



AGRI-ENVIRONMENT OPTIONS SCHEME And NATURA 2000 SCHEME

Measures included in the CAP Rural Development Plan, co-funded under the National Development Plan 2007-2013 and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development of the European Union.

2011 Application Forms

Please read this section carefully before you complete and send the form back to the Department.

TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION YOU MUST:

- Be a herdowner with an active herdnumber.
- Have a Farm Map of your holding.
- Know if any river on your farm, or bounding any part of the land you farm, is designated SAC or SPA by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Know if any of the land you farm and declare for the Single Payment Scheme in 2011 is a designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) or Commonage shares.
- Read both the Terms and Conditions and Specifications for the Scheme(s).

Completing the Application

- There are five separate forms called Form A, Form B, Form W, Form C and Form N.
- **Form A** is the basic application. **Everyone** has to fill this in.
- You must also complete **only one** of the forms B, W, C or N.

Selecting the appropriate Form B, W, C or N

If any of your land, excluding short term rented in land, or forestry, is designated NATURA (SAC or SPA) or Commonage you must complete **FORM N** and to do this you will need the assistance of a Planner. **Note: Only Natura land declared in your name in your 2010 SPS application will be considered eligible.** It is very important that you use Form N if you have designated land, otherwise your application will not be successful.

If the only designated area is a river running through or bounding the land farmed you may select and complete either **FORM W** yourself or **FORM N** with the assistance of a planner. Again it is very important that you comply with this, as otherwise your application will not be successful.

If there is no designated area on the land you farm you must select and complete either **FORM B, FORM C or FORM W**.

- **Form B** addresses the environmental priority *Halting Biodiversity Decline*.
- **Form W** addresses the environmental priority *Maintaining Water Quality*.
- **Form C** addresses the environmental priority *Combating Climate Change*.

Note:

In all cases a Farm Map showing the LPIS parcel number and where you are going to carry out your actions must accompany your application. Area claims must either be on full LPIS parcels or on plots which you must apply to have digitised in your 2011 Single Payment Scheme application. For actions chosen, the area, linear length or unit of delivery must be given for each separate LPIS parcel e.g. If you select Traditional Stone Wall Maintenance on three different LPIS parcels you must state in the application form the number of metres to be maintained on each individual parcel.

Submitting the completed application:

The following documents must be submitted to the Department:

- Completed Form A and either Form B, Form C, Form W or Form N as appropriate.
- Farm Map indicating LPIS parcels and locations where selected actions are to be delivered.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 16 May 2011.

Send the forms and maps to:

AEOS Section
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Johnstown Castle Estate
Co. Wexford.
Tel: 053-9163400

BEFORE YOU SEND IN APPLICATION PLEASE USE CHECKLIST

- Have you filled in Form A?
- Have you signed and dated Form A in the same name(s) as the 2011 SPS application?
- Have you filled in either Form B or Form W or Form C or Form N?
- If you chose Form B or Form W or Form C have you at least 2 Mandatory Actions or 1 Mandatory Action and 1 Complementary Action?
- If you have SAC, SPA or Commonage Land has your Planner/Environmentalist filled in Form N? If your only designated land is a designated river you can fill in Form W instead of Form N if you wish.
- Have you submitted a Farm Map with the LPIS parcel numbers and locations of actions marked on it? *Remember Area based actions must be delivered on a full LPIS parcel basis. If you choose either the Traditional Hay Meadow, Species Rich Grassland, Wild Bird Cover, Green Cover Establishment or Minimum Tillage actions the only other action you can choose on the same parcel is either Traditional Stonewall Maintenance, Hedgerow Coppicing or Hedge Laying.*
- Have you kept a copy of all documents?
- Remember if you want to prove that you posted your Application you must have a Swift post or Registered post receipt.

Please note that the actions selected cannot be changed once you have submitted your application to the Department.

What happens after you submit your application?

1. The Department will acknowledge receipt of your application.
2. ALL applications will be assessed. Applications will not be accepted into the Scheme(s) on a first come first served basis.
3. Successful applicants will be notified in writing of their acceptance into the Scheme(s) and of the commencement date of their AEOS contract.
4. Applicants who are not successful will be notified in writing.

DO NOT COMMENCE ANY OF YOUR ACTIONS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION IN WRITING THAT YOUR HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE SCHEME(S). ANY ACTIONS CARRIED OUT OR MATERIALS PURCHASED BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE NOTIFIED TO YOU WILL NOT BE PAID FOR.

For queries email: AEOS@agriculture.gov.ie

APPLICATION FORM FORM A

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

*(Application must be made in the same name as in the
Single Payment Scheme Application)*

ADDRESS OF HOLDING IF DIFFERENT FROM RESIDENCE

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Name:

Address:.....

Address:.....

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Phone No:

Mobile No:

E-mail address:

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The information in this application is personal information and will not be disclosed to a person not entitled to it. If you wish to nominate someone with whom the Department can correspond or discuss details of your application with, please insert the name and contact details here:

Name: _____

Contact details: _____

Are you a member of a Registered Milk Production Partnership Yes No

Declaration by applicant:

I/We declare that, to the best of my/our knowledge, all particulars given on this application are correct. I/We agree to observe and be bound by all conditions of the scheme, including the requirement to have soil analysis carried out and to make available all required information to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. I/We understand and accept that it is my/our responsibility to acquaint myself/ourselves with the conditions of the Schemes.

Signed **Date** __ / __ / ____

Signed **Date** __ / __ / ____

FARMS WITH NATURA AND/OR COMMONAGE:

Is any part of your farm, excluding short term rented in land, or forestry, designated as a Natura 2000 site i.e. a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or a Special Protection Area (SPA)? Yes No

If yes, go to [Form N](#), which starts on Page 14. You must get a planner to complete this for you. Otherwise you will not be eligible for payment.

Note: If you have no Commonage Land and the only Natura area on your farm is a designated river, a sustainable management plan will **not** be required if you select the Maintaining Water Quality objective. All the riverbank on your holding must be fenced, unless the conservation conditions attached to the designation indicate otherwise.

Is any part of your farm, excluding short term rented in land, or forestry, Commonage land that is not included in a Natura 2000 site? Yes No

If yes, go to [Form N](#), which starts on Page 14. You must get a planner to complete this for you. Otherwise you will not be eligible for payment.

Note: If you have no Commonage Land and the only Natura area on your farm is a designated river, a sustainable management plan will **not** be required if you select the Maintaining Water Quality objective by completing Form W. All the riverbank on your holding must be fenced unless the conservation conditions attached to the designation indicate otherwise.

FARMS WITHOUT NATURA OR COMMONAGE:

Either Form B or Form W or Form C must be completed. These forms deal with different Environmental Priorities as follows:

1. Halting Biodiversity Decline [Form B](#) which starts on page 5.
2. Maintaining Water Quality [Form W](#) which starts on page 8.
3. Combating Climate Change [Form C](#) which starts on page 11.

To select the Priority you are going to deal with, you should look at the actions needed for each (see Forms B, W and C), and decide which actions are most suitable for your farm. You must send in a copy of the Farm Map with your application, showing LPIS parcel numbers and where you are going to carry out the actions you have chosen.

FORM B

As a minimum requirement you must choose one Mandatory and one Complementary action from the lists below **or** you may select two actions from the list of Mandatory Actions to satisfy the minimum requirement.

If you have more than 3 LPIS parcels to declare on any particular option, please use the additional sheet provided to record the LPIS numbers. Area based actions must be delivered on a full LPIS parcel basis. If you choose either the Traditional Hay Meadow, Species Rich Grassland, Wild Bird Cover, Green Cover Establishment or Minimum Tillage actions the only other action you can select on the same LPIS parcel is either Traditional Stonewall Maintenance, Hedgerow Coppicing, Hedge Laying or Water Trough Installation. For each individual LPIS parcel, insert the area, linear length or unit as appropriate that is to be delivered on the parcel.

Mandatory Actions <i>A minimum of ONE must be chosen</i>	✓ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Species Rich Grassland <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis. Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Traditional Hay Meadow <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis. Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Establishment and Maintenance of Habitats <i>2.5m margin must be delivered on a LPIS parcel boundary basis. Maximum 1500 metres</i>			2.5m x	Metres
			2.5m x	Metres
			2.5m x	Metres
		Total length of fencing to be erected to maintain Habitats (Cannot exceed total linear length of habitat undertaken)		
Wild Bird Cover <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis, minimum of 0.5 hectares Max. per farm is 3ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A

Complementary Actions <i>One of these must be chosen if only one Mandatory action has been selected</i>	✓ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Riparian Margins <i>No minimum</i>			3m margin	Metres
			5.5m margin	Metres
			10.5m margin	Metres
			30.5m margin	Metres
		Total length of fencing to be erected along margins (Cannot exceed total linear length of margin undertaken)		
Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources <i>No minimum. Maximum 10 LU's</i>		N/A	N/A	LU
		N/A	N/A	LU
		N/A	N/A	LU
Tree Planting – Standard <i>A minimum of 10 trees and a maximum of 25 trees per holding</i>			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees

Form B continued

Complementary Actions <i>One must be chosen if only one mandatory action has been selected</i>	√ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Tree Planting – Whips <i>A minimum of 25 whips and a maximum of 50 whips per holding</i>			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips
Coppicing Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum length on holding is 1500 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Laying Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 15 metres. Maximum 1000 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Traditional Stone Wall Maintenance <i>No minimum. Maximum 4000 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres

Additional Optional Actions <i>One or more may be chosen provided that 2 Mandatory actions or 1 Mandatory and 1 Complementary action have already been selected</i>	√ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Planting of New Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum of 200m on the holding</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Arable Margins <i>3m margin must be delivered on a LPIS parcel boundary basis</i>			3m margin x	Metres
			3m margin x	Metres
			3m margin x	Metres
Green Cover Establishment from a Sown Crop <i>Minimum of 4 hectares</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Use of New Technologies for Slurry Spreading <i>Minimum of 100m³ of slurry applied</i>			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³
Minimum Tillage <i>Minimum of 4 hectares must be undertaken</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Water Trough Installation <i>No minimum. Maximum 10</i>			N/A	Trough(s)
			N/A	Trough(s)
			N/A	Trough(s)

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FORM W

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Indicate whether River SAC Yes No

Mandatory Actions <i>A minimum of ONE must be chosen</i>	✓ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Riparian Margins <i>No minimum</i>			3m Margin	Metres
			5.5m Margin	Metres
			10.5m Margin	Metres
			30.5m Margin	Metres
	Total length of fencing to be erected along margins (Cannot exceed total linear length of margin undertaken)			Metres
Water Trough Installation <i>No minimum. Maximum 10</i>			N/A	Troughs
			N/A	Troughs
			N/A	Troughs

Complementary Actions <i>One must be chosen if only one Mandatory action has been selected</i>	✓ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Species Rich Grassland <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Traditional Hay Meadow <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Arable Margins <i>3m margin must be delivered on a LPIS parcel boundary basis</i>			3m margin x	Metres
			3m margin x	Metres
			3m margin x	Metres
Green Cover Establishment from a Sown Crop <i>Minimum of 4 hectares</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Minimum Tillage <i>Minimum of 4 hectares must be undertaken</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Use of New Technologies for Slurry Spreading <i>Minimum of 100m³ of slurry applied.</i>			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³

FORM W continued

Additional Optional Actions <i>One or more may be chosen provided that 2 mandatory actions or 1 mandatory and 1 complementary action have already been selected</i>	√ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Planting of New Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum of 200m on the holding</i>			N/A	Metres
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			N/A	Metres
Wild Bird Cover <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis, minimum of 0.5 hectare. Max. per farm is 3 hectares</i>			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
Tree Planting – Standard <i>A minimum of 10 trees and a maximum of 25 trees per holding</i>			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees
Tree Planting – Whips <i>A minimum of 25 whips and a maximum of 50 whips per holding</i>			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips
Establishment and Maintenance of Habitats <i>2.5m margin must be delivered on a LPIS parcel boundary basis. Maximum 1500 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Total length of fence to be erected to maintain Habitats (Cannot exceed total linear length of habitat undertaken)				Metres
Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources <i>No minimum. Maximum 10 LU's</i>		N/A	N/A	LU
		N/A	N/A	LU
		N/A	N/A	LU
Coppicing Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum length on holding is 1500 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Laying Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 15 metres. Maximum 1000 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Traditional Stone Wall Maintenance <i>No Minimum. Maximum 4000 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres

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FORM C

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Arable Margins <i>3m margin must be delivered on a LPIS parcel boundary basis</i>			3m margin x	Metres
			3m margin x	Metres
			3m margin x	Metres
Green Cover Establishment from a Sown crop <i>Minimum of 4 hectares</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Minimum Tillage <i>Minimum of 4 hectares must be undertaken</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A

Complementary Actions <i>One of these must be chosen if only one mandatory action has been selected</i>	✓ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Riparian Margins <i>No Minimum</i>			3m margin	Metres
			5.5m margin	Metres
			10.5m margin	Metres
			30.5m margin	Metres
		Total length of fencing to be erected along margins (Cannot exceed total linear length of margin undertaken)		
Planting of New Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum of 200m on the holding</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Tree Planting – Standard <i>A minimum of 10 trees and a maximum of 25 trees per holding</i>			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees
Tree Planting – Whips <i>A minimum of 25 whips and a maximum of 50 whips per holding</i>			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips
Species Rich Grassland <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis. Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Traditional Hay Meadow <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis. Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A

FORM C continued

Complementary Actions <i>One of these must be chosen if only one Mandatory action has been selected</i>	√ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Use of new technologies for slurry spreading <i>A minimum of 100m³ of slurry applied</i>			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³

Additional Optional Actions <i>One or more may be chosen provided that 2 Mandatory actions or 1 Mandatory and 1 Complementary action have already been selected</i>	√ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel No. <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Establishment and Maintenance of Habitats. <i>2.5m margin must be delivered on a LPIS parcel boundary basis. Maximum 1500 metres</i>			2.5m x	Metres
			2.5m x	Metres
			2.5m x	Metres
		Total length of fence to be erected to maintain Habitats (Cannot exceed total linear length of habitat undertaken)		
Coppicing Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum length on holding is 1500 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Laying Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 15 metres. Maximum 1000 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Water Trough Installation <i>No minimum. Maximum 10</i>			N/A	Trough(s)
			N/A	Trough(s)
			N/A	Trough(s)
Traditional Stone Wall Maintenance <i>No minimum. Maximum 4000 metres</i>			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
			N/A	Metres
Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources <i>No minimum. Maximum 10 LU's</i>		N/A	N/A	LU
		N/A	N/A	LU
		N/A	N/A	LU
Wild Bird Cover <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis, minimum of 0.5 hectares. Max. per farm is 3 hectares</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A

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Form N: Sustainable Management Plan for Natura or Commonage

SECTION I

Declaration of Natura lands or Natura Commonage eligible for payment:

	Site Code	LPIS Number	LPIS Area (Claimed SPS area)	State whether Owned Leased	Eligible Area claimed for Natura payment cannot be greater than SPS claimed area (must have been declared by you in your 2010 SPS application)	For leased land insert date of expiry of lease
Natura SAC & / SPA on owned land. If Corncrake lands identify as 'CK'						

	Site Code	CFP Code	LPIS Number	LPIS Area (Claimed SPS area)	State whether Owned Leased	Commonage Share (fraction)	Eligible Area claimed for Natura payment (cannot be greater than SPS claimed area)	For leased land insert date of expiry of lease
Natura SAC &/or SPA on Commonage land								

Declaration of non-Natura Commonage Land eligible for payment: *(Area of Commonage declared as Natura in table above must not be included below)*

	CFP Code	LPIS Number	LPIS Area	Eligible Area	For leased land insert date of expiry of lease
Non-Natura Commonage					

SECTION II

Development of Sustainable Management Plan

The Sustainable Management Plan must ensure full compliance with the relevant NPWS site management plan, agreed farming conditions (which can be found in the document *Specifications for the Agri-Environment Options Scheme and Natura 2000 Scheme*) and, in the case of commonage lands, the implementation of the Commonage Framework Plan and all other mandatory site-specific farming conditions. The Plan must be prepared by a person or persons with professional qualifications in agricultural and environmental science.

In the case of Non-commonage Natura designated sites where there are no NPWS farming conditions agreed, the planner(s) must prepare an environmental report outlining the habitat types, their current condition and a sustainable stocking regime for the site. The report shall be supported by a representative series of photographs, with their location identified on the map. The photographs must be dated and numbered on the back according to the map location. At least 4 close-up colour photographs are required to demonstrate the range of habitats present and their current condition.

The following stocking rate guidelines will assist in arriving at a sustainable stocking level for relevant habitats on designated sites.

Stocking rates
Undamaged Blanket Bog Should never exceed 1 ewe/ha/annum and generally should not exceed 0.5 ewes/ha in wetter areas.
Undamaged Wet Heaths and Dry Heaths Should never exceed 1.5 ewes/ha/annum and may need to be considerably less e.g. depending on heather content and form.
Undamaged Grasslands Should never exceed 5 ewes/ha/annum in very good quality <i>Agrostis/Festuca</i> mixes.

In the case of Commonages the sustainable stocking rate should only relate to the farmer's eligible share of the commonage and not the CFP area. The carrying capacity of this eligible area must reflect the habitat types. In most cases one will encounter a mix of the above habitats in a CFP and the planned sustainable stocking rate must reflect the proportion of the various habitats in the eligible area of the CFP. For damaged commonages the planner shall calculate the sustainable stocking potential or capacity by applying the damage rating to the habitat potential in the eligible area. For example in a blanket bog CFP and assuming a stock carrying capacity of 1 ewe per hectare per annum (7kgsON/Ha in an undamaged scenario) and a damage rating of 50% (in the eligible area of commonage), the maximum stock carrying capacity expressed in kgs/ON per hectare should not exceed 0.5 ewes/ha/annum or 3.5 kgs ON/ha/annum. The habitat type and damage rating in commonages is determined from the relevant sub units in the eligible area of the CFP.

(A) Commonage Lands (Natura & Non-Natura)

The Commonage Framework Plan (CFP) is the basis of establishing the sustainable grazing regime for the commonage. However the planner(s), when assessing the commonage, should assess whether the site condition has changed significantly since the production of the CFP — in particular, whether it is now either over-grazed or under-grazed. The Planner(s) should take this into consideration when determining the sustainable stocking regime for the site. While the CFP is based on historic stock on the farm, the current condition of the habitats and the number of grazing animals on the farm and on the designated lands shall be considered when determining the Sustainable Stocking level for the Commonage.

1. Consult relevant Commonage Framework Plan and all other relevant data.
2. Assess the site.

Provide a Summary of Commonage(s) condition per Commonage Framework Plan (CFP) v current condition.

CFP: Name & Code	Date of CFP	Condition of CFP Habitats	Date of assessment for the SMP.	% Reduction as per CFP	Current Condition ¹ .	Observations ²
1. Indicate Condition: if <u>Damaged</u> (D): Same as CFP (DS), Increased (DW) - (DW1, DW2.); Improving (DI) – (DI1, DI2); <u>Undergrazed</u> (UG) – UG1, UG2. 2. Comment on deviation from CFP condition & proposed remedial action re proposed sustainable stocking rate.						

3. Calculate the Sustainable Stocking for the Site(s).

Establish ewe equivalent as follows:	Ewe Equivalents	Establish Forage Area Farmed in Current Year:	Area (ha)
- Ewe numbers 31 st Dec 2010		Area of non-commonage lands	
- Cattle Livestock Units 31 st Dec 2010 X 6.7		Area of Target lands	
- Other Grazing Livestock: Livestock Units X 6.7 in 2010 List species:		Of which Area of eligible commonage Commonage Unit 1 Commonage Unit 2 etc	
		Of which Area of ineligible commonage Commonage Unit 1 Commonage Unit 2 etc	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

4. Provide a Summary:

Commonage No.	Gross Area (ha)	SFP Area (ha)	Share %	Area (ha)	% Reduction from CFP	Prescribed Reduction	Observations

Section V:

Conditions common to all Sites:

(Planner must prepare the Sustainable Grazing and Management Plan including the following information)

Conditions	Information
General site description & current land use, species grazing site including grazing intensity and annual grazing regime:	
Dominant Habitat Type:	
Condition of the Vegetation:	
Conservation objectives for SAC, SPA, Corncrake & Commonage sites.	
Undertakings to achieve objectives. If SAC or SPA list Notifiable Actions.	
Grazing Regime to be followed, including animal types and sustainable numbers & grazing period(s) interval, to protect against undergrazing and over grazing	

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Do you want to take on AEOS actions as well as Natura 2000 and Commonage?

If you wish to claim an AEOS payment in addition to the Natura 2000/commonage payment, your planner must complete the following form. *(The AEOS undertaking cannot be on commonage land. Entire payment entitlement for Natura/Commonage and AEOS cannot exceed €4,000 per calendar year.)*

Measures	✓ Tick chosen options	LPIS Parcel Number <i>Where the chosen undertaking is to be delivered on more than one LPIS parcel the number of each parcel must be inserted.</i>	Area	Linear Lengths or Unit of delivery
Species Rich Grassland <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Traditional Hay Meadow <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis Max. per farm is 10ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Establishment and maintenance of habitats. <i>2.5m margin must be delivered on LPIS parcel boundary basis. Maximum 1500 metres</i>			2.5m x	Metres
			2.5m x	Metres
			2.5m x	Metres
		Total length of fence to be erected to maintain habitats. (Cannot exceed total linear length of habitat undertaken)		Metres
Wild Bird Cover <i>Undertaking to be delivered on whole LPIS parcel basis, minimum of 0.5 hectares Max. per farm is 3ha</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Riparian Margins <i>No minimum</i>			3 m margin	Metres
			5.5m margin	Metres
			10.5m margin	Metres
			30.5m margin	
		Total length of fence to be erected to maintain habitats. (Cannot exceed total linear length of margin undertaken)		Metres
Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources <i>No minimum. Maximum 10 LU's</i>			N/A	LU
			N/A	LU
			N/A	LU
Tree Planting - Standard <i>A minimum of 10 trees and a maximum of 25 trees per holding</i>			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees
			N/A	Trees
Tree Planting – Whips <i>A minimum of 25 whips and a maximum of 50 whips per holding</i>			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips
			N/A	Whips

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Coppicing Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum length on holding is 1500 metres</i>			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
Laying Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 15 metres. Maximum 1000 metres</i>			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
Traditional Stone Wall Maintenance <i>No minimum. Maximum 4000 metres</i>			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
Planting of New Hedgerows <i>A minimum continuous length of 30 metres. Maximum of 200m on the holding</i>			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
			N/A	metres
Arable Margins <i>3m margin must be delivered on a LPIS parcel boundary basis</i>			3m margin x	metres
			3m margin x	metres
			3m margin x	metres
Green Cover Establishment from a Sown crop <i>Minimum of 4 hectares</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Use of New Technologies for Slurry Spreading <i>Minimum of 100m³ of slurry applied</i>			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³
			N/A	m ³
Minimum Tillage <i>A minimum area of 4 ha must be undertaken</i>				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
Water Trough Installation <i>No minimum. Maximum 10.</i>			N/A	troughs
			N/A	troughs
			N/A	troughs

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