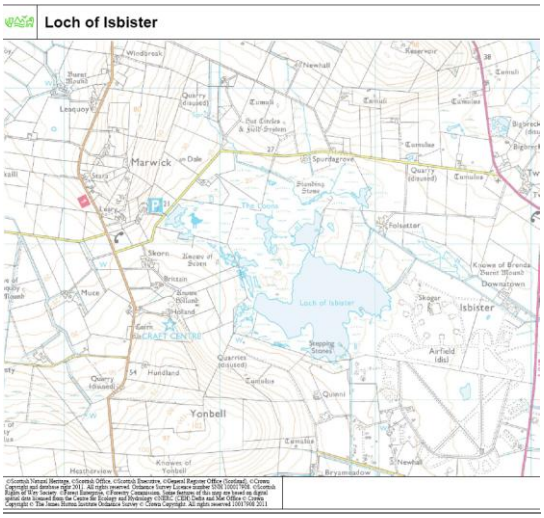
RBMP Small Water body information sheet – Orkney and Shetland

Loch of Isbister

General details and location

Name	Loch of Isbister
Area	35.7Ha
Catchment	Loch of Stenness
Site designations	SSSI; SAC; part RSPB Reserve
Associated protected areas	Lochs of Harray and Stenness SSSI; Loch of Banks SSSI, Loch of Harray UWWTD Sensitive Area
Heavily modified?	No
Artificial?	No
Typology	Duigan Group E: Northern, low altitude and coastal, above-neutral with high diversity of plant species
Grid Reference	HY256236



Category

This small water body has been classed by Orkney and Shetland AAG as: **CATEGORY 1**, subject to **MULTIPLE PRESSURES**.

Pressures and measures

The following table outlines the pressures on this water body, their causes and measures which could reduce or remedy the effects of these pressures.

Pressure	**Drainage**	**Diffuse Pollution**
Arising from	Occasional modifications to outlet.	Livestock farming
How Assessed	Visual	Visual
Proposed measure	Ongoing monitoring of outlet; remedial action to be taken as necessary	Investigate nutrient status and take appropriate action to manage inputs
Target date	2015	2021
Responsibility for Action	RSPB	SEPA and farmers through proactive application at a catchment level of GBR on diffuse pollution and other land management measures (e.g. SRDP)
Funding	N/A	Projected
Notes		

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Future targets for this water body

We have set the following environmental objectives for this water body over for the first, second and third River Basin Management Planning (RBMP) cycles.

Year	2012	2015	2021	2027
Pressures and Measures	Drainage DP	Drainage remediated DP (reduced)	Drainage remediated DP negligible	Drainage remediated DP negligible

DP: Diffuse Pollution

Future work

Additional work to identify pressures and to develop and implement measures to mitigate their impacts will continue over subsequent river basin cycles.