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SNIFFER chosen for Scottish Government research review

SNIFFER has recently completed an initial scoping review for the Scottish Government's future Environment, Rural and Marine Research Strategy. The aim of this review is to collect the views of a wide range of stakeholders on the policy and scientific challenges in the rural, environment and marine sectors that Scotland will face over the next 30 years.

The initial scoping review involved a process of engagement with key stakeholders and commentators including:

- Face- to-face interviews
- A series of half-day workshops
- On-line submissions.

Further information can be found at www.researchhorizons.org.uk.

SNIFFER welcomes new US environment consulate

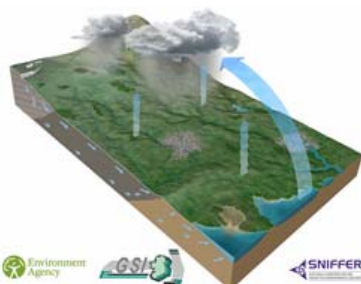
Highlighting the global nature of many environmental challenges, SNIFFER hosted a meeting between Jock Whittlesey, the recently appointed U.S. Counselor for Environment, Science, Technology and Health (ESTH) at the U.S. Embassy in London and a group of senior representatives from the Scottish Government, its



agencies, research organisations and the sustainable development community.

Further information can be found on SNIFFER's web site.
www.wfdvisual.com

This innovative website contains images visualising some of the complex processes underpinning the water environment and its management under the Water Framework Directive (WFD).



ERA-NET Update

SNIFFER is actively involved in a number of ERA-Net projects and is leading on the Urban-Net and managing work package 2 within the IWRM-Net programme. Recent developments are shown below.

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www.urban-net.org

Its overall aim is to increase the cooperation and coordination between European Member and Associated States through networking and the collaboration on joint research activities. URBAN-NET, led by SNIFFER, has wide geographical and cultural representation through its membership of 16 partners from 13 countries and will run for four years from August 2006 to July 2010.

A new web site is now live providing information on the URBAN-NET programme, which is supporting urban sustainability research in Europe. The URBAN-NET project addresses issues of urban sustainability in Europe.

[and data after a flood event in Scotland \(FRM07\)](#)

- [A changing climate in Northern Ireland \(UKCC13\)](#)

IWRM-NET is a five year (2006-2010) European Research Area project funded by the European Commission which aims to implement new research activities at the national and regional levels related to Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) with a focus on the Water Framework Directive
First call for research
WRM-Net, is launching its first call for trans-national research



www.iwrn-net.org

"Towards effective river basin plans". The focus of the call is applied research to support the development of the 2015 river basin plans.

[Click here for further details](#)

Projects recently started

- Strategic Environmental Assessment Guidance for Practice
- Methods of estimating the impacts of rainfall
- Local Authority waste charging scheme –Best practice evaluation study update

Projects recently completed

- Radioactive Substances Act 1993 and qualified experts
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- the protection, conservation and amelioration of the environment for public benefit, including improved wellbeing and quality of life;
- the facilitation of the active engagement of relevant sectors of society, including government and industry, in the consideration of the environment and sustainable development; and
- the identification of knowledge gaps, the promotion of research and the dissemination and exchange of knowledge from such research and activities undertaken and advancement of education.

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