

## **8. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TECHNICAL DESIGN**

This report completes the definition of the specifications required for the design of a national programme to monitor the health of aquatic ecosystems. The next steps are documented in the terms of reference for the project and other supporting documentation.

The first step for the technical design team is to develop the design framework presented here to a level of detail at which the technical and practical feasibility of its implications can be tested. Once this has been done, it can be decided whether the design framework need to be modified or whether it can serve as a basis for the implementation of the monitoring programme.