



EPA RIVER QUALITY SURVEYS: BIOLOGICAL

Biotic indices ("Q Values") reflect average water quality at any location as follows:

Q Value*	WFD Status	Pollution Status	Condition **
Q5, Q4-5	High	Unpolluted	Satisfactory
Q4	Good	Unpolluted	Satisfactory
Q3-4	Moderate	Slightly polluted	Unsatisfactory
Q3, Q2-3	Poor	Moderately polluted	Unsatisfactory
Q2, Q1-2,	Bad	Seriously polluted	Unsatisfactory

* These Values are based primarily on the relative proportions of pollution sensitive to tolerant macroinvertebrates (the young stages of insects primarily but also snails, worms, shrimps etc.) resident at a river site. The intermediate values (Q1-2, 2-3, 3-4 etc.) denote transitional conditions. The scheme mainly reflects the effects of organic pollution (i.e. de-oxygenation and eutrophication) but where a toxic effect is apparent or suspected the suffix '0' is added to the biotic index (e.g. Q1/0, 2/0 or 3/0). An asterisk after the Q value (e.g. Q3*) indicates something worthy of special attention, typically heavy siltation of the substratum.

** "Condition" refers to the likelihood of interference with beneficial or potential beneficial uses.

Also presented is a description of the exact location surveyed with relevant OS Grid Reference, WFD river water body code and relevant Local Authority.

Hydrometric Area 37

Name	Code
BALLAGHDOO	37B01
BALLINTRA	37B02
BALLYKILLOWEN STREAM	37B05
BRIDGETOWN (DONEGAL)	37B03
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CLOGHER (DONEGAL)	37C06
CORABBER	37C01
CROW	37C03
Crowanrudda	37C09
CUNLIN LOUGH STREAM	37C08
DRUMMENY	37D01
EANY WATER	37E03
EANYBEG WATER	37E01
EANYMORE WATER	37E02
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ESKE	37E05
FINTRAGH	37F01
GLEN (CARRICK)	37G01
GLENADDRAGH	37G02
LAGHY STREAM	37L02
LOUGHADEERY	37L03

Name	Code
LOWERYMORE	37L01
MEENATEIA	37M02
OILY	37O01
OWENTESKINY	37O02
OWENWEE (CARRICK)	37O03
ROECHROW	37R01
STRAGAR	37S02
TULLINTEANE	37T01

BALLAGHDOO**37B01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 30/07/24, 31/07/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1980	1984	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2015	2018	2020	2021	2022	2024
RS37B010025											3-4		2-3/0	2-3/0		3/0	3/0	3-4/0
RS37B010050											2/0	3	3/0	2-3/0		3/0	3/0	3/0
RS37B010075											3		3/0	2/0	3-4/0		3/0	3-4/0
RS37B010100	5	4	5	5	4-5			4-5			2-3	2-3	3/0	3/0		3/0	3/0	3-4
RS37B010200			1/0	4-5	4-5	1/0	4	3/0	4	3	2-3	2-3	3/0	3/0		3/0	3/0	3

Most Recent Assessment:

The Ballaghdoe River remained in relatively poor condition with suspected signs of chemical toxicity evident at the three upper stations sampled in 2024. An improvement was noted at Cashling's Bridge (0100), albeit at moderate condition.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37B010025	Br. SW Crowanrudda	IE_NW_37B010075	164253	380564	Donegal County Council
RS37B010050	Br WNW Meenychanon	IE_NW_37B010075	163161	379486	Donegal County Council
RS37B010075	WNW Ballymoon	IE_NW_37B010075	162652	379040	Donegal County Council
RS37B010100	BALLAGHDOO - Cashling's Bridge	IE_NW_37B010200	161745	377614	Donegal County Council
RS37B010200	Bridge in Kilcar	IE_NW_37B010200	161694	376195	Donegal County Council

BALLINTRA**37B02**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 26/09/24, 30/09/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37B020007				4-5	5	4-5	4	4	4	4	4-5	4-5	4	4-5
RS37B020010		5	4-5											
RS37B020050		4-5	4	5	4-5	4-5	4	3-4		4				
RS37B020060			5											
RS37B020100	5	5	5											
RS37B020160													4	4
RS37B020200	5	4	4	4-5	3	4	4	3	3	3-4	3-4	3-4	4	4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Ballintra River was generally in satisfactory condition with the upper site rated as high. Good ecological conditions continue at the two lower sites where a large number of the snail *Potamopyrgus* was noted at the middle site (0160).

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37B020007	Br NW L. Garlagh More	IE_NW_37B020200	198494	369604	Donegal County Council
RS37B020010	BALLINTRA - Bridge u/s Rath Lough	IE_NW_37B020200	197321	368891	Donegal County Council
RS37B020050	BALLINTRA - Bridge S.E. of Brownhall	IE_NW_37B020200	195315	369669	Donegal County Council

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37B020060	BALLINTRA - S. of Brownhall	IE_NW_37B020200	194003	370255	Donegal County Council
RS37B020100	BALLINTRA - Aghadullagh Bridge	IE_NW_37B020200	192503	369660	Donegal County Council
RS37B020160	Br u/s N15 Bridge	IE_NW_37B020200	191788	369761	Donegal County Council
RS37B020200	Connor's Bridge	IE_NW_37B020200	190819	369756	Donegal County Council

BALLYKILLOWEN STREAM

37B05

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 11/07/90

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990
RS37B050600	4-5

Most Recent Assessment:

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37B050600	BALLYKILLOWEN STREAM - First Br u/s Laghy Stream	IE_NW_37B050590	194549	374950	Donegal County Council

BRIDGETOWN (DONEGAL)**37B03**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 26/09/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1980	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37B030010		5	5	4	4	4	4								
RS37B030030								4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4-5	4	4-5
RS37B030050	5	4-5	4-5	4-5											
RS37B030080					4-5										
RS37B030090						4	4-5	4-5	4-5		4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4
RS37B030100	5	5	5	4-5											
RS37B030200	5	5	5	4	4	4-5	4	4-5	4-5	4	4	4	4	4	4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Bridgetown River was in excellent condition at the upper site, improving on the 2021 result. A decline was noted, however, at the second site compared with the last sample in 2021.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37B030010	BRIDGETOWN (DONEGAL) - Bridge W. of Lough Nadarragh	IE_NW_37B030030	199673	370906	Donegal County Council
RS37B030030	NW Shinnan Hill	IE_NW_37B030030	198033	370498	Donegal County Council

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37B030050	BRIDGETOWN (DONEGAL) - Shannagh Bridge	IE_NW_37B030200	196901	371223	Donegal County Council
RS37B030080	BRIDGETOWN (DONEGAL) - Br to SE of Rath	IE_NW_37B030200	194949	370888	Donegal County Council
RS37B030090	BRIDGETOWN (DONEGAL) - 0.5km u/s Br at Mill 1.5km SE Brid	IE_NW_37B030200	194513	370777	Donegal County Council
RS37B030100	BRIDGETOWN (DONEGAL) - Mill 1.5 km S.E. of Bridgetown	IE_NW_37B030200	194105	370792	Donegal County Council
RS37B030200	Bridge near Old Flax Mill	IE_NW_37B030200	191995	371638	Donegal County Council

BUNLACKY

37B04

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 12/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37B040200	5	4	4-5	4	4-5	4	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5
RS37B040300	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4		

Most Recent Assessment:

The upper site on the Bunlacky River was assigned Q4-5, maintaining its high quality in 2024.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37B040200	BUNLACKY - Bridge near Lissavaddy	IE_NW_37B040300	177521	378989	Donegal County Council
RS37B040300	Bunlacky Bridge	IE_NW_37B040300	177952	376247	Donegal County Council

CLOGHANMORE**37C05**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 29/07/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37C050100								3	3/0	3	3/0	3/0	3
RS37C050200	4-5	4	4-5	4-5	4	3	3	3	3/0	3-4/0	3/0	3/0	3/0

Most Recent Assessment:

The Cloghanmore River was once again in poor condition in 2024 with low numbers of macroinvertebrates observed and toxicity is suspected from chemical pollution.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37C050100	Br 2.5km u/s Malin Bay	IE_NW_37C050200	152062	382526	Donegal County Council
RS37C050200	Bridge u/s Malin Bay	IE_NW_37C050200	149864	382704	Donegal County Council

CLOGHER (DONEGAL)**37C06**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 18/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37C060200	5											
RS37C060400	5	4-5	4-5	4	4-5	4-5	3-4	4-5	3	4	4	3-4

Most Recent Assessment:

The macroinvertebrate fauna indicated a slight decline from good to moderate ecological conditions on the Clogher (Donegal) River in 2024.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37C060200	CLOGHER (DONEGAL) - Bridge S.E. of Druminnin	IE_NW_37C060400	199293	381190	Donegal County Council
RS37C060400	Br 400 m u/s Lowerymore River	IE_NW_37C060400	197811	381671	Donegal County Council

CORABBER**37C01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 18/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2019	2020	2021	2024
RS37C010100	4-5	4-5	5	4-5	4-5	4	4-5	4-5	4	4	4	4-5	4	4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Corabber River is a main tributary of Lough Eske. The fauna was quite sparse with only nine taxa recorded. A Q-value of Q4 was assigned.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37C010100	Bridge u/s Lough Eske	IE_NW_37C010100	197500	386158	Donegal County Council

CROW**37C03**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 13/08/24, 14/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37C030200		3-4	3-4	3-4	3	4	4*	3	3	3/0	3-4/0	3-4	3/0
RS37C030700	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4	4-5	4	4	3	3	3-4/0	3-4	3-4/0

Most Recent Assessment:

The River Crow showed signs of toxicity at both sites sampled in August 2024. Chemical pollution is the suspected cause.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37C030200	S of Crove	IE_NW_37C030700	166022	384296	Donegal County Council
RS37C030700	Just u/s Glen River confl	IE_NW_37C030700	161147	384018	Donegal County Council

Crowanrudda**37C09**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 30/07/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37C090990	3-4/0	3/0	3/0	3/0	3-4/0

Most Recent Assessment:

The Crowanrudda River is a tributary of the Ballaghdoe (qv). With only six invertebrate taxa it appeared to be suffering from suspected chemical pollution. The upper catchment is heavily forested.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37C090990	0.1km u/s confluence with Ballaghdoe River	IE_NW_37B010075	164228	380633	Donegal County Council

CUNLIN LOUGH STREAM**37C08**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 16/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37C080400	5	4	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4	4	3-4	4-5	4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Cunlin Lough Stream declined from high to good condition in 2024.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37C080400	The Commons Bridge	IE_NW_37C080400	172334	378561	Donegal County Council

DRUMMENY**37D01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 17/08/24, 18/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37D010200								4-5	4	4	4	4-5
RS37D010300	5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4		3	4	4	4	4
RS37D010400	4	3-4	4	4-5	3-4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Drummenny River showed an improvement at the upper site and remained in good condition at the other two sites sampled in August 2024.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37D010200	Aghlem Br	IE_NW_37D010400	198715	378803	Donegal County Council
RS37D010300	DRUMMENY - Drummenny Bridge	IE_NW_37D010400	196832	378994	Donegal County Council
RS37D010400	Bridge u/s Eske River confl	IE_NW_37D010400	193768	378604	Donegal County Council

EANY WATER**37E03**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 18/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1980	1984	1986	1990	1997	1999	2005	2011	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37E030300	5	5	5	5		5	4	4	4	4	4	4-5	4-5
RS37E030350					4*								

Most Recent Assessment:

The Eany Water remained in a highly satisfactory condition in 2024 with 26 taxa recorded.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37E030300	Just d/s Eany Beg/More confl	IE_NW_37E030300	184069	381411	Donegal County Council
RS37E030350	EANY WATER - 0.5 km u/s Br NE Inver	IE_NW_37E030350	182438	379098	Donegal County Council

EANYBEG WATER**37E01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 17/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37E010200	5	4	5	4-5	4-5	4		4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	
RS37E010500	4-5											
RS37E010700	4-5	4-5	4	4-5	4	4	3-4	4	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5

Most Recent Assessment:

The single site sampled on the Eanybeg Water in 2024 was once again rated as being in a high ecological condition.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37E010200	EANYBEG WATER - Bridge E. of Cloghvin	IE_NW_37E010200	188138	386873	Donegal County Council
RS37E010500	EANYBEG WATER - Bridge S.E. of Camlargo L	IE_NW_37E010700	186901	384329	Donegal County Council
RS37E010700	Eanybeg Bridge	IE_NW_37E010700	184601	382217	Donegal County Council

EANYMORE WATER**37E02**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 18/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1980	1984	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37E020050		5	5	5	5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4	4	4	4	4	
RS37E020100		5	5	5												
RS37E020150					5	4-5	4-5	5	5	3		3	3-4	4	4	4
RS37E020200		5	5	5												
RS37E020250	4-5				5	5	4-5	5	4	4		3-4	3-4	4	4	4

Most Recent Assessment:

The two sites sampled on the Eanymore Water in 2024 remained in satisfactory good ecological condition.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37E020050	Ford 2 km N.E. of Drumboarty	IE_NW_37E020050	191027	385160	Donegal County Council
RS37E020100	EANYMORE WATER - Bridge S. of Drumboarty	IE_NW_37E020150	190204	383228	Donegal County Council
RS37E020150	Bridge S.W. of Letterbarra	IE_NW_37E020150	188329	382341	Donegal County Council
RS37E020200	EANYMORE WATER - Drumagrana Bridge	IE_NW_37E030300	186377	382169	Donegal County Council
RS37E020250	Eanymore Bridge	IE_NW_37E030300	184541	381554	Donegal County Council

EGLISH

37E04

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 13/09/21

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021
RS37E040100	5	4	5	4	4-5	4	4-5	4	4	4	4
RS37E040200	4-5										

Most Recent Assessment:

Satisfactory conditions were found in the EGLISH with no changes over the previous 10 years of monitoring.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37E040100	Bridge at Meenataggart	IE_NW_37E040100	192580	386072	Donegal County Council
RS37E040200	EGLISH - Just u/s Sruell River confl	IE_NW_37E020150	191138	385119	Donegal County Council

ESKE**37E05**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 27/09/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1982	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37E050100		4	4	4-5											
RS37E050200	5	4-5	4	4	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4	4	3-4	4	4	4
RS37E050300															4
RS37E050310	5	4-5		4-5											
RS37E050400		4-5	4-5	4	4	4	3-4	3-4*		3-4	4	4	4 Brac kish	4 Brac kish	

Most Recent Assessment:

Both sites sampled on the River Eske were in good condition in 2024. A new site (0300) was sampled instead of the East Bridge (0400) in Donegal town due to the occasional occurrence of brackish conditions at the lower site.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37E050100	ESKE - Bridge d/s Lough Eske	IE_NW_37E050200	196993	381994	Donegal County Council
RS37E050200	Thrushbank Bridge	IE_NW_37E050200	195573	380905	Donegal County Council
RS37E050300	ESKE - New Br (1km u/s East Br Donegal)(LHS)	IE_NW_37E050400	193875	379239	Donegal County Council
RS37E050310	ESKE - New Br (1km u/s East Br Donegal)(RHS)	IE_NW_37E050400	193870	379237	Donegal County Council

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37E050400	East Bridge- Donegal Town	IE_NW_37E050400	193101	378531	Donegal County Council

FINTRAGH**37F01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 14/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37F010100	5	4-5	5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4	3-4	3-4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Fintragh River remained at moderate ecological condition in 2024.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37F010100	Bridge W. of Corrin Lodge	IE_NW_37F010100	169327	376848	Donegal County Council

GLEN (CARRICK)

37G01

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 13/08/24, 14/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1971	1973	1977	1980	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37G010010										4							
RS37G010040						5											
RS37G010045							4-5	4-5	4-5		3	4	4	3	3-4	4	4
RS37G010050		5	5	4-5	5	5											
RS37G010070						4-5	3-4	4-5	3	3-4*	3	4	3-4	4	4	4	3-4
RS37G010100		5		5	5	4-5											
RS37G010200	5	5	4	4	4-5	4	4-5	4-5	4								
RS37G010210										3-4							
RS37G010640										4	3	4	3-4	3-4	3	3	3

Most Recent Assessment:

The Glen (Carrick) River showed no change in the upper reaches (0045) in 2024 however the dominance of pollution tolerant macroinvertebrate taxa indicated a decline East of Croaghstraleel (0070) to moderate conditions. The lower site (0640) remained in poor condition, this site was previously coded as part of 37G010200.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37G010010	GLEN (CARRICK) - Br WNW Largybrack	IE_NW_37G010045	160493	388452	Donegal County Council

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37G010040	GLEN (CARRICK) - Bridge S.E. of Stranagartan	IE_NW_37G010045	160856	386746	Donegal County Council
RS37G010045	500 m u/s Owenteskinny R confl	IE_NW_37G010045	161108	385159	Donegal County Council
RS37G010050	GLEN (CARRICK) - Bridge u/s Crow River confl	IE_NW_37G010070	161257	384317	Donegal County Council
RS37G010070	E. of Croaghstraleel	IE_NW_37G010070	160483	382506	Donegal County Council
RS37G010100	GLEN (CARRICK) - 1.9 km u/s Carrick Bridge	IE_NW_37G010200	159864	380329	Donegal County Council
RS37G010200	50 m d/s Carrick Bridge	IE_NW_37G010200	159198	378958	Donegal County Council
RS37G010210	GLEN (CARRICK) - 0.5km d/s Carrick Br (RHS)	IE_NW_37G010200	158955	378725	Donegal County Council
RS37G010640	Footbridge u/s Owenwee (Carrick) Confluence (d/s carrick WWTP)	IE_NW_37G010200	158789	378387	Donegal County Council

GLENADDRAGH**37G02**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 01/08/24, 31/07/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1980	1984	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37G020050												3	4	4	4		4
RS37G020100	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4-5	4-5	4	3-4/0	2-3	3-4	4-5	4		4
RS37G020150	5	5	5	5	4-5						3		3/0	4-5	3	3-4	4
RS37G020190			4		5	4-5					3/0	3	3/0	4	3/0	3-4	4
RS37G020195									4	3	3/0		3/0	3/0	3/0		
RS37G020200		3	1/0	4	4-5	3/0	4	3/0				2-3	3/0	3/0	3/0	3-4	3

Most Recent Assessment:

The Glenaddragh River was rated in Good condition at four of the five sites sampled in July 2024. This is an improvement compared with 2022 when three sites were sampled. The lowermost site declined, however, to poor condition. This is believed to be due to the influence of the Ballaghdoe River (qv) which joins in Carrick.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37G020050	SW Fintragh	IE_NW_37G020100	166512	378566	Donegal County Council
RS37G020100	GLENADDRAGH - Bridge S.W. of Meenboy	IE_NW_37G020100	164762	377018	Donegal County Council
RS37G020150	GLENADDRAGH - Drumnannagle Br. (1.5km E of Kilcar)	IE_NW_37G020200	162750	375980	Donegal County Council

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37G020190	GLENADDRAGH - 75 m u/s Ballaghdoe River	IE_NW_37G020200	161734	376091	Donegal County Council
RS37G020195	GLENADDRAGH - 0.3km d.s Ballaghdoe R Confl	IE_NW_37G020200	161511	375987	Donegal County Council
RS37G020200	GLENADDRAGH - 500 m d/s Ballaghdoe River	IE_NW_37G020200	161398	375831	Donegal County Council

LAGHY STREAM**37L02**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 13/06/25

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2019	2020	2021	2024	2025
RS37L020100		4	4-5	4-5	4	4		4-5	4-5	4-5			4-5	4-5	
RS37L020300	4				4	4-5	4	4	3-4	3-4			4-5	4	
RS37L020400	4	4-5		4											
RS37L020600	5		4		4-5	4	3-4/0	4	3-4	4	4	4-5		3	3-4

Most Recent Assessment:

The macroinvertebrate fauna continues to indicate high ecological conditions in the upper reaches of the Laghy Stream (0100) following assessment in 2024, while a slight decline from high to good ecological condition was observed at Raneany Bridge (0300). The lower site (0600), located downstream of the N15 bridge and Ballykillowen Stream confluence, improved from poor ecological condition in 2024 to moderate ecological condition following re-sampling in 2025.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37L020100	LAGHY STREAM - Main Road Br d/s L. Boyle	IE_NW_37L020600	198745	374761	Donegal County Council
RS37L020300	LAGHY STREAM - Raneany Bridge	IE_NW_37L020600	195650	374889	Donegal County Council
RS37L020400	LAGHY STREAM - Bridge in Laghy	IE_NW_37L020600	194519	374465	Donegal County Council
RS37L020600	LAGHY STREAM - Ford NW of Laghy	IE_NW_37B050590	193999	374953	Donegal County Council

LOUGHADEERY**37L03**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 16/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37L030100		4	4-5	4-5		4		4				
RS37L030300	5				3-4*	3-4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Most Recent Assessment:

Satisfactory conditions were once again noted in the Loughadeery River in 2024 with no change since 2008.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37L030100	Just d/s trib from L. Aroshin	IE_NW_37L030300	170558	380457	Donegal County Council
RS37L030300	LOUGHADEERY - Bungosteen Bridge	IE_NW_37L030300	172982	380601	Donegal County Council

LOWERYMORE**37L01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 17/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2024
RS37L010100	4	4	4-5	4	4-5	4	4	4	3/0	4	3-4	4
RS37L010300	3-4	4-5	5		4-5	4-5		4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	
RS37L010400	5	5	5	4	4-5	4-5	4	4	4	4-5	4-5	

Most Recent Assessment:

The Lowerymore River was sampled at only one site Barnes Bridge in Barnesmore gap in 2024. As in the past, the river has a low diversity of macroinvertebrates and a lowish pH. There is a lake upstream (Barnes Lough) and the catchment has an extensive coniferous forestry plantation. The presence of the flattened mayfly, Heptagenia was taken as a good indication of quality.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37L010100	Barnes Bridge	IE_NW_37L010100	203974	387034	Donegal County Council
RS37L010300	LOWERYMORE - Keadew or New Br (nr Barnsmore Halt)	IE_NW_37L010300	201129	383850	Donegal County Council
RS37L010400	Bridge u/s Lough Eske	IE_NW_37L010400	197985	381990	Donegal County Council

MEENATEIA**37M02**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 31/12/94

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1985	1990	1994
RS37M020100	5	5	5	4

Most Recent Assessment:

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37M020100	MEENATEIA - Meentullynagarn Br	IE_NW_37R010200	173055	384010	Donegal County Council

OILY**37001**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 01/08/24, 16/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1980	1986	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37O010020				5	4	4-5		4	4-5	5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5		4-5
RS37O010050		5	5	5	5	5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	3-4/0	4-5	4
RS37O010100	5	5	5	4-5												
RS37O010200	5	5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	3/0	4-5	4	4	4	4	4	3-4		4

Most Recent Assessment:

Satisfactory conditions were observed at all three sites surveyed on the Oily River in 2024. The upper site (0020) maintained high ecological condition while the two lower sites were at good condition with a decline noted at the Ford west of Corker Beg (0050) and an improvement noted at the bridge in Milltown (0200).

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37O010020	OILY - Bridge d/s Tamur Lough	IE_NW_37O010050	180080	385090	Donegal County Council
RS37O010050	OILY - Ford W. of Corker Beg	IE_NW_37O010050	176210	382646	Donegal County Council
RS37O010100	OILY - Multin's Bridge	IE_NW_37O010200	175150	380415	Donegal County Council
RS37O010200	OILY - Bridge at Milltown	IE_NW_37O010200	174794	377324	Donegal County Council

OWENTESKINY**37O02**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 13/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RS37O020300	4	4-5	4	4	3-4	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4-5	5	3/0	3-4	4	3-4
RS37O020380															4
RS37O020400	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4	4		4			4-5	3-4/0	3-4	4	
RS37O020500	4-5	4	4	4-5	5				4	4-5	4-5	3/0		4	
RS37O020600							4-5	4-5					3-4		4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Owenteskiny River showed a return to moderate conditions at the upper site (0300) in 2024. The mid site sampled (0380) was in good condition and the lower site (0600) improved from moderate to good.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37O020300	S. of Durlough	IE_NW_37O020600	166536	386847	Donegal County Council
RS37O020380	o.7km u/s Station 0400 (S. of Stravally)	IE_NW_37O020600	164651	386885	Donegal County Council
RS37O020400	OWENTESKINY - Just E. of Largynasearhagh	IE_NW_37O020600	164229	386540	Donegal County Council
RS37O020500	Ford u/s Glen river confl	IE_NW_37O020600	162661	385529	Donegal County Council
RS37O020600	1 km u/s confl with Glen River	IE_NW_37O020600	161927	385371	Donegal County Council

OWENWEE (CARRICK)**37003**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 29/07/24, 30/07/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37O030200	4												
RS37O030400	4-5	4	5	5	5	4		3-4	3	3/0	3/0	3/0	3/0
RS37O030500	4-5	5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4	4	3-4	3	3	3/0	3/0	3/0

Most Recent Assessment:

The Owenwee (Carrick) River once again showed signs of toxicity from suspected chemical pollution in 2024. Very low diversity and numbers of taxa were recorded - down from 20 taxa in the 1990s to eight taxa (0400) and five at site 0500 in 2024.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37O030200	OWENWEE (CARRICK) - Bridge d/s Lough Unna	IE_NW_37O030500	156457	380965	Donegal County Council
RS37O030400	OWENWEE (CARRICK) - u/s Carrick (nr Trig. Pt. 283 S of L Unna)	IE_NW_37O030500	156803	380178	Donegal County Council
RS37O030500	Carrick Lower Bridge	IE_NW_37O030500	158481	378208	Donegal County Council

ROECHROW**37R01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 14/08/24, 16/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2015	2018	2019	2021	2022	2024
RS37R010100						2/0	2/0	3	3	2/0	3/0	3/0	2-3/0	3/0
RS37R010200	4-5	5	4-5	4-5	3-4	2/0	3	4	4	4		3/0	3-4/0	3-4

Most Recent Assessment:

The Roechrow River once again showed suspected signs of toxicity from chemical pollution in 2024 with six and 10 taxa recorded at sites 0100 and 0200, respectively - down from 17 in 1990 at Site 0200.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37R010100	ROECHROW - Br SSW of Meenatria	IE_NW_37R010200	171075	384276	Donegal County Council
RS37R010200	Br u/s Stragar R. confl.	IE_NW_37R010200	173713	383067	Donegal County Council

STRAGAR**37S02**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 12/08/24, 16/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1973	1985	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37S020100	5	5	5	4	4-5	4-5	4	3-4	4-5	3-4		4	4	3/0	3/0	3-4
RS37S020180							3	3	4		3-4	3-4	3	3		4
RS37S020200	5	4	5	5												
RS37S020300					4-5	4-5		3	4		3-4	4	3	3		3

Most Recent Assessment:

The Stragar River improved at the two upper sites to moderate (0100) and good (0180) condition in 2024. There was no change at the lower site (0300) which remained poor.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37S020100	STRAGAR - Meentullynagarn Br	IE_NW_37S020300	174219	382821	Donegal County Council
RS37S020180	E Faiafannan	IE_NW_37S020300	172843	379395	Donegal County Council
RS37S020200	STRAGAR - Br W. of Ardara Rd Station	IE_NW_37S020300	172933	378960	Donegal County Council
RS37S020300	Br SW of Tullagha	IE_NW_37S020300	172944	378576	Donegal County Council
RS37S020400	STRAGAR - Ford E of The Lough Head	IE_NW_37S020300	172947	378133	Donegal County Council

TULLINTEANE**37T01**

Date Surveyed (last survey year only): 01/08/24

Biological Quality Rating (Q Values)

Station Code	1990	1994	1997	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2015	2018	2021	2022	2024
RS37T010200	4												
RS37T010300				4									
RS37T010400	4-5	4-5	4	2/0	2/0	4	4-5	4-5	4	4-5	3-4/0	4	3-4

Most Recent Assessment:

The dominance of pollution tolerant macroinvertebrate taxa indicated a decline to moderate conditions on the Tullinteane river in 2024.

Station Details

Station Code	Station Location	WFD Waterbody Code	Easting	Northing	Local Authority
RS37T010200	TULLINTEANE - Bridge E. of Mulmusog	IE_NW_37T010400	176403	384904	Donegal County Council
RS37T010300	TULLINTEANE - Br near Crockfadd	IE_NW_37T010400	176232	384163	Donegal County Council
RS37T010400	Just u/s Oily River confl	IE_NW_37T010400	176071	382676	Donegal County Council