

West Highland Area Management Plan Advisory Group Action Plan

	Suggested measure (action)	Target year 1	Lead organisation	Other key partners	Geographical scale
Morphology/ habitat restoration	Review information on pressures on beds and banks of water bodies (on non heavily modified water bodies), actions and funding required and facilitate discussions to drive these forward.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate task group • Review information on morphology (non HMWB) pressures and actions and facilitate discussions to drive these forward. • Consider priority sites and catchments • Identify funding for measures such as the SEPA restoration fund or the Scottish Rural Development Program (SRDP). • Develop awareness raising for design of future structures • Consider options for the restoration of rivers and burns straightened for agriculture balancing the needs of land managers and the water environment. 	tbc	Through task group; Local Authorities, fishery trusts, SEPA	<p>Across West Highland (mainland) area but focussed on natural water bodies with morphology pressures.</p> <p>This task group will also include the mainland of the North Highland area.</p> <p>A task group focussing on the Western Isles will be discussed.</p>

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Diffuse pollution native species	Raise awareness of diffuse pollution and facilitate discussion on preparation needed for action in future planning cycles (e.g. shellfish waters and candidate priority catchments).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate task group • Coordinate local delivery of the national awareness raising campaign to improve water bodies affected by diffuse pollution and prevent further deterioration. • Facilitate discussion on the research required to establish the source of the diffuse pollution downgrading water bodies – and shellfish waters in particular - and therefore the measures required to improve them. • Hold an event for forest managers of both estate and private land to start the process of awareness raising 	tbc	Through task group including Scottish Environment and Rural services (SEARs) partners and industry reps; SEPA, SNH, FCS, SGRPID, NFUS, SRPBA, Scottish Crofting Federation.	<p>Across West Highland (mainland) area.</p> <p>This task group will also include the mainland of the North Highland area.</p> <p>It is not felt to be appropriate at present to set up a task group focussing on the Western Isles. This will be reviewed, with particular focus on shellfish water.</p>

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Invasive non native species	Coordination of local action to manage the risk from the introduction of invasive non-native species.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate task group or link to existing Highland Invasive Species Forum and Western Isles Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Group. Share information on current control and eradication work and identify key gaps Encourage coordination of actions and implementation across catchments Implementation of national measures, including raising awareness of nationally produced material for prevention, data collection processes and protocols for rapid reaction Encourage the sharing of good control and eradication practice and rapid response protocols. 	SEPA	Through task group or linked to existing Highland Invasives Species Forum and Western Isles Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Group.	<p>Across West Highland (mainland) area.</p> <p>This task group will also include the mainland of the North Highland area.</p> <p>An initial meeting will be held on the Western Isles to determine how best to take forward INNS issues.</p>
Catchment restoration	Explore, develop and implement catchment management approaches where locally relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider future catchment-wide projects Discuss priorities and possible funding mechanisms 	AAG		

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Fresh Water Pearl Mussels	Investigate the reasons for the unfavourable status of areas protected for fresh water pearl mussels and put in place appropriate management measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate task group • Investigate the reasons for the unfavourable status of areas protected for fresh water pearl mussels • Consider and put in place appropriate management measures • Expand work of the group to areas outside West Highland area as appropriate 	SNH	tbc.	This group will also look at other fresh water pearl mussel sites outside the West Highland advisory group area.