

Background

The Catchment Management Declaration was launched by Prince (now King) Charles in 2018 and by the following year over 100 organisations had signed up to it. The Declaration champions multi-sector action to improve the management of natural assets and resources. Signatories were challenged to engage across sectors to deliver best practice for the catchment systems in which they operate.

There have been many examples since then from the signatories of working to achieve these aims, some of which were outlined in a previous update from the group (link). Policy has also moved on, with the UK Government's Environment and Agriculture Acts passed, leading to improvements in water quality monitoring and land management practices. The UK Government's 25 Year Environment Plan has been updated and is now known as the Environmental Improvement Plan, with targets in place for water.

At the global level, the rise of nature up the agenda has led to an increased focus from business, governments and investors into natural resource management and the risks posed by their unsustainable use.

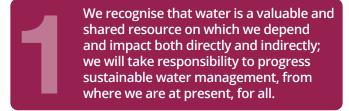
The original aims of the group: to achieve good catchment health, engage with a wider range of stakeholders and stimulate investment into water remain vital to ensure sustainable catchment management.

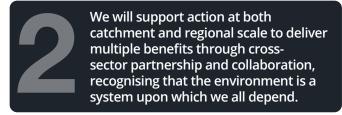
This year's IWA World Water Congress in Toronto offers an opportunity to reinvigorate and expand this commitment, with a view to ramping up UK collaborative working in the lead up to the next World Water Congress in Glasgow in 2026.



The Catchment Management Declaration

We the undersigned will work together to deliver the following principles:













Through a newly created leadership group we will address the above principles and enable businesses to show how they are working to enable and deliver the UK Government's Environmental Improvement Plan. This group wishes to explore a number of longer-term ambitions, including:

- Championing a move to a more outcomes-focussed, place-based approach to environmental planning and delivery, actively sharing best practice and learning from catchment and landscape exemplars.
- 2 Development of an open framework to represent all data, evidence and best practice to drive continuous improvement and facilitate sharing of resources to support policy makers and practitioners.
- 3 Reviewing governance frameworks for the financing and delivery of catchment management and landscape transformation, including international best practice.
- 4 Promoting approaches that provide opportunities for collaboration at a strategic level to deliver multiple stakeholder benefits through integrated planning.
- **5** Establishing a common narrative to be used across sectors and stakeholders to improve understanding of the importance of water stewardship in rural and urban contexts.

This Declaration aims to bring sectors and organisations together to enable effective catchment management.

Current signatories

































































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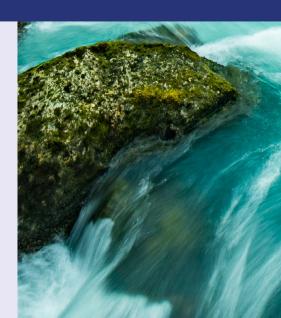
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