

# UK-ADAPT

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## July 2007 Newsletter

*This newsletter is the fourteenth in the series of monthly updates on the UK-ADAPT initiative. It is provided to all registered users on the UK-ADAPT website. Please forward to any colleagues that might be interested in UK-ADAPT and encourage them to use the website and register their projects.*

### Case Study

If you would like your project to be featured in subsequent months newsletters then send us an email at [uk-adapt@adas.co.uk](mailto:uk-adapt@adas.co.uk) and it can be arranged, all we need is a short summary of the project.

### Featured Case Study

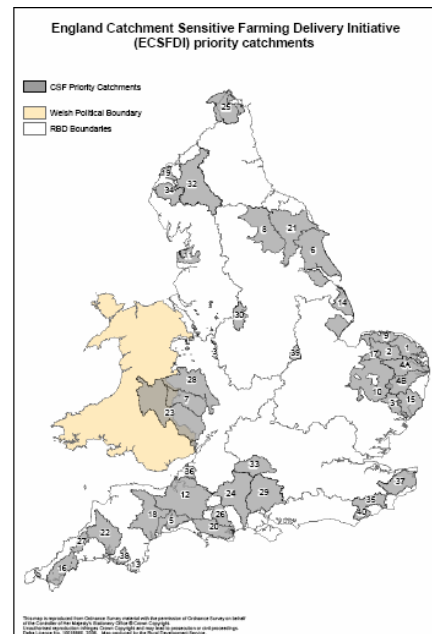
Each newsletter features a flagship project that is registered on the UK-ADAPT website. This month we focus on the **England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative (ECSFDI)**.



## A clear solution for farmers

ENGLAND CATCHMENT SENSITIVE FARMING DELIVERY INITIATIVE

Defra launched Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) in December 2005 to meet the objectives of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The initiative works in 40 catchments in England that were identified as those at greatest risk of failing to meet the WFD standards. The 40 priority catchments were identified following the River Basin Characterisation exercise completed by the Environment Agency (EA) in 2005. The EA and English Nature, which is now part of Natural England (NE), identified the catchments by prioritising those most affected by nitrates, phosphates, sedimentation, and with Sites Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) that were most affected by diffuse pollution from agriculture (dwpa). The area covered by the priority catchments is 40% of agricultural land in England.



The ECSFDI is seeking to reduce dwpa through encouraging CSF. This is through best practises such as promoting good soil structure, reducing stocking density, protecting water courses from livestock, introducing soil, manure and nutrient management plans.

The initiative is being rolled out over two years at a cost of £21.8 million, broken down to £8.6M in 2006-07 and £13.2M in 2007-08 with a further £500,000 allocated for capital grants in 2007-08. A further three years additional funding is currently being sought to continue ECSFDI.

CSF is a partnership arrangement between Defra, NE and the EA. Within each of the 40 priority catchments is a Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO) who are responsible for the individual catchments. During the summer of 2006 each CSFO completed a Catchment Appraisal to identify target areas and priority issues within their catchment. These Catchment Appraisals drive the type and location of advice offered to land managers. Catchment steering groups have been established in each region involving farmers, water companies and environmental bodies to advise on the local delivery.

Thirteen contractors successfully tendered to be on the Framework Agreement to provide the local advice and technical support to farmers and land managers. A range of activity started in Autumn 2006 in all the catchments including 1:1 farm visits, farm walks, farmer / adviser workshops and farm demonstrations.

ECSFDI is also supporting 20 existing projects working in catchments outside the priority areas as Associate CSF projects.

## **UK-ADAPT – other news:**

### **Overview**

There has been steady activity on the UK-ADAPT website during July. We are still slowly expanding the database of relevant diffuse pollution projects but there is always scope for more, if you have any that you haven't yet added then do so!!!

### **New Projects**

There are still 189 projects currently listed on the website. Please continue to review all diffuse pollution projects undertaken by your organisation since 2000 and consider registering them on UK-ADAPT. If anyone has a large number of projects to register, or any problems please contact Matthew Taylor for assistance on 01623 844331 or at [uk-adapt@adas.co.uk](mailto:uk-adapt@adas.co.uk)

### **UK-ADAPT Feedback**

If you have any comments on the website or require assistance with registering and editing projects or updating contact details, please contact us at [uk-adapt@adas.co.uk](mailto:uk-adapt@adas.co.uk)