

Field Form – general observations

This form is a copy of the front end of all four hard copy field forms in the national framework for community-based monitoring (CBM) of stream health. It covers weather and stream conditions that should be recorded on every visit to a stream site, regardless of the type of indicators being measured.

All fields with an asterisk (*) need to be completed for the data to then be entered onto any of the ArcGIS Survey123 electronic field forms.

Stream site visit information		
Group name*:		
Site name*:		
Site visit date*:		
Site arrival time*:		
Observer*:		
Second observer(s):		
General conditions		
Weather*: <input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Partly Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Overcast <input type="checkbox"/> Drizzle <input type="checkbox"/> Rain	Wind*: <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Light <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Strong	Rain in last 24 hours*? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Stream conditions		
Stream water level*: <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Normal (or base flow) <input type="checkbox"/> Low	Tick any of the following <u>that you see</u>*: <input type="checkbox"/> Stock on banks/in water <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfowl in water <input type="checkbox"/> Local bank erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Surface scums/oil <input type="checkbox"/> Rubbish on banks/in water <input type="checkbox"/> Periphyton (algae) – <i>tick one below</i> <input type="checkbox"/> some <input type="checkbox"/> a lot <input type="checkbox"/> Macrophytes (aquatic plants) – <i>tick one below</i> <input type="checkbox"/> some <input type="checkbox"/> a lot <input type="checkbox"/> Fish	
Does the water smell?* <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Stream water appearance*: <input type="checkbox"/> Clear and colourless <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly murky <input type="checkbox"/> Turbid <input type="checkbox"/> Humic-stained <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>describe below</i>) _____		
Comments on any observations:		
Photograph(s) of waterway – notes:		