

2. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document serves to report on Phase 1 of the project (as outlined above), and documents the results of the thinking and development that took place during it. As the project progresses, it is almost certain that some of the ideas and concepts presented here will change, and reference should always be made to the latest available information.

The bulk of this document provides general background information for the project, including many important concepts relating to the management of aquatic ecosystems. It also provides the draft specifications for the framework that will be used for the detailed design of the monitoring programme.

This document should be read by those who become involved in the project as part of the technical design team, as well as providing an overview for managers and others involved in the overall design process.