



Tamar Catchment Partnership

Terms of Reference

Geographical scope

The Tamar Catchment Partnership covers the hydrological catchments of the entire main Tamar and tributaries river systems and the connecting estuaries and coast. To ensure the Partnership is representative of the whole catchment, existing geographical partnerships will play a key role in the steering group and the Tamar Catchment Partnership will work closely with its neighbouring catchment partnerships (Cornwall & South Devon).

Thematic scope

The Partnership enables a multi-functional, multi-partner delivery of the Defra 25 year Environment Plan. The focus being the improvement of the freshwater environment (but to include associated estuarine and coastal waters) and working towards the support and delivery of key objectives of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the SW River Basin Management Plan (RBMP). The Partnership is also driven by Defra's Catchment Based Approach Policy Framework and the Guide to Collaborative Catchment Management.

Through the Ecosystems Services approach taken, it is recognised that multiple benefits are obtained from a catchment and these have broadly been grouped as; water quality, water resource protection, food production, biodiversity & habitats, access & recreation.

Role of the Partnership

- To bring together relevant organisations to agree the strategic priorities at the catchment level that will conserve and improve the health of the water environment of the catchment and support new or existing Projects or Plans which aim to deliver similar objectives.
- To review available data to understand current WFD failures within the Tamar catchment and the drivers behind them.
- To gather and maintain a strategic overview of the current catchment-based activities across the Tamar, to understand and reinforce linkages for a Partnership Approach.
- To provide a forum for discussion of issues and coordination of activity, contributing to the development of a Catchment Partnership monitoring and evaluation process.
- To continue to identify and develop projects and funding streams which will realise key objectives and aim to optimise delivery of Eco System Services (ESS) where appropriate.
- To support the Environment Agency in developing an appropriate River Basin Management Plan, required under the Water Framework Directive.
- To support adjacent catchment partnerships through the sharing of information and activity prioritisation wherever possible.

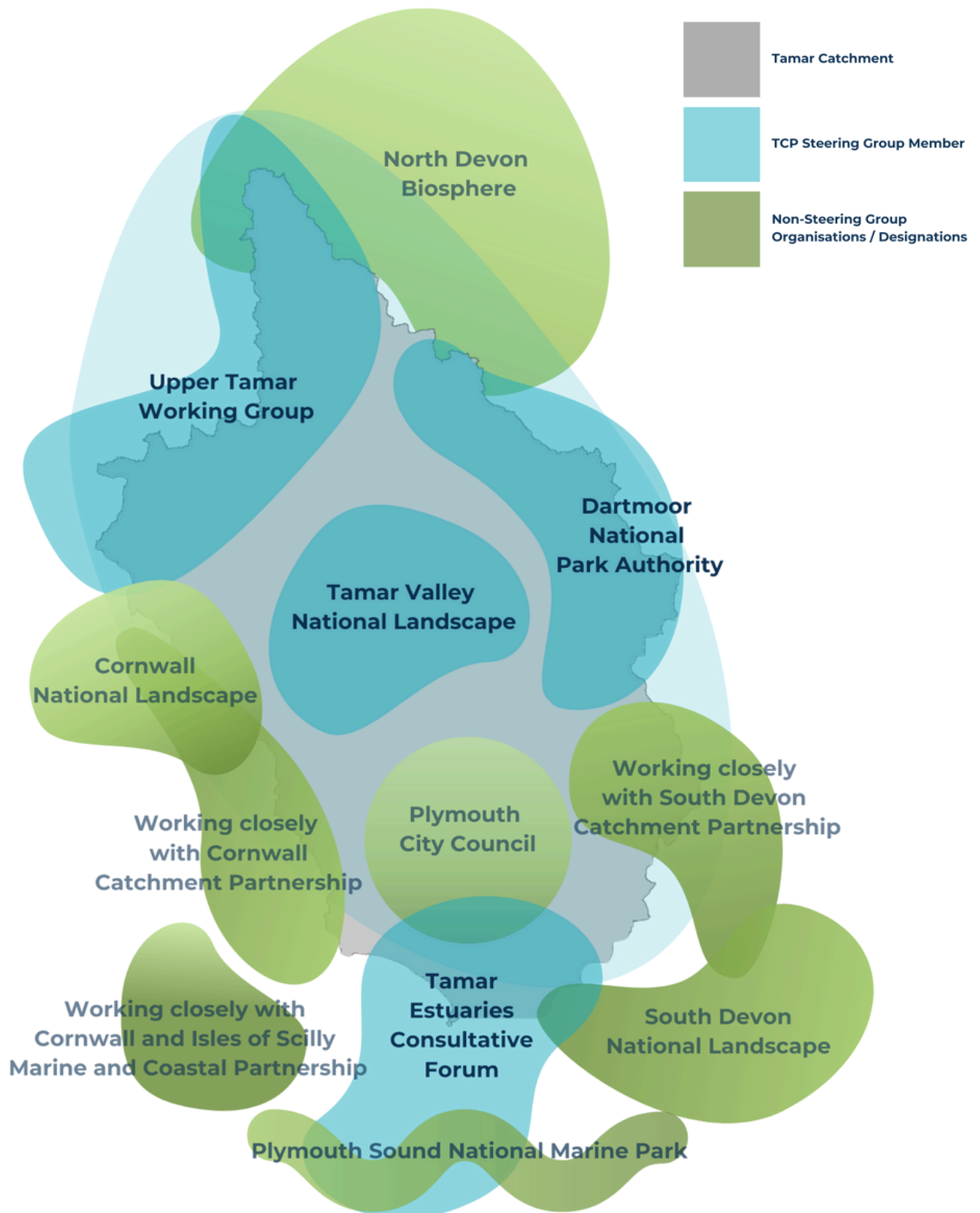
Status

- A voluntary, non-statutory body which is mandated by the Environment Agency.
- Unincorporated and not a legal entity.
- Projects and activities recommended or supported by the Catchment Partnership are led by organisations best placed to do so.



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Tamar Business Board

The Tamar Water Stewardship Business Board aims to work across the landscape in to maintain and secure sustainable supply chains and ecosystem services, delivering impact within the Tamar Catchment.

- Understand the environmental impacts at a catchment level within the Tamar
- Understand and mitigate risks within the supply chain
- Map areas of high priority and identify areas of shared interest
- Develop a coordinated approach to improve the consolidation and streamline messaging meeting the needs of the South West
- Encourage multi-sector collaboration to safeguard water resources for all users
- Provide integrated advice to encourage best practice within agricultural processes
- Support the role of businesses in creating and maintaining sustainable supply chains
- Promote and support existing practice and connectivity in the industry
- Identify innovative solutions for water management challenges

Steering group

Composed of representatives of the major geographically themed partnerships within the catchment and several key organisations. Actively encourage wider support through identifying opportunities for linkage and disseminate the work and ethos of the Tamar Partnership. This group will identify and develop funding streams and project delivery in line with the catchment plan and work to integrate the Collaborative Catchment based approach into their partnerships / organisation through the guidance for good governance and monitoring metrics

- Invited to attend steering group meetings
- Invited to attend partnership meetings
- Invited to annual catchment event
- Actively involved with planning
- Actively involved with funding & delivery
- Receives regular updates from the host via email

Technical members

Professional individuals or representatives of organisations interested in collaborative working to achieve multi-benefit outcome.

Encourage wider support through identifying opportunities for linkage and disseminate the work and ethos of the Tamar Partnership.

- Invited to attend partnership meetings
- Invited to annual catchment event
- Regularly involved with planning
- Regularly involved with funding & delivery
- Receives regular updates from the host via email

Wider partnership

Open to anyone in support of the Tamar Catchment Partnership, its aims and objectives.

- Invited to annual catchment event
- May attend some meetings and contribute to discussion on an ad hoc basis
- Takes part in citizen science and community events
- Receives regular updates from the host via email