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Introduction

IRD Duhallow has been selected by the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) to implement a new €1.47 million European Innovation Partnership for Agriculture Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-Agri). The scheme is co-funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the European Union under the Rural Development Programme, 2014-2020. IRD Duhallow, with the support of the management and a team of scientists, will lead a specialist steering committee. The five-year project is entitled Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments. The catchment in question is included in the River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (Site code 002170). The site is an SAC selected for the habitats and/or species listed on Annex I/II of the European Union Habitats Directive including Alluvial Forests, Freshwater Pearl Mussel (*Margarifera margarifera*), Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*), Otter (*Lutra lutra*) and Brook/River Lamprey (*Lampreta spp.*). The project area will be located in the Allow catchment, which is a high status objective catchment and a priority area for action under the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for Ireland.

Definitions

“Audit” shall mean an administrative check for verification purposes.

“AES” shall mean Agricultural Environmental Scheme.

“Applicant(s)” shall mean the individual (s) that submitting an expression of interest form to the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team.

“Application” shall mean the submitting by a participant of an expression of interest form to the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team.

“Farm or Holding” shall mean all production units in the catchment contiguous to the rivers Allow, Owenanare, Dalua or their tributaries in control of the applicant.

“Farmer” shall mean an individual agricultural producer, whether a natural or legal person or a group of natural or legal persons (i.e. a registered farm partnership) with a single herd number who have submitted a Basic Payment Scheme Application in the year in which a contract offer was made.

“Farming” shall include the production, rearing or growing of agricultural produce or the keeping of livestock or animals for farming purposes.

“Farm Plan” shall mean a map based document with associated measures prepared by the Project Team.

“Inherent Environmental Asset” shall mean a naturally occurring habitat of environmental conservational value.

“Project Team” shall mean the employees of IRD Duhallow that administer the Project namely: the Project manager, Project Scientist, Project Agri Environmental Specialist and the Financial Officer.

“Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments” shall mean project title of the EIP.

“Administrative check” shall mean a desktop check or field visit for verification purposes.

“Department” shall mean the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine.

“Project” shall mean the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments EIP.

“Habitat” shall mean the place or environment where a plant or animal normally lives or grow.

“Payment” shall mean monies paid to the participant in each year of the contract once the completion of measures selected have been certified and/or verified by the Project Team.

“Participant” shall mean the farmer that is participating in the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project.

“Annual Claim for Payment” shall mean annual document submitted by the farmer to the Project Team to make a payment claim in each year of the contract.

“Contract” shall mean the contract between the participant and the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project. It shall run from the date of the receipt by the Project Team of a signed contract until December 31st 2023 dependent on compliance with the terms & conditions and measure specifications of the project

“Eligibility” shall mean elements essential to allow a contract to take place, the disrespect of which will result in exclusion from the scheme.

“Representative” shall mean spouse, civil partner, parent, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandchild or favoured niece or nephew.

“SAC” shall mean a Special Area of Conservation Designated under the EU Habitats Directive.

“Waterbody” shall refer to the main river channel or a tributary of the main river channel.

“EIP” shall mean European Innovation Partnership.

“GLAS” Shall mean the Green Low Carbon Agri-Environmental Scheme.

“TAMs” shall mean the Targeted Agricultural Modernization Schemes.

“RBMP” shall mean the River Basin Management Plan.

Duhallow Farming for the Blue Dot Catchments Overview

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project will develop a cost effective community led strategy to restoring and protecting the high status of the Allow River catchment. Engaging further with the community the project will aim to protect and restore the ecological status of the Rivers Allow, Dalua & Owenanare and their tributaries through an innovative result based payments scheme. Working closely with farmers in the catchment the results based scheme will reward sustainable agricultural practices that enhance wetland and freshwater ecosystem services. Participating farmers will select a number of actions designed to enhance the river ecosystem and will be financially rewarded to reflect the success of their actions. The river catchment is of high conservation value and supports a wide variety of rare and protected habitats and wildlife. In recognition of this, it has been designated as a Special Area of

Conservation for the protection of otter, freshwater pearl mussel, lamprey, salmon and other important fish species. The river has been the subject of extensive work as part of IRD Duhallow Life Programmes. The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project will build on the success of SAMOK Life, bringing a source of economic growth to the region while simultaneously improving the quality of the natural environment for all.

Objectives

This project aims to restore the high ecological status of the Rivers Allow, Dalua and Owenanare, a high-status objective waterbody in an agricultural catchment in Duhallow, Co Cork.

The objectives are to:

- Restore & protect the high status river system through integrated catchment management.
- Deliver a results-based payment scheme for farmers.
- Implement actions designed to improve water quality, restore habitats, enhance biodiversity & reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Develop an on-farm citizen science approach with farmers.
- Increase community knowledge & appreciation.
- Inform national policy & best practice.

Eligibility Criteria for the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments EIP

- Be an Active farmer and holder of an active herd number with herd owner and/or herd keeper status. Where there is more than one name associated with the herd number in cases such as joint herd numbers, farm partnerships or companies all those named on the herd number must sign any associated documentation for the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments EIP Project.
- Be farming at least one land parcel either owned/rented/leased contiguous to the watercourses or tributaries in the catchment including the Rivers Allow, Owenanare or Dalua.
- Be 18 years or over in the year of submitting an Expression of Interest form.
- Must have submitted a valid Basic Payment Scheme Application (BPS) for the year in which an Expression of Interest form was submitted or in the first year of the project contract.
- Farmers participating in compatible schemes such as GLAS, TAMS, the Native Woodland Scheme and existing EIP's are eligible to submit an expression of interest form, and, if approved cannot draw down dual or double payment from both schemes on actions common to both schemes/project. A pro rata reduction will apply for certain actions.
- All lands declared on the Basic Payment Scheme in the year in which an expression of interest form was submitted may be eligible. Lands declared ineligible with a zero claimed area on the BPS application may be considered eligible for the scheme where a conservational value and/or environmental benefit exists.
- Participation in the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project is voluntary.

Application Procedure

Interested individuals can apply to the project by submitting a single page Expression of Interest Form (Appendix I). This form requests the name, address, telephone number and herd number of the applicant(s). The submission of this form authorises the Project Team to access land parcel details and maps on the GLAM mapping system. It also gives consent to the Project Team to enter onto the lands to carry out pre-approval verification visits. Following a review of applications, a contract offer (Appendix II) must be signed by the applicant(s) and returned to the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project within 30 days of the offer. Applicants with lapsed contract offers may re-apply for entry to the project by re-submitting an expression of interest form.

Selection Criteria

- Applicants with lands adjacent to “High Status Objective” waterbodies will be prioritised for entry into the project.
- Applicants will be prioritized for entry into the project on an asset over actions criteria. Lands must have an inherent environmental and conservational value to be considered for the project.
- Participants may be selected via a points score for environmental value per measure and a subsequent ranking process.
- The submission of a valid Expression of Interest form does not guarantee entry into the project.
- Applicants selected as pilot/demonstration farms for the project will automatically meet the selection criteria for entry into the project.
- As funding for the project is limited, it may not be possible to select all applicants.
- Project applicants if selected are required to comply with Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs) and to maintain the holding in Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC).
- Unsuccessful applicants in year 1 will be subject to a revision/review in year two for entry into the project.
- Demonstration farms will be selected with several of the measures outlined in Appendix VI and will receive a higher payment rate.

Project Requirements

- The IRD Duhallow Farm Planner/Project Scientist **must** prepare a Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Farm Plan.
- The applicant **must** select at least one option from two of the four measures; Habitat Retention, Nutrient Management, Biodiversity or Buffer along with the mandatory knowledge transfer/training measure, Project Self-Assessment and Nutrient Management Plan.
- Attend relevant knowledge transfer/training events.
- Complete mandatory self-assessment in years specified on the project Farm Plan.
- Participants may be selected via a points score for environmental value per measure and a subsequent ranking process.
- Have a valid Nutrient Management Plan in place or complete a valid Nutrient Management Plan within the duration of the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments EIP contract.

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Farm Plan

The Project Team will prepare a Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Farm Plan for successful candidates. It will consist of a map showing individual plots and a schematic for selected measures and actions to be completed. The farm plan will be supplemented by training outlining the overall objectives for the site and outline specific management practices to improve the overall conservational value of the site. The project will provide details of activities that require consent relevant to designations within the site. It will set out in detail the objectives, specifications, monitoring & evaluation of each specific measure relevant to the plan. The Project Team will supplement the Project Farm Plan with best practice guidance recommendations for each specific measure listed in the plan. The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Farm Plan will be prepared and amended annually if required by the Project Scientist and Agri Environmental Specialist.

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Contract

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project is a European Innovation Partnership (EIP-Agri) pilot project, and, as such all aspects of the programme are subject to change in response to participant feedback.

- **Parties to the contract:** The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project contract is between the project and the participating farmer.
- **Contract Offer:** The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project will offer successful applicants a contract. This must be signed by the applicant and returned to IRD Duhallow within 30 days from the date the applicant received the contract.
- **Lapse of Contract Offer:** If a signed contract is not returned to the Project Team within 30 days of being issued, the offer will lapse. The applicant is free to apply again but a further offer cannot be assured.
- **Contract Duration:** The contract shall run from the date that a signed contract is received by the Project Team until cessation of the Project, unless the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine extend the project and both parties are agreed on any proposed extension to this period.
- **Transfer of Contract:** The contract is non-transferable, except in cases where the entire land area relevant to the project is transferred to a new owner or lessee. In these cases, the new owner or lessee may opt to continue with the contract. Should any of the land area relevant to the project be transferred there is no automatic right for the new owner or lessee to participate in the programme without prior approval of the Project Team.
- **Termination of the Contract:** The contract may be terminated in the event of breaches of the Nitrates Regulation SI 12/2014 (amended 2018) Cross Compliance, GAEC, or repeated serious over claims and fraudulent claims for payment.
- **Abandoned Contracts:** If the participant has not submitted a claim for payment by December 31st each year, the contract may be deemed as abandoned. An abandoned contract may be terminated after one month's notice in writing to the participant.
- **Withdrawal from the Contract.** The participant can withdraw from the project after one month's notice in writing to the Project Manager.
- Changes or amendments to the contract can be made in exceptional circumstances where additional lands are taken on via ownership/lease/rental where an inherent environmental asset exists or where a measure implemented is of little or no environmental benefit.

Results Based Payments

Farmer payments will be made directly to the farmer’s bank account by the project. The regulations that govern the operation of the Duhallow farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project do not permit direct area based payments in the same manner as more traditional Agri-environment schemes. Project participants will have two primary payment strands based on habitat quality and a supporting result based measures option.

Results Based Habitat Payments

The results based habitat payments will be paid on habitat quality for semi – natural habitats of conservational value such as species rich grassland, wet grassland, semi-natural grassland enhancement, riparian woodland, alluvial woodland, grass buffers, flailed/grazed buffers, in-stream woody habitat and riparian scrub. Plots selected as results based habitats will be scored on habitat quality ranging from 0 – 10 applied by the Project Team based on a scorecard. A flat rate payment per hectare will apply; however, a reduction factor will be in place where obvious damaging activities occur. The criteria used to ascertain the reduction factor are listed below in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1

Evidence of overgrazing & soil erosion	Artificial drainage or drainage works within watercourse buffer zone or wetlands
Application of organic/inorganic fertilizer within buffer zones	Evidence of pesticide use adjacent to waterbodies
Damage caused by supplementary feeding	Presence and cover of negative indicator species
Dumping	Excessive scrub encroaching in grassland
Significant nutrient or Nitrates/Cross Compliance breaches	Removal of riparian vegetation, or ploughing/reseeding into the riverbank.

* Additional criteria not listed above may be used to determine results based habitat scores.

Results Based Measures

These are results-based payments for a number of innovative measures delivered during the lifetime of the project. Up to 35 measures and 1 Knowledge Transfer training measure are available to farmers participating in the project with a minimum of one ‘core’ measure and at least two additional measures taken on as part of a basic Farm Plan. At least two measures from Habitat Retention Measures, Nutrient & Sediment Management Measures, Biodiversity Measures and Buffer Measures together with the mandatory ‘Knowledge Transfer’ component will be compulsory, while any number of additional measures may be chosen as part of the individual farmer’s Farm Plan. Such measures would be adhered to and payments received over the lifetime of the project although there would be some flexibility in Year 1/2 so a farmer could switch to another measure that may be better suited to that farm and farm conditions. Farms identified and entering the project, as ‘demonstration farms’ would adopt a number of additional measures. Payments are costed to cover capital costs over the project lifetime. Thus, while a farmer might incur most of his/her costs in the first year (e.g., fencing materials, tree planting), costs may be low in the following years. A breakdown of the results based measures are listed in Appendices V & VI.

Screening and Approval for Proposed Works

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Scientist will conduct screening for proposed works and subsequent Appropriate Assessments. As the rivers within the catchment are included in the wider River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation, specific measures or actions may be listed as activities requiring consent.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Participants in the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project shall facilitate the monitoring and evaluation process including any requirement for site visits by the Project Team.

Payment Procedures & Claims

The project participants upon receipt of a contract offer must inform the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team of their bank account details to facilitate payment. This can be done by completing the Bank Details Form (Appendix II) and returning it to IRD Duhallow. Payments will be made to the participant once administrative checks are complete.

Verification of Payment Claims

Verification checks will constitute a complete field survey visit during each year of the project. The verification survey can be carried out at any time during the year. The project team will attempt to notify the participant in advance of the field survey. With respect to results based payments any obvious damaging activities recorded on the date of the visit anywhere on the holding **will** result in a reduced payment.

Failure to Continue or Complete Actions

Where all or part of a measure is not continued for the duration of the contract, no further payment will be issued to the Project participant in respect of that measure. Where a measure selected is not completed at verification visit payment will not be issued to the project participant.

Issuing of Payment

Payments will be made to the project participants by electronic funds transfer.

- Payments for results based habitat scores will be paid annually or periodically as measures are verified.
- Payments for results based measures & actions will be paid post verification stage or in conjunction with payment runs annually or periodically as measures are verified.

Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project and Double Payments

To avoid the risk of double or dual payments, there is a reduction in project payment by 40% for plots that are in the Green Low Carbon Agri-Environmental Scheme (GLAS) for Low Input Permanent Pasture (LIPP), and by 20% for plots selected as Traditional Hay Meadow (THM) and Natura SAC Plots. No payment will be issued on the Protection of Watercourse and Flailed Buffer measures where the participant has

received payments for the Protection of Watercourses from Bovine and Riparian Margins actions respectively in GLAS. Administrative checks will be carried out to determine dual or double funding with existing AES's or EIP's.

Clawbacks

Overpayments to a participant, irrespective of cause will be recovered from future payments. If an action is paid on and it subsequently becomes clear that the action was not delivered or where co-funded investments are not kept in place for the duration of the contract, the sums paid out will be deducted from future payments.

Biodiversity Audit

Participating farms may be selected for an independent biodiversity audit in any given year of the project. An independent expert external to the project shall carry this out. These audits are to inform the development of the project and for reporting purposes. They are independent of the habitat quality and measure verification process.

Department of Agriculture Audit

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine may carry out additional audits and controls on the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project. These checks may include administrative and/or on-farm visits for verification purposes.

Participant Training

As part requirement for entry into the project the participant is required to attend at least one training course in any given year of the contract. The named participant on the contract must attend, however, in exceptional circumstances a representative may attend with prior approval from the project team. Failure by the named applicant to attend a training course as specified may result in a 25% reduction in payment for one year of the project. The Project Team will hold additional voluntary workshops throughout the lifespan of the project.

Right of Entry

In submitting an Expression of Interest form and/or acceptance of any subsequent contract offer, the participants confirm the right of entry by the Project Team to their lands to draft a Farm Plan or for the verification of payment claims. The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments project team will attempt to give reasonable notice to the participant before visits.

Responsibility of the applicant

- It is the responsibility of the applicant to familiarize himself/herself with the terms and conditions and measure specifications of the project.

- An attempt to obtain aid under the project by fraudulent means by the applicant may void the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project contract.
- If at measure verification stage an issue contravening the Nitrates Regulations SI 12/2014 (amended 2018), Cross Compliance, or GAEC is recorded the applicant will be given notice of a period of time to address the issue. Failure to address the issue will result in non-payment and/or rejection from the project.

Appeals

Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments participants have the right to appeal decisions made by the Project Team in respect of verification of claims on actions or measures completed. A participant who wishes to avail of the right of appeal must notify the Project Manager in writing. An appeals committee will subsequently review the appeal. The appeals committee will comprise of a member of the Project Team and external members from the industry.

Force Majeure

Where a beneficiary is unable to continue complying with the commitments given for reasons beyond his/her control, a case may be made under force majeure and the respective payment shall be proportionally withdrawn for the relevant year(s). Reimbursement of payments in previous years shall not be required.

The beneficiary or a representative of the estate must notify the Project Team of force majeure within 10 days of being able to do so.

Without prejudice to the actual circumstances to be taken into consideration for individual cases, the following categories of force majeure may be recognized:

- Death of the participant.
- Long term professional incapacity of the participant.
- Expropriation of a large part of the holding if such expropriation could not have been anticipated on joining the project.
- A natural disaster affecting the holding's agricultural land.
- The accidental destruction of livestock buildings on the farm.
- An outbreak of disease affecting all or part of the livestock on the farm.
- The disposal or vacation of land to satisfy a court order or legal settlement in cases of marital breakdown.

Death of a Participant

Where a participant dies during the contract period force majeure shall apply. Alternatively, a survivor who is entitled to give the necessary undertakings may apply to take over the contract for the period remaining.

Derogation

- Derogations from these terms & conditions and specifications will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. An application to the project team for a derogation must be made in advance and in writing and must establish that a variation of the normal procedures would in the exceptional circumstances of the case delivering an environmental benefit.
- Applications for a derogation from the specifications for a supporting action must be in writing and must accompany the project Farm Plan requesting approval for that action.

Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team

IRD Duhallow is a community based integrated rural development company that was established in 1989. The company combines the efforts and resources of the state bodies, local authorities, local communities and individual entrepreneurs for the benefit of local areas. The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments project team are responsible for the development, implementation and administration of the project.

- Project Manager - Based in IRD Duhallow
- Project Scientist – Based in IRD Duhallow
- Agri Environmental Specialist – Based in IRD Duhallow
- Financial Officer – Based in IRD Duhallow

The contact details for the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team are Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project, IRD Duhallow, James O’Keeffe Institute, Newmarket, Co. Cork, P51 C5YF. Tel: (029) 60633

Further Conditions

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team may amend the Terms & Conditions and results based measures specifications of the project at any time. Participants will be notified in writing of any change in conditions. Participants are responsible for their own actions and that of any contractor employed to carry out works on their farm.

Interpretation

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team may expand upon, explain, interpret or define the meaning of any aspect of the Terms & Conditions and Specifications. In the event that the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments project is oversubscribed payment rates may be subject to a revision. For certain measures an increase in maximum area, size, length, number or quantity may be altered or amended if an inherent environmental or conservational value exists as the desired outcome of the project is to maintain, enhance and promote biodiversity, water quality and climate change mitigation.

Information and Data Protection

- Data concerning individual applicants will only be used for the purpose that it was collected for and will be kept confidential.
- The Project Team will, as part of its reporting obligations to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, inform the Department of payments made to individual applicants.
- The Project reserves the rights to use anonymized scientific data for recording, research and training purposes.
- The Project reserves the right to take photographs or video images from the participant's farms for claims verification, monitoring, publicity, research and training purposes.

Project Measure Specifications

The Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team reserve the right to update or amend the Measure Specifications to suit ground conditions at farm level. Individual Farm Plans may have the specifications amended or altered where necessary to protect, enhance or restore habitats of ecological or environmental importance.

Notes:

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Appendix I: DUHALLOW FARMING FOR BLUE DOT CATCHMENTS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

To express your interest in joining the Duhallow Farming for Blue Catchments Project please fill in your details below and return to IRD Duhallow, James O’Keeffe Institute, Newmarket. Co. Cork, P51 C5YF.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Eircode: _____

Tel No. : _____

Herd No: _____

- I wish to express my interest in joining the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project.
- I authorise the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team to access my herd number, GLAS Data and BPS Land Parcel Information on the Dept. of Agriculture, food and the Marine’s GLAMs system to prepare my Farm Plan.
- I understand that the data collected for this purpose will be held by IRD Duhallow in line with the purpose(s) for which it was collected.
- I understand there is no guarantee that a contract offer will be made in response to this expression of interest.
- In submitting this expression of interest form I agree to a right of entry by the Project Team.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix II: DUHALLOW FARMING FOR BLUE DOT CATCHMENTS PROJECT CONTRACT OFFER

DATE OF CONTRACT OFFER: _____

NAME (S): _____

HERD NUMBER: _____

You application to the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project has been successful. This contract is between you and IRD Duhallow and will run from the date of signing until December 31st 2023 subject to the requirements of the Project being adhered to. A detailed Farm Plan accompanying this document sets out the basic requirements for your participation in the project. If you wish to participate in the Project, please sign and return this document within 30 days of the date at the top of this page.

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James O’Keeffe Institute
Newmarket
Co. Cork
P51 C5YF

I wish to avail of this contract offer and be accepted into the Duhallow Farming for Blue dot Catchment Project.

I Agree to:

- Attend Knowledge Transfer/training courses as required in the duration of the contract.
- Submit a payment claim by December 31st in each year of the contract.
- Authorise IRD Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team to enter my lands for monitoring and evaluation purposes.
- Grant access to Demonstration and/or Participant farms in the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments EIP by prior approval from IRD Duhallow only.
- Authorise the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team to access land parcel data relating to my farm held by the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- Comply with the requirements of the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project as detailed in the Terms and Conditions and Project Farm Plan.

To the best of my knowledge all the details of the enclosed Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Farm Plan are correct and I agree to the management objectives of the Farm Plan.

SIGNED: _____

SIGNED: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

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Appendix IV: DUHALLOW FARMING FOR BLUE DOT CATCHMENTS PROJECT RESULTS-BASED
PAYMENT CLAIM FORM

Name of Participant(s): _____

Herd Number: _____

Please refer to your Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Farm Plan and complete this form as a declaration of approved measures completed. All completed forms must be returned to the Project Team by October 31st in each qualifying year of the project.

Results Based Habitat Payment

PLOT NUMBER	HABITAT	PAYMENT

Completed Actions Payment

PLOT NUMBER	MEASURE COMPLETED	PAYMENT

TOTAL PAYMENT _____

The results presented on this form have been calculated using the appropriate score cards for each habitat type and/or measure provided by the Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchments Project Team. I declare that I have completed the measures outlined above that were approved for my Farm Plan. I wish to claim payment for the results based measures listed above.

Farmer signature: _____

Farmer signature: _____

I confirm that the declaration above on results based measures for this farm is accurate.

Project Team signature: _____

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Appendix V: Duhallow Farming for Blue Dot Catchment Project Structure

Project Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRD Duhallow Farm Planner must prepare a Farm Plan • Select at least one option from two of the four measures Habitat Retention, Nutrient Management, Biodiversity or Buffer along with the mandatory Knowledge Transfer/training measure. • Attend relevant Knowledge Transfer/Training Events & Complete Project self-assessment as required • Participants may be selected via a points score for environmental value per measure and a subsequent ranking process. • Have a valid Nutrient Management Plan in place or Complete a Nutrient Management Plan within the duration of the Project Contract. 	
	Measure	Maximum Unit Payment/Requirement
Habitat Retention Measures	Vegetated In-drain Buffer Pond/Swale/Wetland Ret. Riparian/Alluvial Woodland Ret. Species Rich Grassland Wet Grassland Semi-Natural Grassland Instream Woody Habitat Riparian Scrub Critical Source Area (CSA)	Max 10 Drains per plan Max 3 per plan Max 4 hectares per plan Max 4 hectares per plan Max 4 hectares per plan Max 4 hectares per plan Max €250 per farm plan Max 4 hectares per farm plan Max 5 per farm plan
Nutrient & Sediment Management Measures	In Drain Sediment Pond Check Dam Sediment/Silt Trap Low Emission Slurry Spreading Anaerobic Digester Slurry Supply Pasture Pump Rainwater Harvesting Infill Trackside Drains Cross Ridges Discharge Points In-drain Willow Planting	Max 5 Sediment Ponds per farm plan Max 6 dams per farm plan Max 6 sediment Traps per farm plan Max 150 m3 or 300 m3 per farm plan Max 150 m3 or 300 m3 per farm plan Max 3 Pumps per farm plan Max 1 per farm plan Max 200 metres per farm plan Max 5 per Farm track Max 10 per farm track Max 250 meters per farm plan
Buffer Measures	Protection of Watercourse Hedgerow Establishment Coppicing of Willow Native Tree Grove Riparian Woodland Est. Flailed Buffer Pond Est. River Bank Willow Planting	Max €500 existing or €1250 new fence Max 200 metres per farm plan Max 200 metres per farm plan Max 5 habitats per farm plan Max 500 Whips per farm plan Max 300 meters per farm plan Max 3 ponds per farm plan Max N/A
Biodiversity Measures	Grass Buffer Margin Biosecurity Station Otter Holts Dipper Nest Boxes Sand Martin Colony King Fisher Nest Boxes Invasive Species Control	Max 500 meters per farm plan Max 1 per farm plan 1 Holt per farm plan 5 boxes per farm plan Max 1 per farm plan Max 2 per Farm plan Max €300 payment per Farm Plan
Training Knowledge Transfer Nutrient Management Plan Project Self-Assessment	Participant Training Workshops New Plan/Plan Review Citizen Science	Mandatory Voluntary Mandatory Mandatory

Appendix VI: Payment Rates

Measure	€ per/metre/Year	€ Per Ha/Year	€ Per Unit/Year	€ Per m3/Year
Habitat Retention Measures				
Vegetated In Drain Buffer	€2.00			
Pond/Swale/Wetland Retention			€215	
Riparian/Alluvial Woodland Retention		€150		
Species Rich Grassland		€415		
Wet Grassland		€315		
Semi-Natural Grassland Enhancement		€215		
Instream Woody Habitat			€100-250	
Riparian Scrub Retention		€75		
Critical Source Area (CSA)			€100	
Nutrient & Sediment Management Measures				
In-Drain Sediment Pond			€120	
Check Dam			€50	
Sediment/Silt Trap			€70-€120	
Low Emission Slurry Spreading				€3
Anaerobic Digester Slurry Supply				€3
Pasture Pump (New)			€250	
Rainwater Harvesting (New)			€300	
Rainwater Harvesting (Existing)			€150	
Infill Trackside Drains	€1.50			
Cross Ridges			€50	
Discharge Points			€20	
In-drain Willow Planting	€2.50			
Buffer Measures				
Protection of Watercourses (New)	€1.50			
Protection of Watercourses (Existing)	€0.90			
Hedgerow Establishment	€5/€2.50			
Coppicing of Willow	€2.20			
Native Tree Grove			€75/€130	
Shrub Planting	€5			
Riparian Woodland Establishment			€1.90/whip	
Flailed/Grazed Buffer	€3.50/2.00			
Pond Establishment			€215	
River Bank Willow Planting	€3.50			
Biodiversity Measures				
Grass Buffer Margin	€2.00			
Biosecurity Station			€150	
Otter Holts			€250	
Dipper Nest Boxes			€25	
Sand Martin Colony			€80/€200	
King Fisher Nest Boxes			€50	
Invasive Species Control	€10/m2			
Training & Knowledge Transfer Measure				
Project Participant Training			€12/hour	
Project Self-Assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nutrient Management Plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Appendix VII: Payment Rate Interaction with Compatible Agri-Environmental Schemes

Duhallow Farming For Blue Dot EIP	Compatible AES/EIP Programmes
Vegetated In-Drain Buffer	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
In-Drain Sediment Pond	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Instream Woody Habitat	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Check Dam	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Sediment/Silt Trap	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Low Emission Slurry Spreading	Payment reduced by €1.20/m ³ if GLAS Active
Anaerobic Digester Slurry Supply	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP payment
Pasture Pumps	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP payment
Rainwater Harvesting	Non-Payment if funded through TAMS
Pond/Swale/Wetland Retention	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP payment
Infill Trackside Drain	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP payment
Cross Ridges	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP payment
Discharge Points	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP payment
Protection of Watercourse Fencing (New)	Non Payment if GLAS active or TAMS funded
Protection of Watercourse Fencing (Existing)	Non Payment if GLAS active or TAMS funded
Hedgerow Establishment	Allowed where GLAS LIPP & THM, & ANC forgone for area
Coppicing of Hedgerows	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Native Tree Grove	Allowed where GLAS LIPP/THM, & ANC forgone for area
Shrub Planting	Allowed where GLAS LIPP/THM, & ANC forgone for area
Invasive Species Control	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Riparian/Alluvial Woodland Retention	Non-Payment if Active in Native Woodland Scheme
Riparian Woodland Establishment	Allowed where GLAS LIPP/THM, & ANC forgone for area
Flailed Buffer/Strategic Grazed Buffer	Payment reduced by 40% if in THM for GLAS
Pond/Wetland Establishment	Allowed where GLAS LIPP/THM, & ANC forgone for area
River Bank Willow Planting	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Species Rich Grassland	Payment reduced by 40% if Active in compatible AES/EIP or by 20% if selected as Natura Parcel in GLAS
Wet Grassland	Payment reduced by 40% if Active in compatible AES/EIP or by 20% if selected as Natura Parcel in GLAS
Semi-Natural Grassland Enhancement	Not compatible with other AES/EIP programmes* see measure specifications
Grass Buffer Margins	Payment Reduced by 40% if active in compatible AES/EIP
Bio-security Station	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Otter Holts	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Dipper Nest Boxes	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Sand Martin Colony	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
King Fisher Nest boxes	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment
Riparian Scrub Retention	Not Compatible with other AES/EIP Payments
Critical Source Area	Payment reduced by 40% if in THM/LIPP or active in additional EIP Project
In-Drain Willow Planting	Allowed along with compatible AES/EIP Payment

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