

ACTION

1. Policy & Legislation.	Lead	Partners	2003	2004	2005	2010	Meets Objective
1.1. Ensure that development plan policies recognise the biodiversity, amenity and recreational value of the area's standing waters and their value as a habitat for wildlife, and promote the protection of this habitat.	SC	ALL	*	*	*	*	1,2,3
1.2. Ensure that development plan policies promote opportunities through development proposals and public schemes, for rehabilitation and restoration of physically degraded areas on or around standing waters	SC	ALL	*	*	*	*	1,2
1.3. Promote adoption of SUDS principles (Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, such as swales, infiltration basins, detention/retention ponds, wetlands, reedbeds) in new developments likely to affect standing waters.	SC, SW, SEPA	ALL	*	*	*	*	1,2,3,4
1.4. Respond to all pollution incidents within 24 hours	SEPA		*	*	*	*	1,2
2. Site and Species Safeguard & Management.							
2.1. Encourage best practice in the management of standing water habitats on farmland and the watercourses that drain into them through the work of FWAG, SNH, SAC, and by promoting SEPA's Habitat Enhancement Scheme.	FWAG, SAC,	SNH, SEPA	*	*	*	*	1,2,3,4
2.2. Promote better management of riparian and shore line strips through all available opportunities, including opportunities to increase buffers strips.	ALL		*	*	*	*	1,2,3
2.3. Promote the use of Catchment Management Plans and action plans for standing waters and their tributaries.	ALL		*	*	*	*	3,4

2.4. Implement current Catchment Management Plans and action plans to improve water quality in downgraded standing waters or to protect good quality waters (e.g. Loch Lomond, Lake of Menteith, Loch Katrine).	SEPA, SW	ALL	*	*	*	*	1,2,3,4
2.5. Ensure shorelines are not damaged or eroded by adverse tourism practices or use of inappropriate shore defenses (e.g. Loch Lomond and Loch Lubnaig beaches).	LLTNPA		*	*	*	*	2,4
2.7. Continue the Stirling Council giant hogweed control programme, to protect biodiversity of riparian habitats.	SC		*	*	*	*	2
3. Advisory.							
3.1. Promote the implementation of the PEPFAA Code when visiting farms, and provide advice to farmers when consulted.	SEPA, SAC, FWAG	ALL	*	*	*	*	1,2,4
3.2. Promote the implementation of the Forestry Commission's " <i>Forest and Water Guidelines</i> ", and provide comments on local water quality issues during forest restructuring plan meetings.	FC, commercial forestry companies, SEPA	ALL	*	*	*	*	1,2
3.3 Encourage the Rural Stewardship Scheme on farms with open water habitats.	FWAG		*	*	*	*	2,4
4. Research & Monitoring.							
4.1. Continue to regularly monitor the water quality and biology of sensitive standing waters and their tributaries, to identify any water quality downgrading. Investigate the cause of downgrading and seek necessary improvements.	SEPA		*	*	*	*	1,2
4.2. Ensure that all statutory water quality and discharge consent standards are maintained. Where failure occurs seek improvements.	SEPA		*	*	*	*	1,2
4.3. Continue site condition monitoring of SSSIs and SACs.	SNH		*	*	*	*	2
5. Communications & Publicity.							

5.1. Provide newsletters/progress reports/leaflets/events to raise awareness and report good practice management for biodiversity in standing water habitats	FWWG	All			*	*	4
5.2. Compile a directory of private landowners and local interest groups who would be receptive to participation in discussions about local standing waters, organise initial meetings and community talks.	LBAP FWWG, LBAP Project Officer				*		4
6. Plan Monitoring.							
6.1 Monitor and review this plan annually and in detail every five years.	FWWG		*	*	*	*	All

Abbreviations

CARSE	Central Area Recording System for the Environment.
EWPO	Endrick Water Project Officer.
FWWG	Freshwater and Wetland Working Group.
FDSFB	Forth District Salmon Fishery Board.
FEF	Forth Estuary Forum.
FFF	Forth Fishery Foundation.
FWAG	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservancy Council.
LBAPF	Local Biodiversity Action Plan Forum.
LLFT	Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust.
LLTNPA	Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority.
LO	Land owners.
SAC	Scottish Agriculture College.
SC	Stirling Council.
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency.
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage.
SW	Scottish Water.