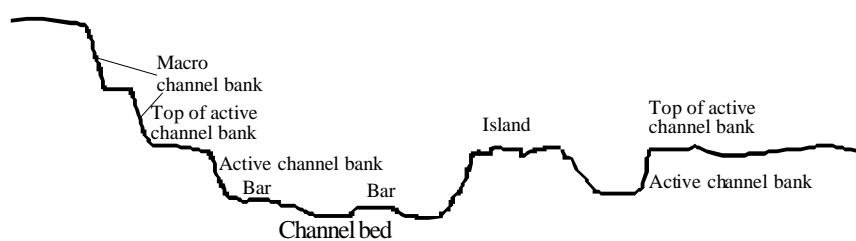


14. RIPARIAN AND IN-CHANNEL VEGETATION

This is an assessment of the type and amount of vegetation cover on the river banks and in the channel.

POSITION

Vegetation should be assessed at five positions: macro-channel banks; top of the active-channel banks (including islands); the active-channel banks; bars; the channel bed.



TYPE OF VEGETATION

Reeds & sedges non woody, water dependent, long-leaved plants.

Ground layer grasses and other short plants.

Shrubs & trees woody plants exceeding 1m in height.

COVER

Sparse Isolated individual plants, very low cover density.

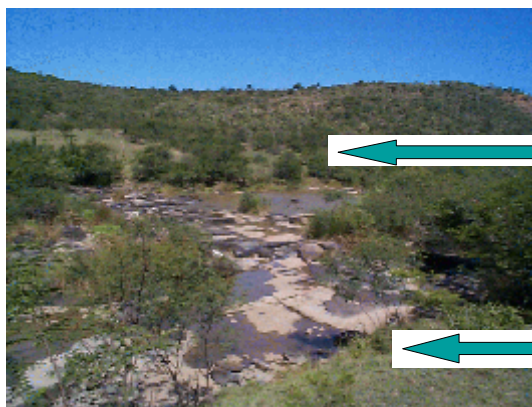
Patchy Isolated groups of plants, moderate cover density.

Continuous A continuous cover of vegetation, medium to high cover density

Dense Fairly impenetrable mass of vegetation



Continuous cover of shrubs and trees on bank top, continuous ground layer on active channel banks.



Continuous woody vegetation on bank tops.

Continuous grass cover on bank top.



Dense woody vegetation (includes tree ferns) on top of active channel bank. Patchy reeds along active channel bank.



Continuous trees on active channel bank; sparse ground layer.



Continuous trees on active channel bank, continuous reeds and sedges on active channel bank.



Continuous grass on top of active channel banks and on channel banks, continuous trees on macro-channel banks.