leuchar/Gormach – engagement <p>Dee</p>	<p>Baseline study: 14 water bodies, 46 reaches identified</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melgund Burn – design • Lemno Burn – design <p>South Esk</p>
<p>Baseline study: 2 water bodies, 37 sites identified</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birdston - design • Pow/Finglen – landowner engagement • EcoCo Life+ project <p>Glazert</p>	<p>Baseline study: 12 water bodies, 30 reaches identified</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Nith (New Cumnock) - design • Laggan Burn – options appraisal • Crichton Linn – post options appraisal engagement <p>Nith</p>

Lessons learned



**Field surveys contracts: <good and >good
GBR breaches**

Lessons learned




- Planning at catchment scale works
- New approach for RBMP2
- Guiding principles/process

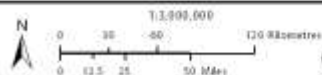
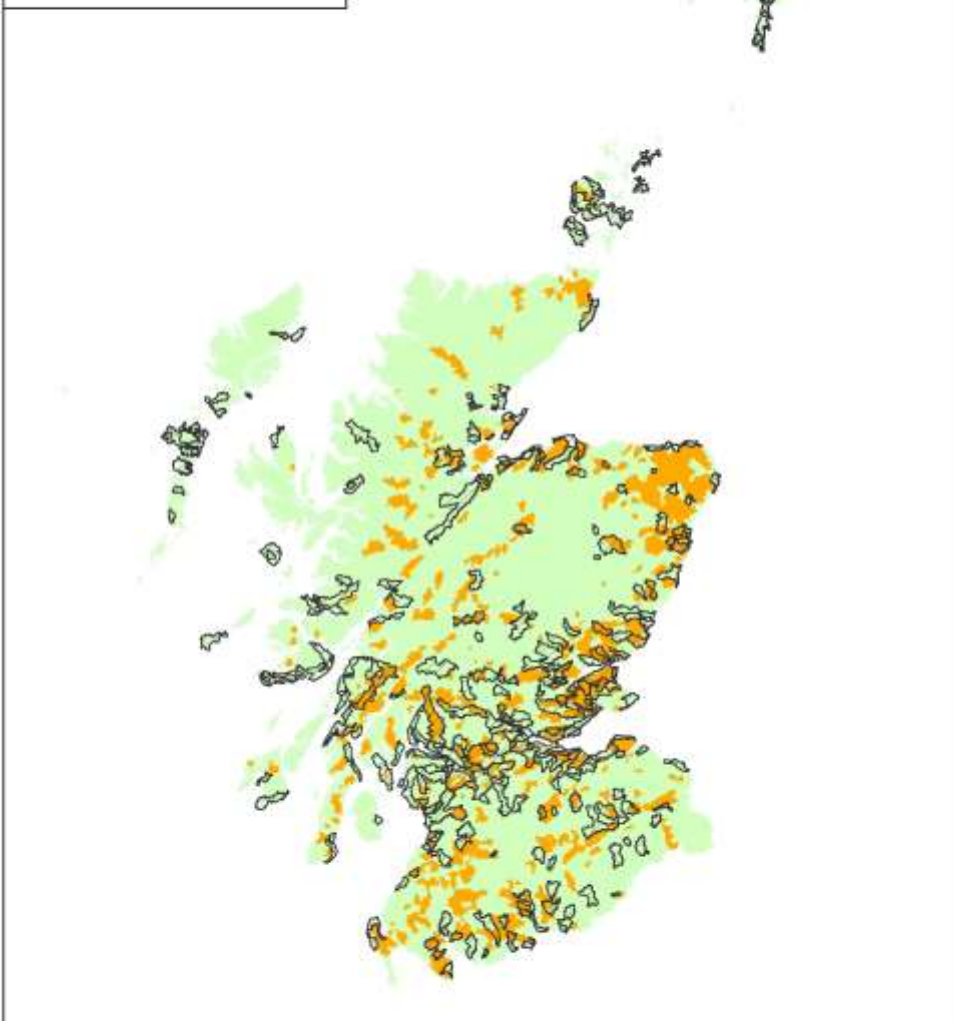


- Integration of RBMP and FRM
- Landowner engagement:
 - trust – one contact – specialists/ geomorphologists
 - time!
 - how we 'sell' restoration
 - funding: SFP/SRDP
 - compensation
 - legal agreements



Further information
www.sepa.org.uk/implementingRBMP

 Potentially Vulnerable Areas
2009 Morphology Classification
 High or Good
 Failing
 #N/A



Overlap between water bodies
 failing for morphology and
 potentially vulnerable areas



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Catchment selection

- **Step 1 – mapped PVAs and water bodies failing for morphology pressures**
- **Step 2 – significant morphology failures and coincidence with significant flood risk**
- **Step 3 – ranking (number of properties at risk, weighted annual damages for agriculture)**
- **Step 4 – multiple benefits/expert judgement/ability to achieve**