







	<p>management measures for WSS on their own sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-Governmental Organisations (e.g. Rivers and Fishery Trusts and Boards, Wildlife Trusts, etc.) undertake surveys of freshwater habitats and report incidental sightings of invasive non-native species and will then initiate management measures for WSS on their own sites.</li> <li>- All N.I. Councils to also record and report presence of invasive non-native species on their estates and initiate management measures for WSS on their own sites.</li> </ul>
<b>Rapid response</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In certain areas of N.I. a rapid eradication following a confirmed sighting may be appropriate, particularly in cases where it is first discovered in a new catchment. Once widely established, sustainable control is extremely difficult.</li> </ul>
<b>Long-term management</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When curly waterweed is not yet widespread within a catchment it should be managed to reduce its impacts and contain it, where feasible.</li> <li>- Physical control is difficult as small fragments can break off, float away and propagate. Hand-pulling may, however, be effective for small infestations.</li> <li>- Shading using jute matting has been used to achieve effective control in N.I. and the Republic of Ireland.</li> <li>- Guidance on the management of curly waterweed is available on the Invasive Species Ireland website - <a href="http://invasivespeciesni.co.uk/species-accounts/established/freshwater/curly-waterweed">http://invasivespeciesni.co.uk/species-accounts/established/freshwater/curly-waterweed</a></li> <li>- There is currently no herbicide product approved for use in Northern Ireland for the treatment of submerged macrophytes.</li> </ul>	
<b>Research</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research, in the Republic of Ireland and New Zealand, has been undertaken to investigate options for the biological control of this species. Should this prove to be feasible then it could offer a cost effective and sustainable solution to help manage the species in the longer term.</li> </ul>	

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