

Task Team Work Programme Priorities 2012 / 2013

Task team	Consultations	Biological method development	Environmental standards	Cycle 2 planning
Freshwater TT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards consultation response (ANC/pH) Prep for biological standards consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methods sensitive to hydro-morph alterations (includes indicators, more detailed metrics or further evidence as required.) (rivers highest priority) Lake fish method River fish method - application to Natura 2000 sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of proposals on river phosphorus standards Review potential for nitrogen standards Develop proposals for lake phosphorus standards 	
Marine TT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep for biological standards consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final input to intercalibration Methods sensitive to hydro-morph alterations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of nutrient standards (nitrogen) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration with MSFD (ensuring alignment)
Water Resource TT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards consultation response (river flows & lake levels) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input to FTT work on hydromorph sensitive ecological indicators (rivers & lakes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard method/framework for determining reference flow conditions Review mitigation measures for GEP (water storage HMWBs; understanding impact on use) Develop a flow optimisation framework to inform release patterns downstream of large reservoirs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input to guidance on methods for assessing risk of deterioration Aligning guidance on mitigation measures for new water resource pressures (e.g. run of river hydropower, large storage (supply and hydro), small scale hydro, small scale agriculture, GW abstractions)
Groundwater TT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards consultation response (threshold values; prevent & limit standards) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of framework for prevent objective - selection of pollutants; standards (role and values); exemption framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice on measures targeting for effectiveness
RBMP ad hoc group				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures reporting - guiding principles;

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Wetlands TT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards consultation response (wetland nitrate) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threshold values for wetland water levels and groundwater phosphate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update wetland characterisation methodologies • Work with SWTT on inclusion of surface water dependent wetlands in classification methods
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Chemistry TT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards consultation response (particularly iron, zinc, cyanide) • Ongoing advice and technical support in relation to priority substances EQS proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential further work on iron • Potential further work on cyanide • Zinc background method • Method statements on deriving bioavailable fractions (copper, manganese and zinc) • Biota standards for priority substances • E2 and EE2 (if EU do not select as Priority Substances) • Guidance on QA and QC • Read across to MSFD and Habitats Directive where appropriate • Guidance for monitoring lipophilic chemicals • Guidance on permitting bioavailable metals 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on emissions register • Consider article 5 risk assessment for priority substances and specific pollutants
Alien species group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards consultation response (non-native species) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update impact tables for high-impact species; Task Teams to review these and consider any changes needed to classification tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do further work on refining the 'locally absent species' list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and update UKTAG alien species lists • Provide input to next round of WFD risk assessment • Maintain and update

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UKTAG			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of guidance relating to shellfish waters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles guidance paper: step-wise approach to translating Natura 2000 Protected Area objectives into status objectives for water bodies