

Farming

Objective		Significant Achievements against Objective, 2017 - 2022
FARM1	DIFFUSE POLLUTION - Reduce the impact of diffuse agricultural pollution on the surface and groundwater quality of the Spey Catchment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCI riparian buffer strip/stock exclusion/tree planting projects delivered; 4km at Kinchurdy Farm, 2018 - 2019, 3.2km on River Truim 2019 - 2021. • SAC facilitating many farm agri-environment schemes including water margin management, fencing and alternative waterings. • SAC Consulting, with SEPA, has promoted diffuse pollution control measures at outreach events across catchment as part of the Farming and Water Scotland Initiative. • Site inspection and enforcement at sites of concern on-going (SEPA). • Under TGLP in Avon and Livet catchments, 24 offline waterings installed, water margins stock fenced on 7 farms totalling approx 12km, over 1000 trees planted, all through AECS.
FARM2	WATER FLOW CONTROL - Develop land management practices which contribute to high flow and flood water management and thereby reduce flooding impacts downstream.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNPA Heritage Horizons programme will focus on projects upstream of PVA's to reduce flood risk. • SCI delivered Delliefure Burn project in 2021 featuring farm floodplain water storage. • Insh Marshes restoration projects (on-going) involve improved hydrological management of farmland.
FARM3	RIVER FUNCTIONING - Improve natural functioning of watercourses through farmland to manage flows and sediment more effectively, stabilise banks, reduce erosion and benefit ecosystems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many successful agri-environment stewardship schemes to fence off river margins delivered, supported by SAC and other agents. • Water margins schemes enforced by SGRPID and SEPA. • Exemplar green engineering projects (log jams and willow spiling) delivered on two farms through TGLP, partially funded via SRDP. • SCI project trialling establishment of riparian trees under challenging conditions at Croftnahaven.
FARM4	WETLANDS AND PONDS - Retain, enhance and expand wetlands and natural ponds for a variety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new large wetlands established (SCI), and wader scrapes constructed (SWWI) on Delliefure Farm. • Two dragonfly ponds constructed and further four planned at Insh Marshes (RSPB, Dragonfly Society and community). • RSPB/SWWI promoted funding schemes that encourage pond development and the recreation of lost

	of benefits.	<p>wetland habitats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools retained at RSPB Abernethy reserve. • CNPA funded works for more ponds for Northern Damselfly in Speyside. • New ponds created through SUDS schemes.
FARM5	LAND MANAGEMENT - Enhance water and riparian environments through effective land management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPB working towards a holistic wetland and riparian habitat strategy with SCI. • Grazing excluded from river margins at Kinchurdy Farm and Cuaich Flats (Truim) as part of SCI projects. • Flood plain grazing for habitat maintenance at Delliefure Farm. • Many land management projects with significant cumulative benefits delivered through AECS, RPID, NS.