

DUHALLOW FARMING FOR BLUE DOT CATCHMENT PROJECT

Version 1.2 2021

RIPARIAN SCRUB RETENTION SCORECARD

Participant:			
Herd Number:			
Survey Date:			
Plot Number:			
Surveyor:			
Proposed Total Area	Hectares	Proposed 100% Payment	€
		Reduction %	%
		Actual Payment	€

ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY

LIST SCRUB SPECIES PRESENT	ALDER		BRAMBLES	
	ASH		ROWAN	
	BIRCH		GORSE	
	BLACKTHORN		HOLLY	
	ELDER		YEW	
	HAZEL		SYCAMORE	
	WHITETHORN		OTHER BROADLEAF	
	WILLOW		OTHER CONIFER	

A. DESCRIBE THE VEGETATION STRUCTURE			20 marks
Poor	Moderate	Good	
5	10 marks	20 marks	

Scrub dominated by gorse with very little plant diversity throughout.

Some diversity with more than one woody species occurring throughout. Well-vegetated bramble areas occurring throughout.

Scrub dominated by more than 3 woody species. Varied height throughout.

B. DESCRIBE THE FIELD/SHRUB LAYER			20 marks
POOR	MODERATE	GOOD	
0	10	20	

Shrub layer dominated by non-native species or absent

Shrub layer present but very little diversity present

Shrub layer very diverse with abundant flowering plants and shrubs present throughout

C. EXTENT OF DAMAGING ACTIVITIES			20 marks
HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	
-20	10 marks	20 marks	

Extensive scrub clearance, and/or dumping of refuse, silage & Organic manures and/or poaching and/or

Some evidence of historic habitat removal, dumping, supplementary feeding or poaching evident

No evidence of any damaging activities

supplementary feeding
 evident

D. IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL DRAINAGE ON WATERCOURSE 20 Marks

HIGH -10 marks	MODERATE 10 mark	NONE 20 marks
Artificial drains evident with obvious pathways for silt to watercourse	Evidence of historic drainage, however, drains are well vegetated	No evidence of artificial drainage in the scrub

E. PRESENCE OF INVASIVE SPECIES 20 Marks

HIGH -20 marks	MODERATE 10 mark	NONE 20 marks
Presence of Invasive Species such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and/or Giant Rhubarb present	Minimal presence of Invasive species present in isolated pockets	No evidence of Invasive Species Present in the scrub

COMMENTS: