

Conservation Management Framework – Recommendations and Action Plan					
Area of activity	Recommendations	Actions	Timescale	Responsibility at PLA	Outcome
SITES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE PLA	Implement appropriate management of all sites of biodiversity importance within PLA ownership and implement any advice on management provided by Natural England that is within the PLA's operational powers and remit	Review management of SSSI land within PLA jurisdiction (e.g. Mucking Flats, Cliffe Marshes, Allhallows) and consider the development of agreements with suitable partnership organisations	Review by March 2012 Implement by 2012	Estates Department and Environment Department	
	Ensure that any operational activities on or affecting sites of biodiversity importance are implemented to best practice Link to CMF: http://www.pla.co.uk/display_fixedpage.cfm/id/2662/site/environment	Develop and implement management proposals for Oliver's Ait in partnership with the London Wildlife Trust Work with the RSPB, NE, EA and Westminster Dredging to resolve future management of the Rainham silt lagoons	Consultation Sep 2011 Implement from Mar 2012 Site meeting Apr/May 2011 Resolve by end 2013		
CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE DREDGING BY THE PLA	Plan dredging campaigns with full regard to the best available environmental information and guidance, including the Maintenance Dredging Framework Abide by similar guidelines to those used to inform third party dredging operations, notably <u>Guidance note 3: Wider Environmental Issues</u>	Review Maintenance Dredging Framework Ensure informed decisions are made by maintaining high quality data sets Consider after-use of arisings from all dredging campaigns, and make best use for biodiversity gain (e.g at Cliffe and Rainham)	Mar 2012 Ongoing Ongoing	Environment Department, Harbour Masters, Hydrographic Department	

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY AND MONITORING	<p>Where feasible operations should be undertaken with reasonable regard to any sensitivities, notably spawning areas</p> <p>Link to CMF: http://www.pla.co.uk/display_fixedpage.cfm/id/2664/site/environment</p>	<p>Implement best practice</p> <p>Make best use of hydrographic data to inform decisions affecting biodiversity interests</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Hydrographic Department	
SAFETY OF NAVIGATION	<p>Inspections and incident attendance continue to be carried out in a timely and efficient manner</p> <p>Link to CMF: http://www.pla.co.uk/display_fixedpage.cfm/id/2665/site/environment</p>	Consult the Environment Department as appropriate	Ongoing	Harbour Masters, Marine Safety and Contingency Management, Marine Services and Marine Management, Environment Department	
PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION	Legislative requirements for the protection of statutory sites and their designated interest features must be fully considered and integrated in the planning and implementation of projects. Non-statutory sites, notably the River Thames and tributaries SMI, should also be considered and any	<p>Consult with appropriate conservation bodies (e.g. NE, MMO, RSPB) on environmental impacts of navigation projects (e.g. moorings, bunkering)</p> <p>Take advice from appropriate statutory bodies and/or experts on</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Marine Services and Marine engineering, Civil Engineering, Environment Department	<p>Habitat directive assessments on Bunkering operations.</p> <p>Review of conditions</p>

	<p>appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures identified and implemented</p> <p>Where the location of works is such that they may lead to disturbance, for example to feeding or roosting birds or to fish, consideration should be given to the timing of the activity, and where possible works implemented at the least disturbing time of the year and/or tidal cycle</p> <p>In the case of tree pruning or removal, damage or disturbance to nesting birds or bat roosts must be avoided by carrying out suitable inspection or amending work programmes if necessary</p> <p>Link to CMF: http://www.pla.co.uk/display_fixedpage.cfm/id/2666/site/environment</p>	<p>each project affecting their interests</p> <p>Apply appropriate licence conditions to each project, consideration of legislative requirements at early stages. I.e. evaluation and consultation.</p>	Ongoing		<p>Revision of environmental checklist within works</p> <p>Updated legislative list.</p>
RESEARCH AND MONITORING	<p>Where activity is proposed to take place in or near sensitive locations, appropriate working practices should be in place to minimise disturbance and/or (if consistent with the nature of the research/monitoring) carry out activity at the least disturbing time of year or state of the tide</p> <p>Ensure PLA has access to best available data on location and ecology</p>	<p>Review all currently held biological and sediment data, present on a GIS system to inform decision making. Identify any significant gaps or omissions, making recommendations for commissioning future work.</p>	<p>Review Summer 2012 Produce report March 2013</p>	<p>Environment Department, Hydrographic Department, Marine Services and Engineering</p>	

	<p>of important species (e.g. fish, marine mammals, birds)</p> <p>Link to CMF: http://www.pla.co.uk/display_fixedpage.cfm/id/2668/site/environment</p>				
PORT EMERGENCIES	<p>Link to CMF: http://www.pla.co.uk/display_fixedpage.cfm/id/2650/site/environment</p>	<p>Incorporate conservation briefing notes into the Emergency Manual, and also incorporate into the Oil Spill Contingency Plan and associated Oil Spill Sensitivity Mapping</p>	Jan 2012	Environment Department	