



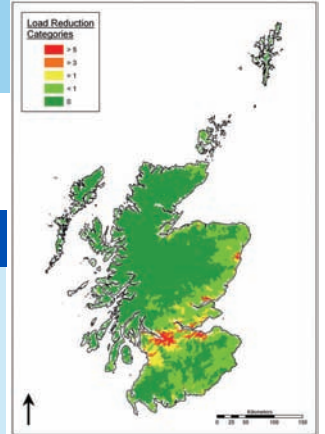
# What's the cost of fixing pollution? We want your views!

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## Why is this of concern?

The chemical pollutant that most frequently causes failure to meet SEPA's "good" ecological status for surface waters is soluble phosphate.

Ecological Status Key



## What's the cost?

Figure 1 shows estimates of the Phosphate load reductions required to achieve "good" status.

**Please indicate (by sticking a post-it in one of the areas below),**

- How you think this could best be fixed?
- How much should be available from the rural development fund to fix it?

Figure 1 – Estimated reduction in P loss to water (in kg/ha) needed for 80% likelihood of "good" P status in streams

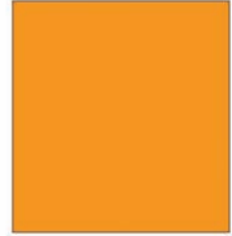
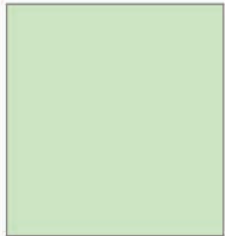
Sewage treatment works?

Septic tanks?

Arable farming?

Dairy farming?

Other (please specify)?



## Can we afford it?

The cost of mitigation of P pollution to streams has been estimated for reaching either "good" or "excellent" water status (see Figures 2 and 3).

**Please indicate (by sticking a post-it in one of the areas below),**

- Which of the categories below you agree with...
- Give your reasons on the post-it if you wish

Estimated costs of mitigation of P pollution in £ per hectare of local stream catchment

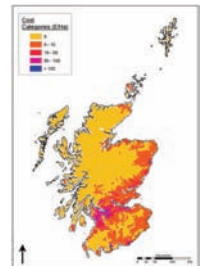
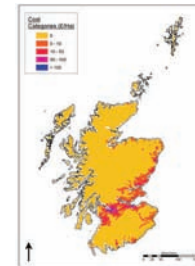


Figure 2

Figure 3

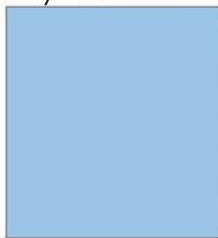
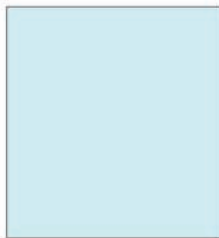
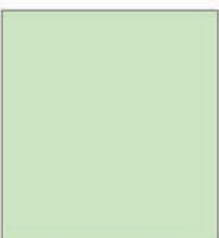
1 Can't afford it – wait and see

2 Can't afford it – seek to delay

3 Can't afford good status – aim for moderate status by 2015

4 Can't afford excellent status – aim for good status by 2015

5 Can't afford not to – aim for excellent status by 2015



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