Flood Management

Objective		Significant Achievements against Objective, 2017 - 2022
FM1	SUSTAINABLE FLOOD MANAGEMENT - Implement sustainable flood management via restoration of a more natural flooding regime and delivery of the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local Flood Risk Management Plan.	 Hydraulic modelling of the Gynack Burn, Kingussie to better understand the flow mechanisms of the watercourse and impact on flooding. Flood study for the Aviemore has been delayed. Flood study for Dalfaber Road, Aviemore is no longer deemed a priority.
FM2	NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT - Develop appropriate NFM sites to contribute to spate flow management and thereby reduce downstream impacts to infrastructure.	 SCI delivered flood plain re-connection/storage project at Delliefure 2021 supported by SFB and CNPA. Floodplain restoration programme for Insh Marshes developed for delivery 2022 on (RSPB) including 5 NFM projects. eg embankment removal to reconnect the river and floodplain, blocking of ditch system, monitoring in place. Restoration of blanket bog at Abernethy including water quality and flow monitoring. SCI/SFB - Delagyle backwater re-connected (SCI/SFB). Riparian planting in Avon catchment (TGLP), Truim, Calder, Kinchurdy will slow run-off rates. Sediment management to increase floodwater storage at Delnabo (TGLP). Allt a Mharcaidh restoration in development (Cairngorms Connect/FLS/SCI). Several riparian planting/regeneration projects and landowner-led woodland creation schemes (eg 300ha on Balavil Estate) will contribute. Peatland restoration now established practice in the catchment, slowing runoff rates and increasing water retention and storage.
FM3	COMMUNICATION - Undertake catchment wide information dissemination associated with flooding and flood management.	 Production of 'Creating Climate Resilient Catchments', short film for COP26 in October 2021 (CNPA) https://youtu.be/sVY_G3zHarA. Films, social media and other online and media exposure for SCI projects with natural flood management functions.
FM4	COMMUNITY	Scottish Water 'keep the cycle running', and 'Nature Calls', successful media campaigns to tackle sewer

ENGAGEMENT -	flooding events by discouraging flushing wipes, supported by community drop in sessions.
Encourage community	 RSPB Abernethy 60 year vision engagement of Nethy Bridge community, raised awareness of slowing
level engagement in	the flow activities, eg bogwood restoration.
tackling flood related	 Ongoing engagement with Insh Marshes communities (RSPB).
issues.	 MC STEM events with schools on flood risk and mitigation.