

Reading List  
**Environment: Flooding,  
Water, Nature Conservation,  
Access and Marine**

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# Environment: Flooding, Water, Nature Conservation, Access and Marine

## Flooding and Coastal Erosion

- Research Service briefing on: **Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales (PDF 185KB)**.
- The Welsh Government’s flood and coastal erosion risk management strategy 2011: **National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales**.
- The Welsh Government’s flooding and coastal erosion web pages: **Flooding and coastal erosion**.
- Natural Resources Wales’s (NRW) flooding web pages: **Flooding**.
- The Welsh Government’s detailed planning policy on development and flood risk: **Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15: Development and Flood Risk (2004)**.

NRW undertook a major review of coastal defences in 2014. The review consisted of two phases – the first assessed the impact of the winter flooding 2013-2014, and the second made recommendations aimed at improving Wales’s resilience to coastal flooding:

- **Wales Coastal Flooding Review Phase 1 Report**.
- **Wales Coastal Flooding Review Phase 2 Report**.

There are four Shoreline Management Plans (SMP) covering Wales. SMPs are a non-statutory plans that inform strategic planning for managing coastal flood and erosion risk:

- **SMP 19 Anchor Head to Lavernock Point (Severn Estuary) website**.
- **SMP 20 Lavernock Point to St Ann’s Head (South Wales) website**.
- **SMP 21 St Ann’s Head to Great Ormes Head (West of Wales) website**.
- **SMP 22 Great Ormes Head to Scotland (North West England and North Wales) website**.
- **National Flood Forum website**. The National Flood Forum is an England and Wales charity that supports and represents communities and individuals at risk of flooding.

## Water Industry

- Research Service briefing on: **The Water Industry in Wales (PDF 297KB)**.
- The Welsh Government’s water strategy 2015-2035: **Water Strategy for Wales**.
- The Welsh Government’s water policy web pages: **Water**.
- Fourth Assembly Environment and Sustainability Committee Inquiry into affordability and introducing competition: **Water Policy in Wales**.
- **Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water website**. Welsh Water is the water and sewerage company serving most of Wales and some adjoining parts of England.
- **Severn Trent Water website**. Severn Trent is a water and sewerage company serving parts of mid Wales and the English midlands.

- **Dee Valley Water website.** Dee Valley Water is a water supply company serving parts of north east Wales and the north west of England.
- **Ofwat website.** Ofwat is a non-ministerial department of the UK Government and is the economic regulator of the water sector in England and Wales.
- **Consumer Council for Water website.** CCWater promotes and represents the interests of customers and investigates customer complaints.
- **Drinking Water Inspectorate website.** The DWI ensures that water supplies in England and Wales are safe and drinking water quality is acceptable to consumers.

## Water Quality

- Research Service briefing on: **Water Quality in Wales (PDF 297KB).**
- The Welsh Government’s water strategy 2015-2035: **Water Strategy for Wales.**
- The Welsh Government’s water policy web pages: **Water.**
- NRW’s diffuse water pollution action plan: **Diffuse Water Pollution Action Plan 2103.** Diffuse pollution is caused by a wide range of activities resulting in multiple small sources of pollution.
- NRW’s water quality web pages: **Water Quality.**
- Fourth Assembly Environment and Sustainability Committee Inquiry into water quality: **Water Quality in Wales.**
- There are three **River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs)** covering Wales - Western Wales, Severn and Dee. The Severn and Dee are cross-border with England. RBMPs are the vehicle for implementing the EU Water Framework Directive.

## Nature Conservation, Biodiversity and Wildlife

- The Welsh Government’s **Nature Recovery Plan for Wales** (PDF 1MB).
- The Welsh Government’s **Action Plan for Pollinators** (PDF 393KB).
- **The Environment (Wales) Act 2016.**
- Natural Resources Wales’ **Conservation, Biodiversity and Wildlife website.**
- The European Commission’s **Nature and Biodiversity website.**

## Access and Designated Landscapes

- The Welsh Government’s consultation on **Improving Access to the Outdoors for Responsible Recreation.**
- Natural Resources Wales **Recreation and Access Policy Advice and Guidance.**
- The Research Service **Rights of Way Quick Guide.**
- The **review of designated landscapes in Wales final report** (PDF 4.8MB).
- **National Parks Wales website.** The organisation representing the three National Parks of Wales.
- The **National Association for AONBs website.** The organisation representing Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Wales, England and Northern Ireland.

## **Marine and Fisheries**

- The Welsh Government’s **Marine and Fisheries Strategic Action Plan**.
- Fourth Assembly Environment and Sustainability Committee **Inquiry into Marine Policy in Wales**.
- The Welsh Government’s **Wales National Marine Plan website** including the initial draft of the Wales National Marine Plan.
- The Research Service **Marine Spatial Planning Research Note** (PDF 243KB).
- The Research Service **Marine Act Quick Guide** (PDF 231KB).
- Natural Resources Wales **Proposed new marine Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas consultation website**.
- The Welsh Government’s **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund website**.
- The European Commission’s **Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries website**.