



How you can get involved

Over the next three years SEWeb will be increasing the opportunities for the public to get involved with Scotland's environment and will create a forum for debate and assessment from all corners of the environmental community. People will be asked to identify the environmental problems they think are most important. They'll also be asked to share information on the condition of their local environment, and to help shape actions to improve it.

In the meantime, if you would like to provide feedback or general comments on the website, please go to the contact us page of the website.

Background information and key facts about Scotland's Environment Web



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What is Scotland's Environment Web?

Scotland's Environment Web- also known as SEWeb, is a new, innovative partnership project, which will transform the way in which we understand, protect and improve Scotland's environment. The site provides access to data held and managed by a wide range of organisations across Scotland, allowing a new, modern and dynamic approach to presenting information by moving away from static, point-in-time reports to a website where the most up-to-date environmental information is always provided.

What type of information does SEWeb provide?

SEWeb brings together information on Scotland's environment from organisations responsible for protecting Scotland's environment and human health, so that it is easily available and in a suitable form for all users. These include:

- straight-forward descriptions of the condition of Scotland's environment, its value, the threats it faces, and what is being done about these;
- more detailed information for those with a technical interest;
- the ability to look at information and data on maps;
- search facilities that allow users to find data and reports on Scotland's environment.

Working together

A wide range of organisations are involved in monitoring Scotland's environment. SEWeb aims to allow access to their information in one, easily accessible location. It was developed in collaboration with COSLA, Food Standards Agency Scotland (FSAS), Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), Historic Scotland, James Hutton Institute, Marine Scotland Science, NHS, RAFTS, Scottish Environment Link, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Government and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

Who looks after this information?

SEPA is responsible for the provision and ongoing maintenance of the website, but the ownership, updating and maintenance of information rests with the organisations that are providing them and making them available to users through SEWeb.

Is this information available anywhere else?

As a wide range of organisations were involved in monitoring Scotland's environment, each of these organisations have developed their own monitoring and reporting strategies designed to deliver their individual functions. Information on Scotland's environment is, therefore, scattered across a wide range of websites in differing formats.

There is nowhere else where multiple partners' environmental data and reports are accessible and can be looked at in combination.

How is SEWeb funded?

SEPA successfully applied to the European Commission on behalf of the Scotland's Environment Web partnership for funding to support this initiative from the EU Life+ Financial Instrument for the Environment. A project with a total value of 4.9 million Euros commenced on 1 September 2011, providing funding to support the development of the Scotland's Environment Web (SEWeb) until March 2015.

Where are we now?

SEWeb was officially launched in November 2011, however it is intended that the site will develop over time and will do much more than just provide information. It will involve users in developing our understanding of the environment and improving the way we protect it.

The site will be developed to support citizen science projects, allowing the public to provide their own data and observations for specific projects that will help to improve our understanding of Scotland's environment and take action to improve it.

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