Appendix 1. Topic headings used to guide information collection during review of Ecosystem Approach projects

Part A: Headings within proforma used to structure collection of information from documentary sources. Links to original sources were used and cross-referenced during analysis.

Project name

Project objectives and rationale

Main actions by which project objectives are to be achieved

Policy drivers /influences

Scale(s) and boundaries of case study

Natural habitats/land use classes involved

Resource tenure and management

Resource uses, beneficiaries and conflicts

Time scales for project

Funding sources for project

Project team and partners

Who said it was an Ecosystem Approach, and how is it defined/understood

Ecosystem Services considered

Framework used in case study

Tools and techniques used within the project

Levers (sanctions, incentives, voluntary action, education/awareness raising)

Stakeholders involved and how

Mixture of knowledges used and how

Project actions/achievements/outputs to date

Monitoring and Evaluation used

Part B: Headings within interview guide used to explore experiences of the Ecosystem Approach

Introduction
Information about why we are doing the research; how the information will be used and a check that we have your informed consent to proceed.

About the project
We have filled in a short project information note using information from your website. This will be updated and sent to you post interview for checking, so this section will just double check some summary points about:

- The project objectives
- The main policy drivers
- Project timelines

Decision to adopt an Ecosystem Approach
Discussion of why you would call your project an Ecosystem Approach; and/or some other label, and why the particular approach was adopted.

Reflecting on what the approach has achieved
Achievements of the project to date; the benefits (or not) of approach taken; and what lessons could be learnt for implementing an ecosystem approach in Scotland.

Your experiences of the project
Discussion of the practical implementation issues arising from the project including:

- Shared understandings of problem and opportunities
- Guidance or access to existing expertise in the approach
- Organisation or governance of the project
- Fit with existing policies and 'institutions' (i.e. formal and informal rules of how things are done)
- Access to resources
- Availability or lack of availability of data
- Types of knowledge drawn upon
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Thinking systemically
- Awareness of an ecosystems approach
- Terminology of an ecosystem approach
- Managing trade-offs

What happens next
Information about finalising the data collection and when the results will be returned to you.