

Lead Actions

WAP Group	WAP Action Code	WAP Action	WAP Sub-action code	Included in RMCEI	National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP)	National Inspection Plan for DWWTs (NIP)	WAP Sub-action	Lead Org	Delivery Date	Target Description	RMCEI Target	Aim / Target number	2025 Assessment (Progress Update Status)	2025 Assessment (Progress Update Text)
Local Catchment Assessment & Restoration Measures														
Programme of Measures	Action 5.3	Implementation of appropriate restoration measures in each Area for Action (restoration) where environmental objectives are not being met.	5.3.3	yes			Local Authorities carry out local catchment assessment/ inspections in Areas for Action	Local Authorities	2023-2027	Identification of local pressures on water quality. Provision of the scientific evidence base uploaded to the WFD app	6.4.8. No. of days of locally lead investigative assessments (including SSRS, sampling, river walks, etc.) 6.4.9. WFD investigative monitoring samples and analysis by Local Authorities	3 days 72 samples	Achieved	7 locally lead investigations occurred in 2025 compared with a target of 3. SDCC completed all of its WFD samples in 2025 with 72.
Programme of Measures	Action 5.3	Implementation of appropriate restoration measures in each Area for Action (restoration) where environmental objectives are not being met.	5.3.4				Local Authorities work with relevant agencies to action the local measures required to address the pressures identified	Local Authorities	2023-2027	Measures to improve water quality in Restore Areas for Action as identified during Local Catchment Assessment implemented		3 Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICWs) sampled throughout the year	Achieved	ICWs were used to treat polluted stormwater before discharging into the River Poddle and River Dodder. ICW inlet and outlets were sampled monthly and results monitored.
Local Catchment Assessment & Protection Measures														
Programme of Measures	Action 5.4	Implementation of appropriate protection measures in areas that are meeting their environmental objectives.	5.4.1	yes			Local Authorities carry out local catchment assessment/ inspections and implement planning and regulatory controls in Areas for Action (AFAs) with a Protect objective	Local Authorities	Q4 2025	Protection Plans for AFAs with protect measures actioned	6.4.8. No. of days of locally lead investigative assessments (including SSRS, sampling, river walks, etc.) 6.4.9. WFD investigative monitoring samples and analysis by Local Authorities	3 days 72 samples	Achieved	7 locally lead investigations occurred in 2025 compared with a target of 3. SDCC completed all of its WFD samples in 2025 with 72.
Agriculture - NAIP (National Agricultural Inspection Programme)														
Programme of Measures	Agri 2	Inspection and enforcement relating to agricultural diffuse pollution.	Agri 2.5	yes	Yes		Inspections, enforcement and reporting undertaken as outlined in the National Agricultural Inspection Programme and cross report to DAFM where non compliances are identified	Local Authorities	Annual	Inspections on approximately 4,500 farms nationally per annum and follow up inspection, enforcement, cross reporting & reporting. The number of inspections allocated per county is proportional to the numbers of water bodies with agriculture as a significant pressure in that county.	6.4.4. Farm Inspections under GAP Regulations conducted by Local Authority (not including farm inspections by DAFM)	40	Achieved	41 inspections conducted in accordance with NAIP for 2025.
Programme of Measures	Agri 2	Inspection and enforcement relating to agricultural diffuse pollution.	Agri 2.9		Yes		Training will be provided for local authority staff undertaking inspections under the GAP Regulations.	EPA/NIECE Local Authorities / LASNTG / LAWPRO	Q4 2023	No of staff trained		2	Achieved	2 staff members completed the NAIP training course.
Domestic Wastewater Discharges (Septic Tanks)														
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 3	Engagement with householders to improve awareness of septic tank issues	Domestic WW 3.1			Yes	Ringfenced resource established for this action	EPA; Local Authorities		Resources assigned		1	Achieved	1 day ringfenced for engagement activities.
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 3	Engagement with householders to improve awareness of septic tank issues	Domestic WW 3.2	yes		Yes	Written plan in place to complete the engagement activities as set out in the NIP	EPA; Local Authorities		Engagement activities at level appropriate to the scale of reliance on DWWTs in the Local Authority functional area completed	6.4.13. No. of DWWTs Engagement Activities	1	Achieved	Engagement day at rural community centre with a stall and information leaflets. Inspections were focused within a catchment in an effort to spread awareness to the community about DWWTs maintenance and pollution issues.
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 3	Engagement with householders to improve awareness of septic tank issues	Domestic WW 3.3			Yes	Local Authorities to document and report activities	Local Authorities	Annually	Annual report to DHLGH and EPA submitted		Reported under the NIP	Achieved	All DWWTs reporting completed via EPA website.
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 4	5,800 inspections between 2022 and 2026 under the National Inspection Programme.	Domestic WW 4.1			Yes	Ringfenced resource established for this action	EPA; Local Authorities		Resources assigned		4	Achieved	1 day ringfenced per inspection.
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 4	5,800 inspections between 2022 and 2026 under the National Inspection Programme.	Domestic WW 4.2	yes		Yes	Inspections planned and completed each year as set out in the NIP	EPA; Local Authorities		All inspections completed per the NIP	6.4.12. DWWTs inspections under National Inspection Plan	4	Achieved	4 inspections completed in 2025, 6 remaining to be completed in 2026 to fulfil NIP 2022-2026 requirements.
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 5	Enforcement of advisory notices under the National Inspection Plan.	Domestic WW 5.2			Yes	Ringfenced resource established for this action	EPA; Local Authorities		Resources assigned		4	Achieved	1 day ringfenced per inspection. 1 advisory notice issued.
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 5	Enforcement of advisory notices under the National Inspection Plan.	Domestic WW 5.3			Yes	Enforcement progressed in line with the Water Services Act and NIP	EPA; Local Authorities		Number of advisory notices closed in line with the Water Services Act and NIP		1	Achieved	1 non-compliant inspection; advisory notice issued, repairs made and advisory notice closed.
Programme of Measures	Domestic WW 5	Enforcement of advisory notices under the National Inspection Plan.	Domestic WW 5.4			Yes	Document and report activities	EPA; Local Authorities	Annual	Annual report to DHLGH and EPA		Report submitted under NIP	Achieved	All DWWTs reporting completed via EPA website.
Unknown Pressures - Local Catchment Assessment - Unassigned Waterbodies														
Programme of Measures	Unknown 2	Assessments of water bodies where the pressures are unknown (outside priority areas for action)	Unknown 2.1	yes			Assess unassigned WBs	Local Authorities	Q4 2027	Significant pressures identified for unassigned waterbodies	6.4.8. No. of days of locally lead investigative assessments (including SSRS, sampling, river walks, etc.) 6.4.9. WFD investigative monitoring samples and analysis by Local Authorities	3 days 169 samples	Achieved	Both objectives achieved in 2025.

Supporting Actions

WAP Group	WAP Action Code	WAP Action	WAP Sub-action code	WAP Sub-action	Lead Org	Stakeholder Support	Delivery Date	Target Description	Aim / Target	Q1 2025 Assessment (Progress Update Status)	Q1 2025 Assessment (Progress Update Text)
Catchment Management Work Plans											
Importance of Protecting our Natural Waters	Action 1.1	Integrated catchment management approaches in development of 46 Catchment Management Work Plans .	1.1.1	Coordination of the Sectoral Action Work Plans and Catchment Management Work Plans	LAWPRO	All Sectors / DHLGH / AFU / EPA	Ongoing	Coordinated approach to development of the Catchment Management Work Plans	Support development of CMWP	Ongoing	
Importance of Protecting our Natural Waters	Action 1.2	Preparation of Catchment Management Work Plans	1.2.1	Coordination of the preparation of the 46 CMWP through Regional Committees	LAWPRO	DHLGH / EPA / LAs / An Fóram Uisce / Regional Committees / Project Delivery Office	Ongoing	46 Catchment Management Work Plans (CMWP) prepared	Support development of CMWP	Ongoing	
Nature Based Solutions											
Setting Environmental Objectives	Action 3.5	Support additional research and pilot projects in the area of climate change in Ireland (impacts and adaptation).	3.5.1	Support the Nature-based surface water management implementation strategy	DHLGH / LAWPRO / CCMA	Local Authorities / EPA / IFI / NPWS / OPW	2022 - 2027	Implementation of publicly funded projects		4 Achieved	4 ICWs were used to treat polluted stormwater before discharging into the River Poddle, River Dodder and River Griffeen. ICW inlet and outlets were sampled monthly and results monitored.
Measures Required											
Measures Required	Action 4.1	Assessment of the impacts of pressures on waters to inform the measures that are needed.	4.1.1	Undertake initial catchment characterisation assessment	EPA	LAWPRO / Local Authorities	Ongoing	Assessment of pressures impacting on waters		1 Achieved	10 additional sampling points were added to monthly sampling schedule for the River Griffeen to characterise pollution inputs.
Measures Required	Action 4.1	Assessment of the impacts of pressures on waters to inform the measures that are needed.	4.1.2	Undertake further characterisation in At Risk water bodies	LAWPRO	Local Authorities / implementing bodiers & stakeholders / EPA	Ongoing	Assessment of actions needed to restore water quality and referrals to implementing bodies to carry out appropriate actions		1 Achieved	In the River Camac catchment, there was collaboration with the local fishing club to sharing sampling data and track pollution issues. This influenced farm inspections undertaken in the catchment.
Urban Runoff Pressures											
Programme of Measures to 2027	Urban Runoff 7	Review of outcomes of the Dublin Urban Rivers Life project.	Urban Runoff 7.1	Review Final Report in Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project	DHLGH (WAU)	South Dublin County Council / Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	2026	Review of Life project outcomes	DHLGH and working group are reviewing DURL project	Ongoing	Review is on going and plans for national roll out are underway.
Invasive Alien Species											
Programme of Measures to 2027	Invasive 5	Include action on Invasive Alien Species (IAS) as a priority under Local Authority Biodiversity Grant Scheme .	Invasive 5.1	Call for proposals announced to Local Authorities to include IAS projects	NPWS	Local Authorities	Anually	Inclusion of IAS actions in funding proposals		4 Achieved	Secured funding from the Local Biodiversity Action Fund to conduct insect surveys on 4 ICWs and to check for invasive species.

Other Actions

Group	Sub-group	Included in RMCEI	NOAC	Sub-action	Lead Org	Delivery Date	Target Description	RMCEI Target	Aim / Target	Q1 2025 Assessment (Progress Update Status)	Q1 2025 Assessment (Progress Update Text)
Discharge Licensing	Existing licenses	Yes		Inspections of Discharges Licenses to Water (Section 4)	LAs	Annual	Target no of inspections achieved	RMCEI 6.4.1	17	Achieved	20 inspections of Section 4 discharge licence sites.
	License applications	Yes		Inspections in relation to Water Pollution Licence applications	LAs	Annual	Target no of inspections achieved	RMCEI 6.5.4	1	Achieved	3 applications received and, in turn, 3 inspections occurred for Section 4 discharge licences.
Private Water Supplies	Audits	Yes	yes	Audits of private water supplies	LAs	Annual	Target no of audits achieved	RMCEI 6.4.2	4	Achieved	4 inspections of private water supplies occurred. Sampling of each site within SDCC occurred a minimum of 3 times through the year.
	Monitoring samples	Yes	yes	Monitoring samples of private water supplies	LAs	Annual	Target no of monitoring samples achieved	RMCEI 6.4.3	20	Achieved	26 monitoring samples of private water supplies were taken.
WFD Monitoring Programme	Sampling	Yes		Operational & surveillance sampling	LAs	Annual	Target no of samples taken	RMCEI 6.4.7	169	Achieved	SDCC achieved 100% of its sampling goal in 2025.
Agriculture (Non NAIP)	Farm Inspections	Yes		Non-GAP routine farm inspections	LAs	Annual	Target number of non-GAP inspections complete	RMCEI 6.4.6	5	Achieved	SDCC conducted 12 non-GAP inspections in 2025.
Engagement with LAWPRO		Yes		No. of days engagement with LAWPRO	LAs	Annual	Target number of engagement days complete	RMCEI 6.4.10	5	Achieved	SDCC had 6 engagement days with LAWPRO.
Missconnection Surveys	RMCEI	Yes		Missconnection surveys	LAs	Annual	Target number of inspections complete	RMCEI 6.4.16	50	Achieved	SDCC conducted 197 missconnection surveys in 2025. The majority of these were undertaken as part of the DURL Project .
Pollution Investigation	RMCEI	Yes		Inspections relating to water pollution incidents/complaints, excluding non-routine farm inspections.	LAs	Annual	Target number of inspections complete	RMCEI 6.5.1	60	Achieved	SDCC conducted 203 pollution-related inspections on the back of complaints or incidents noticed while in the field.
	RMCEI	Yes		Unauthorised Discharges Investigated	LAs	Annual	Target number of inspections complete	RMCEI 6.5.3	10	Achieved	SDCC investigated 43 unauthorised discharges in 2025, this fluctuates year to year depending on complaints etc.
Planning Inspections	RMCEI	Yes		Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions	LAs	Annual	Target number of inspections complete	RMCEI 6.9.1	Agricultural planning requests received	Achieved	4 applications received and reviewed.
	RMCEI	Yes		Quarry Inspections (e.g. relating to noise, dust, surface/groundwater emissions, vibration etc.)	LAs	Annual	Target number of inspections complete	RMCEI 6.9.3	Respond to any complaints or discharge licence exceedances. Inspections as part of Section 4 licences.	Achieved	2 complaints and 1 exceedance investigated. All routine Section 4 licence inspections completed.

South Dublin County Council Areas for Action

Region	Area For Action Name	Area For Action Category	Area For Action Subcategory	Lead Organisation(s)
Midlands and East	Poddle	Restoration	LA Areas for Restoration	South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council
Midlands and East	Dodder	Restoration	LA Areas for Restoration	South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council
Midlands and East	Brittas South Dublin	Protection	LA Areas for Protection	South Dublin County Council

South Dublin County Council Catchment Projects

EU Waterbody Code	Waterbody Name	Area For Action Category	Area For Action Subcategory	Lead Organisation(s)	Project Name
IE_EA_09L012100	LIFFEY_170	Catchment Projects	LIFE	SDCC	DURL LIFE
IE_EA_10C040350	CARRICKMINES STREAM_010	Catchment Projects	LIFE	SDCC	DURL LIFE