

**DUHALLOW FARMING FOR BLUE DOT CATCHMENT
VEGETATED IN-DRAIN BUFFER SCORECARD**

Version 1.2 2021

Participant:			
Herd Number:			
Survey Date:			
Plot Number:			
Surveyor:			
Proposed Units		Proposed 100% Payment	€
		Reduction %	%
		Total Measure Payment	€

ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY

LIST PLANT SPECIES PRESENT			

A. % VEGETATION COVER		20 marks
LOW 5	MEDIUM 10	GOOD 20
0 – 30 %	30 – 70 %	70 – 100%

B. Vegetation Quality		20 Marks
POOR 0	MODERATE 10	GOOD 20
Vegetation where present dominated by flushes of grass & nettles	Vegetation has some diversity present with grasses & flowering herbs present	Vegetation very diverse with willow, rush, gorse, grasses and flowering herbs present

C. EXTENT OF BARE SOIL		20 Marks
HIGH -20	MEDIUM 10	LOW/NONE 20
Obvious signs of cleaning out of drains and removal of vegetation.	Partial drain clearance or coppiced scrub with at least a 30 metre vegetated buffer remaining.	No evidence of removal of vegetation or drain clearance

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D. CHANNEL FLOW TO WATERCOURSE		20 Marks
HIGH -20	MEDIUM 10	LOW/NONE 20
Free flowing & unimpeded with an obvious pathway to the watercourse for sediment	Obstructed or impeded flow due to presence of partial vegetation cover	Flow impeded due to high vegetation cover with obvious signs of silt run-off

E. EVIDENCE OF DAMAGING ACTIVITIES		20 Marks
HIGH -10	MEDIUM 10	LOW/NONE 20
Drinking points present, fence line not intact, evidence of pesticide use in drain or within 5 metres of drain, evidence of nitrification, evidence of organic manure application within 5 meters of drain	Fence line not maintained adequately or fenced a minimum of 30 metres back from main watercourse or stream. Some historic evidence of damaging activities.	None or very minimal evidence of any damaging activities

COMMENTS: