

RipRAM Basic Information Sheet

Assessment Area Name:		
Project Name:		
Assessment Area ID #:		
Project ID #:	Date:	
Assessment Team Members for This AA:		
Average Bankfull Width (<i>visual estimate when conducting the assessment from a bridge</i>):		
Approximate Length of AA (<i>10 times bankfull width, min 100 m, max 200 m</i>):		
Downstream Point Latitude:	Longitude:	Datum:
Upstream Point Latitude:	Longitude:	
Upstream Projection Point Latitude:	Longitude:	
<p>Stream confinement:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Confined <input type="checkbox"/> Non-confined </p> <p>In non-confined riverine systems, the width of the valley across which the system can migrate without encountering a hillside, terrace, or other feature that is likely to prevent further migration is at least twice the average bankfull width of the channel. In confined riverine systems, the width of the valley across which the system can migrate without encountering a hillside, terrace, man-made levee, or urban development is less than twice the average bankfull width of the channel.</p>		
<p>AA Category:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/> Ambient <input type="checkbox"/> Reference <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </p>		
<p>Did the river/stream have flowing water at the time of the assessment? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p>		
<p>What is the apparent hydrologic flow regime of the reach you are assessing?</p> <p>The hydrologic flow regime of a stream describes the frequency with which the channel conducts water. <i>Perennial</i> streams conduct water all year long, whereas <i>ephemeral</i> streams conduct water only during and immediately following precipitation events. <i>Intermittent</i> streams are dry for part of the year, but conduct water for periods longer than ephemeral streams, as a function of watershed size and water source.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> perennial <input type="checkbox"/> intermittent <input type="checkbox"/> ephemeral </p>		

Photo Identification Numbers and Description:

	Photo ID No.	Description	Comments
1		Upstream left bank	
2		Upstream right bank	
3		Middle left	
4		Middle right	
5		Downstream left bank	
6		Downstream right bank	

Site Location Description:**General Comments:****Regional Water Board Priorities:**

- In very good condition-protect
- In good condition-maintain
- Condition can improve, opportunity for restoration
- Site specific regulatory follow up recommended
- Other:

RipRAM Scoring Sheet

AA Name:		Date:
Metric	Metric Score	Comments
Metric 1: Total Riparian Cover (pg. 12)		
Metric 2: Vegetation Cover Structure (pg. 14)		
Metric 3: Vegetation Cover Quality (pg. 16)		
Metric 4: Age Diversity and Natural Regeneration (pg. 20)		
Metric 5: Riparian Vegetation Width (pg. 22)		
Metric 6: Riparian Substratum Condition and Vertical Connectivity (pg. 26)		
Metric 7: Macroinvertebrate Habitat Patch Richness (pg. 28)		
Metric 8: Anthropogenic Alterations to Channel Morphology (pg. 32)		
Index Score <i>(Average of eight metric scores)</i>		

Metric 1: Total Riparian Cover Worksheet	
Base Score	Description *Riparian Cover Includes Trees, Shrubs, and Helophytes, but not Annuals*
25	>80% of riparian cover (excluding annual plants)
10	50 - 80% of riparian cover (excluding annual plants)
5	10 - 50% of riparian cover (excluding annual plants)
0	<10% of riparian cover (excluding annual plants)
BASE SCORE MODIFIERS:	
+10	If the connectivity between riparian forest and adjacent woodland area is complete (assess both sides of the stream corridor in aggregate)
+5	If the connectivity is > 50% in total (assess both sides of the stream corridor in aggregate)
-5	If the connectivity is between 25 - 50% in total (assess both sides of the stream corridor in aggregate)
-10	If the connectivity is <25% in total (assess both sides of the stream corridor in aggregate)
	Total Score
	Metric Score (transfer to main score sheet)

Metric 2: Vegetation Cover Structure Worksheet	
Base Score	Description
25	>75% of tree cover
10	50-75% of tree cover OR <50% of tree cover with >25% shrub cover
5	Tree cover <50% with shrub cover between 10 - 25%
0	Tree cover <50% with shrub cover <10%
BASE SCORE MODIFIERS (choose all that apply):	
+10	Greater than 50% of the <i>channel area</i> has helophytes or shrubs (may include shrubs that are rooted above the <i>channel area</i> and hang down into it, such as blackberry vines)
+5	25 - 50% of the <i>channel area</i> has helophytes or shrubs
+5	trees and shrubs are in the same patches throughout the AA and have overlap
-5	Understory/ground vegetation layer is dominated by invasive species, excluding grasses (>50% of AA)
-5	trees and shrubs are in separate patches, without continuity or overlap
-10	understory is heavily grazed or cleared or mowed (>25% of AA)

	Total Score
	Metric Score <i>(transfer to main score sheet)</i>

Metric 3: Vegetation Cover Quality Worksheet to determine stream type									
Left Bank	+	Right Bank	-	Island value	+	Hard substrate value <i>(natural only)</i>	=	Total Stream Class Score	Stream Type <i>(for Metric 3 worksheet)</i>

Metric 3: Tree Species in AA		
Species Name	Native?	Codominant?

Metric 3: Shrub Species in AA	
Species Name	Native?

Metric 3: Vegetation Cover Quality Worksheet				
Base Score	Description	Stream Type 1	Stream Type 2	Stream Type 3
25	Number of codominant native tree species	≥3	≥5	≥7
10	Number of codominant native tree species	2	4	6
5	Number of codominant native tree species	1	≤3	≤5
0	Absence of codominant native tree species			
BASE SCORE MODIFIERS:				
+10	If tree community is continuous along river and covers ≥75% of the channel edge of the riparian area (both edges combined)			
+5	Tree community is nearly continuous and covers 50-75% of the channel edge of the riparian area (both edges combined)			
+5	If the riparian community is structured in gallery			
+5	The number of native shrub species	≥4	≥5	≥6
-5	If there are some anthropogenic modifications in the riparian area that displace plant communities			
-5	If there are some <u>isolated</u> species of non-native trees/shrubs/vines/herbs			
-10	If there is a presence of <u>communities</u> of non-native trees/shrubs/vines/herbs			
-10	Presence of high amounts of garbage in the riparian zone (e.g. homeless encampments) that displace or degrade plant communities			
	Total Score			
	Metric Score (transfer to main score sheet)			

Metric 4: Age Diversity and Natural Regeneration of Woody Species Worksheet	
Left Bank	Right Bank
Average (Metric Score) (transfer to main score sheet)	

Metric 5: Riparian Vegetation Width Worksheet	
Left Bank	Right Bank
Average (Metric Score) (transfer to main score sheet)	

Metric 6: Riparian Substratum Condition and Vertical Connectivity Worksheet	
Left Bank	Right Bank
Average (Metric Score) <i>(transfer to main score sheet)</i>	

Metric 8: Anthropogenic Alterations to Channel Morphology Worksheet	
Left Bank	Right Bank
Average (Metric Score) <i>(transfer to main score sheet)</i>	

Metric 7: Habitat Patch Richness Worksheet	
Habitat type	Presence (at least 3m ²)
Cobbles and Boulders > 64 mm; tennis ball size and larger (within channel bottom)	
Coarse gravel 16 – 64 mm; marble to tennis ball (within channel bottom)	
Fines and Sand 2 mm or less in size (within channel bottom)	
Leaf packs (within channel bottom or interacting with floodplain)	
Fine woody debris (within channel bottom or interacting with floodplain)	
Large (or coarse) woody debris (within channel bottom or interacting with floodplain)	
Overhanging vegetation (within channel bottom or interacting with floodplain)	
Aquatic vegetation (within channel bottom)	
Total Number of habitat types	
Base Score Modifiers indicating excessive sediment and/or nutrients	
Percent fines and sand greater than 40% (within channel bottom)	-1
Greater than 25% of the wetted channel has helophyte cover	-1
>50% cover of floating algae mats in channel	-1
Final number of habitat types	
Metric Score <i>(transfer to main score sheet)</i>	