

Waterville, Ballinskelligs, Inny Valley Catchments Sustainability Plan  
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Presentation to Stakeholders – Preliminary Findings, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

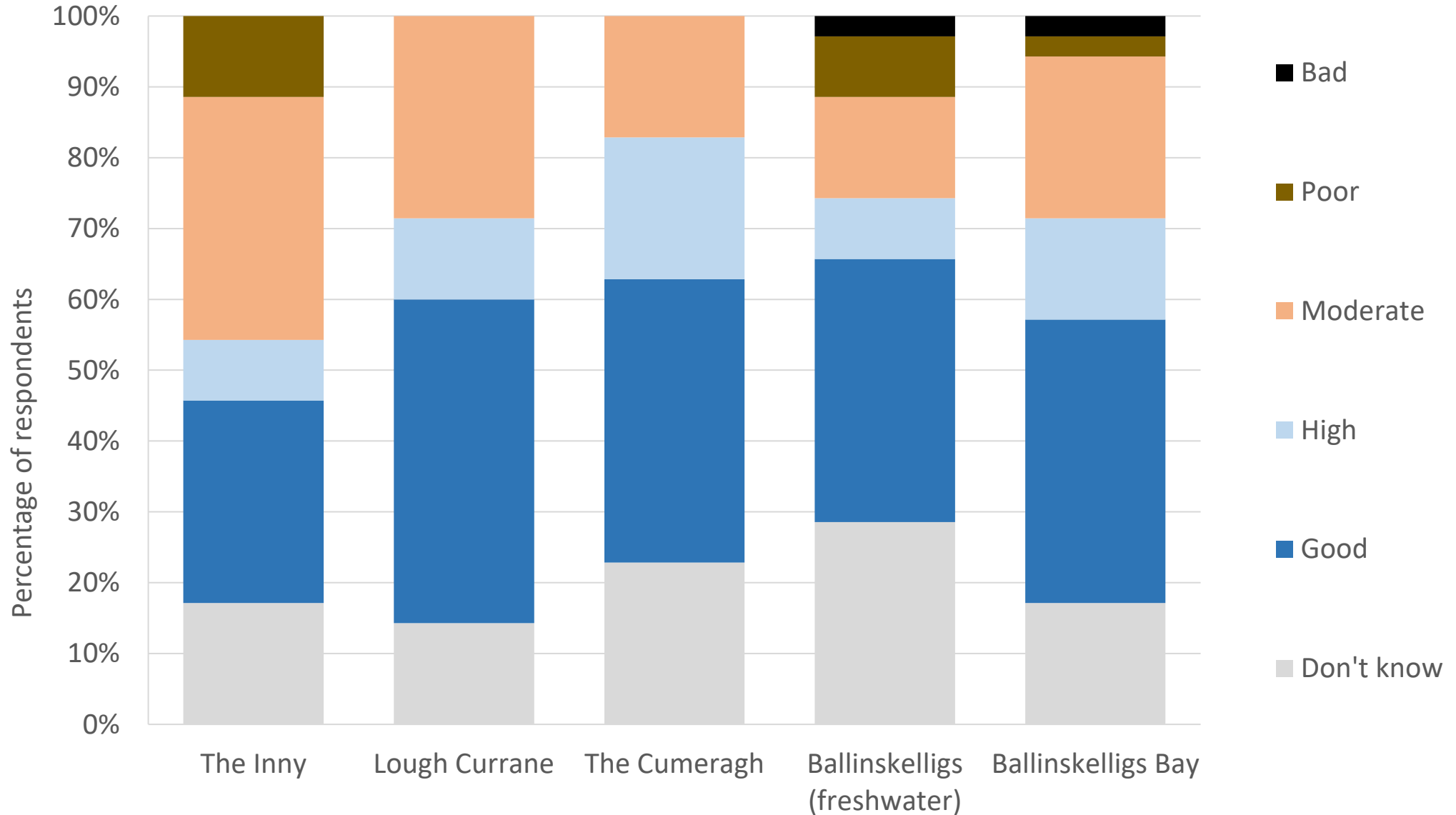


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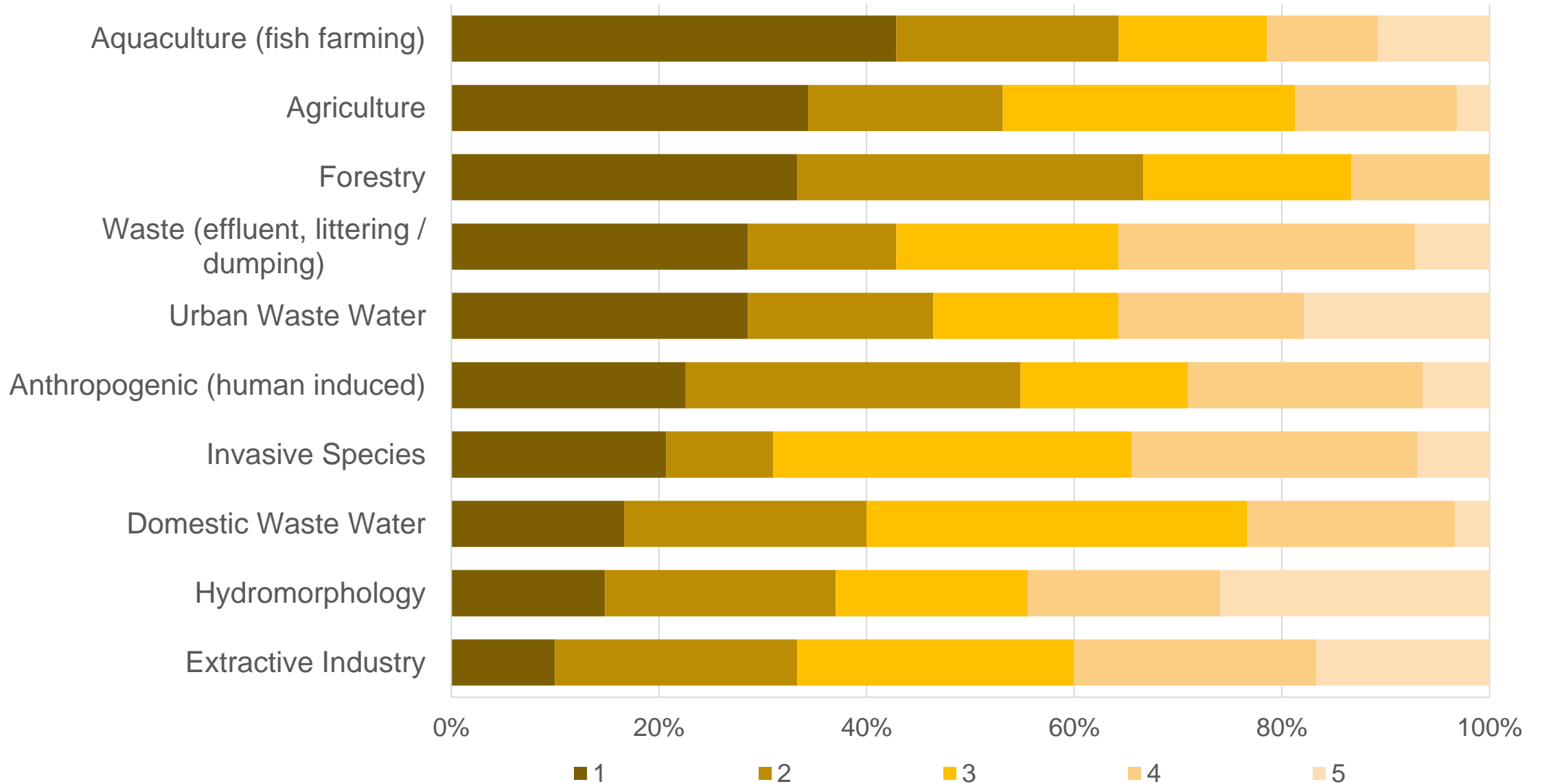
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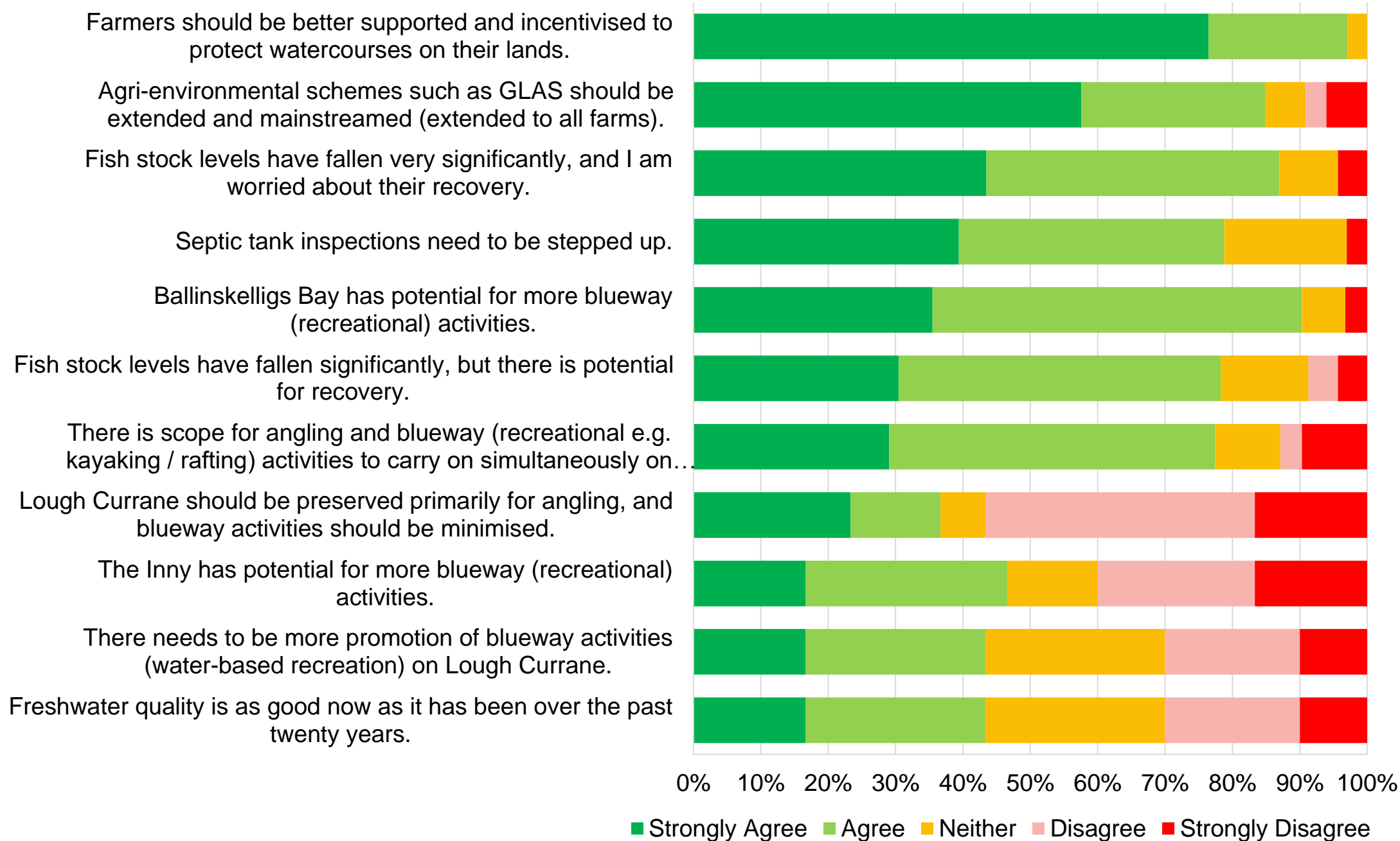
Stakeholder Consultation—  
emerging themes and issues,  
Dr Brendan O’Keeffe

# Perceptions of Water Quality



# Perceived sources of pressure





# Moving ahead

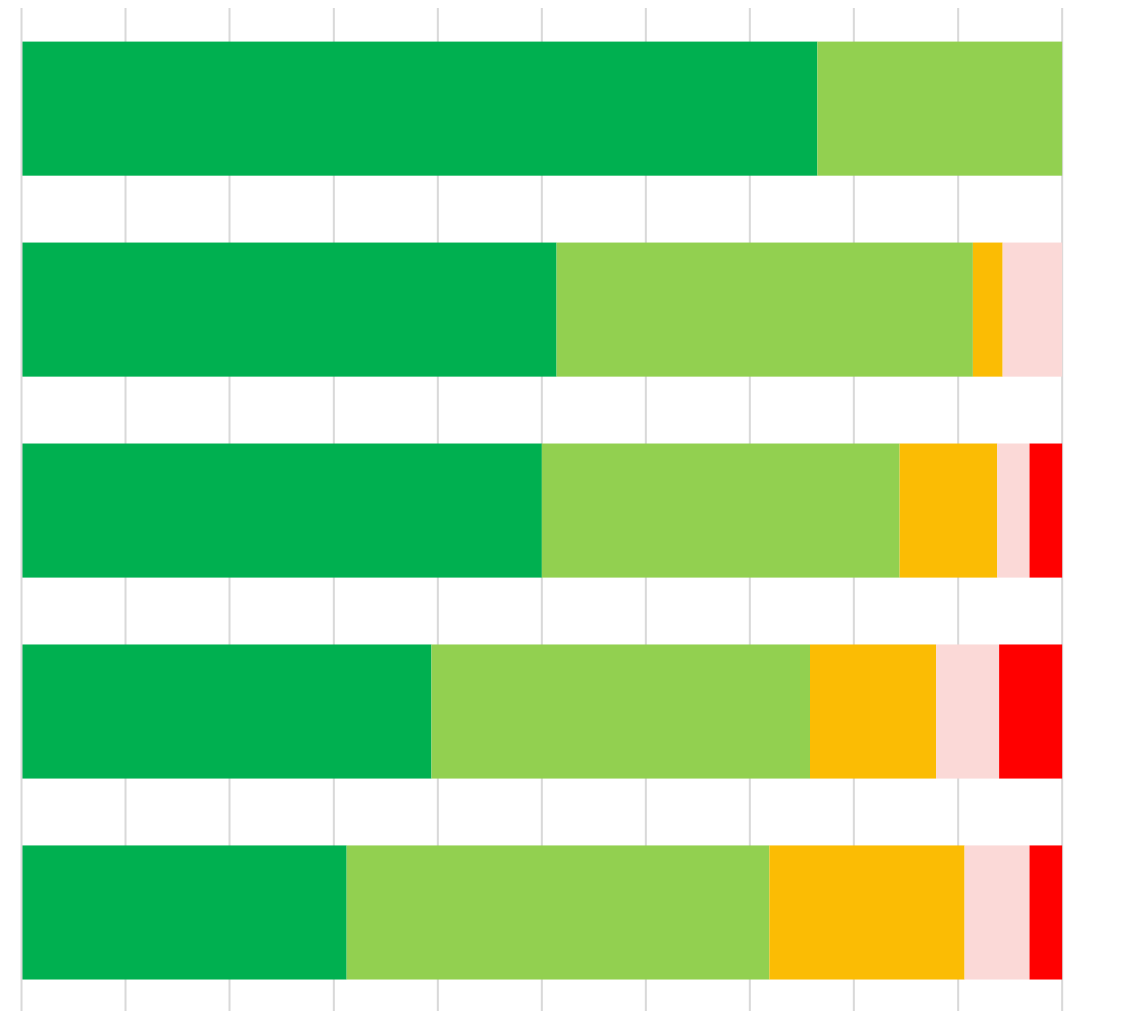
Members of the public and community organisations ought to be involved in the formulation and oversight of any catchment management plan.

A catchment management plan has the potential to enhance local economic development and create jobs.

The catchment would be a suitable place for an EU LIFE project (EU funding instrument for environment and climate action projects).

The catchment should be included in full under Natura 2000 as a special area of conservation (SAC) or natural heritage area (NHA).

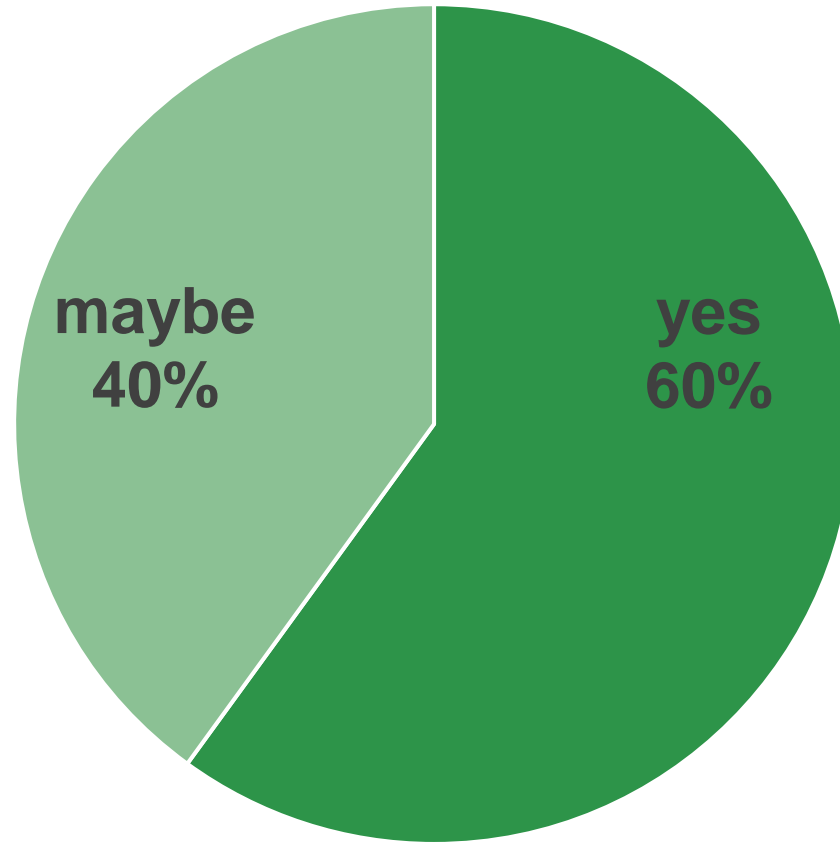
Natura 2000 (EU legal protection) coverage needs to be extended to at least some of the catchment.



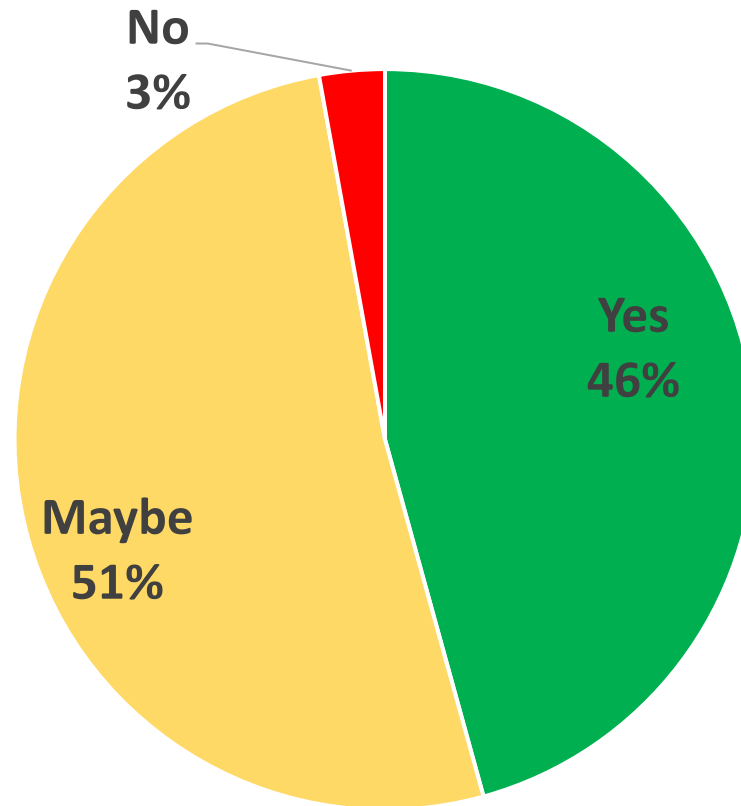
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■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neither ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

Would you / your organisation be interested in attending an (on-line) information, consultative and planning meeting in respect of the catchment management?



Would you / your organisation be interested in being involved (either directly or indirectly) in some aspect of the catchment management?



16 organisations say 'yes'.



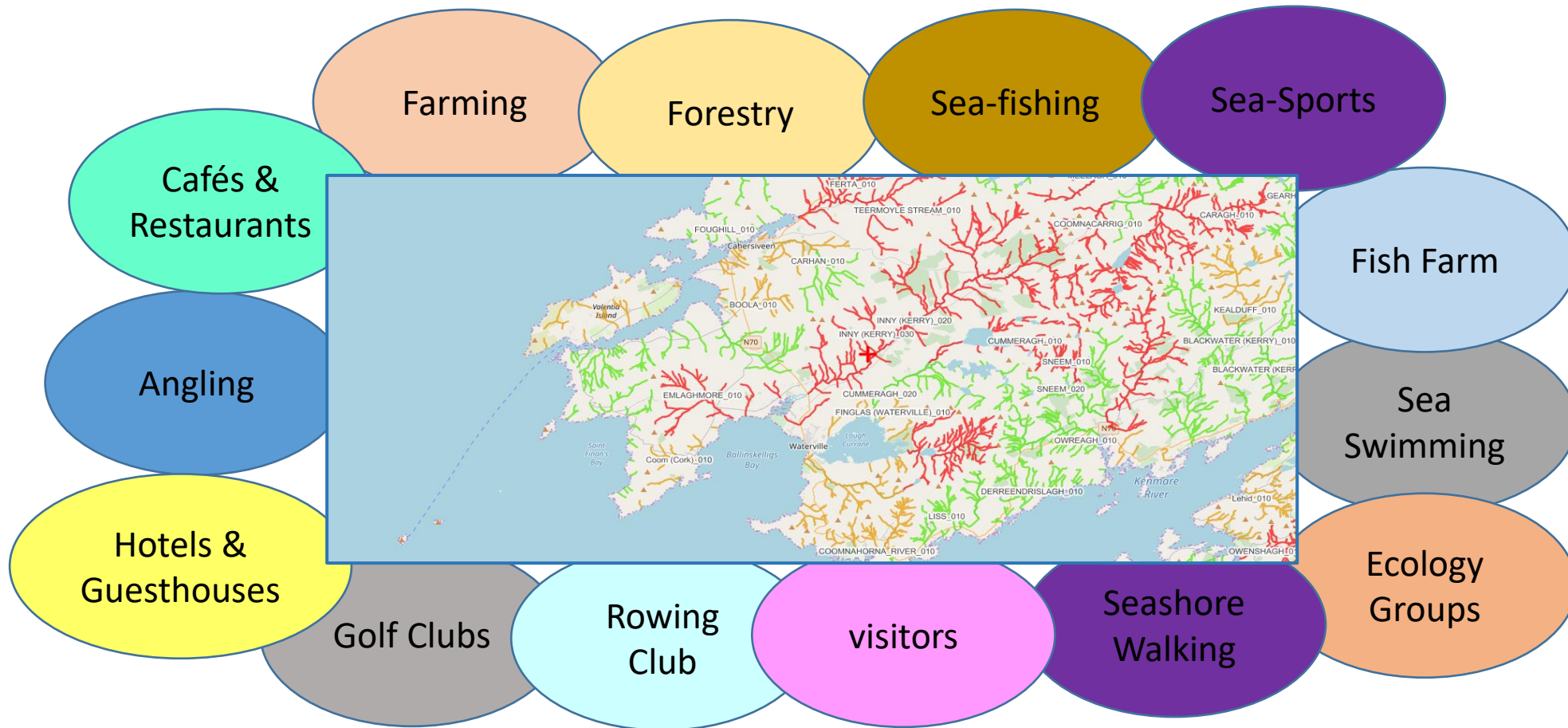
# Emblematic Quotes

- “Highlighting huge **social and economic** potential of protection and better utilisation of our unique environment”;
- “ensuring the income from tourism is **dispersed** across the catchment”;
- it is important to have an **inclusive** approach to managing the catchment area, including also its rich cultural **heritage**
- Littering, fly tipping, becoming a huge problem.
- I think **informing** the public of the issues that are having negative impacts on water quality is a good thing.
- People need to be **rewarded** for helping to improve the quality of our landscape and catchments. This could be done through a variety of hooks, the fish, the freshwater pearl mussel, the bogs etc.;
- Ensure that representatives from **each catchment** are included on the overall steering group, and that a **balance** is struck between landowners and tourism, agriculture, residential, state agencies etc.

# Stakeholder Survey and Interviews - Emerging Themes

1. The Catchments are highly-valued;
2. Evidence-based approach – science and data;
3. Integrated agri-environmental supports;
4. Strive for the highest water quality;
5. Economic development – careful and collaborative;
6. Education and Awareness;
7. Partnership and engagement; and
8. Resources.

# Interacting / conflicting uses of the catchments



# Emerging Values

- ❑ Solid science and data as the basis for decision-making
- ❑ Healthy waters
- ❑ Farming as custodian of the landscape
- ❑ Community cohesion for communication, cooperation, facilitation and information dissemination,
- ❑ The catchments are spectacular, unique, “almost pristine”.
- ❑ A sense of identity - through place, heritage, history, folklore
- ❑ Involvement of all interests in the process
- ❑ Tangible benefits for the community

# Next Steps:

- Community survey underway closes 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Schools project underway,
- Community consultation presentation in July,
- Sectoral meetings TBC (farmers/ landowners, anglers/ ghillies, tourism),
- Interactive planning workshop mid Sept,
- Workshop to finalise strategic plan, end Sept.



Thanks for your participation and  
contribution.

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