



EIR Ref: 2017-074

18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## **REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017, and further clarification of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

To ensure compliance with the recommended statutory process for handling your request, we have applied the exemption under Section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as we have determined that the information sought in your request is environmental information. We are therefore handling your request under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). In this case the public interest in maintaining this exemption and in dealing with the request in line with the requirements of the EIRs outweighs any public interest in disclosing the information under FOISA.

Your specific request and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

### **Please send me:**

- 1. Details, from January 2015 to the latest month for which the data is held, on non-native invasive species clearing projects within or run by the National Park. Details should include which species is being cleared, how they are being cleared, and how much money this is costing.**
- 2. Counts/sightings of non-native invasive species - including time and location within the park if possible, from January 2015 to the latest month for which the data is held.**

**I would like the above information to be provided to me in .xls format where possible, if not possible .pdf or word documents are fine.**

**Thanks for pointing me towards those details, specifically the Rhododendron and Riparian action plans.**

**Following from that information, I'd like to know the financial costs of implementing these plans so far, and how many volunteer hours have been logged.**

**If you have recordings of sightings/areas of species too - I would love to see this. The species I would like this for are:**

- Rhododendron**
- Himalayan Balsam**
- American Skunk Cabbage**
- Japanese Knotweed**

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- **Signal Crayfish**

**Though obviously if you do not hold data on one or some of those species that's ok too.**

As explained in our clarification letter of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the Park Authority is involved in a wide range of projects to deal with invasive species in the National Park. From your initial request and the subsequent clarification that you have provided, we have identified information that we consider is relevant to your request. This includes reports, location maps and details of the work our volunteers have been involved in to clear invasive species.

You will see from this information that we have worked with several partner agencies. If you are interested in finding out more, it may be worth contacting some of these agencies, if you have not done so already, to ask for further information on the work they are doing outwith the National Park. You should be able to find contact details online for organisations such as Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage.

While you are not required to state your reasons for requesting information, it can be helpful to let us know, if for example, you are conducting research, or writing a report, as this can help us to ensure that we are providing the information that you need. We hope that the information we are providing is what you are looking for. If you would like to discuss anything along these lines, please let us know.

We do not hold any information on Signal Crayfish. Accordingly I have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

An inventory of the documents we are providing you with is set out below. Due to the quantity of information we are providing, we are sending this information to you on a CD, as it would not be possible to send so many images and map files by email. Details of the information provided is set out in a table below.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Invasive species</b>	<b>Documents provided</b>
1	Endrick Water	Japanese Knotweed Himalayan Balsam	Three location maps
2	Aberfoyle	Japanese Knotweed Himalayan Balsam American Skunk Cabbage	Four location maps
3	Balquhiddar and Strathyre	Japanese Knotweed Himalayan Balsam American Skunk Cabbage	Three location maps
4	Brig O'Turk	Japanese Knotweed Himalayan Balsam American Skunk Cabbage	One location map
5	Callander	Japanese Knotweed Himalayan Balsam American Skunk Cabbage	Three location maps
6	Brig O'Turk	Rhododendron	21 photographs
7	Finglas Dam	Rhododendron	11 photographs
8	North Loch Achray	Rhododendron	67 photographs
9	South Loch Achray	Rhododendron	23 photographs
10	Loch Achray	Rhododendron	*Survey report – personal contact details removed

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11	Loch Achray	Rhododendron	Survey costings
12	Strathard - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baleich</li> <li>• Blairuskinmore</li> <li>• Blairuskine</li> <li>• Couligarton</li> <li>• Duchray Castle</li> <li>• Faery Knoll</li> <li>• Kinlochard</li> <li>• Laraich</li> <li>• Loch Dhu</li> </ul>	Rhododendron	11 Maps
13	Kinlochard	Rhododendron	Survey data – personal details removed
14	Strathard	Rhododendron	Survey report – personal details removed
15	Aberfoyle	Rhododendron	Feasibility study - personal details removed
16	Tay	Japanese Knotweed	Data tables showing location and dates of treating weed – personal details removed
17	Tay – St Filans west Glen Dochart River Filan Loch Earn Lochernhead Ogle Burn Kendrum Burn Killin	Japanese Knotweed	11 maps
18		Rhododendron	Staff time and survey costs
19	Several	several	Volunteer times, dates and location details of work undertaken on dealing with invasive species
20	Forth INNS data	Japanese knotweed	Table of dates and locations of survey work
21	River Forth fisheries trust	Japanese knotweed	report
22	Lomond INNS data	Japanese knotweed	Table of dates and locations of survey

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			work
23	Several	several	Natural Heritage Grant Scheme table of funding awarded
24	Upper Tay	several	Invasive Non Native Species Project 2012-2017: Outcomes & Recommendations

Please note that personal information, namely the name and personal contact details of external third parties have been redacted from documents, as indicated in the above table, in accordance with Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs and the second and sixth Data Protection Principles.

We have considered the public interest in respect of the withholding of this personal data and have determined that the public interest in withholding this specific information outweighs the public interest in its release in to the public domain. Please note that we have not withheld complete documents which contain such personal data and have released all other information within the document which is not subject to requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team  
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

Appendices available on request

#### Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this response, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to ask the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you must:-

- Lodge a written request for a review within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, whichever is the later.
- Include your name, address for correspondence, a description of the original request, and the reasons why you are dissatisfied; and

address your review request to:

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National Park Headquarters  
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E-mail: [info@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:info@lochlomond-trossachs.org)

Please note that links provided to information available elsewhere are intended to assist you. Requests for information held by other public authorities, and any complaints regarding access to such information should be addressed to that authority. These review procedures relate only to information which is directly under the control of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority.

The review of your request will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, at:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS  
Tel: 01344 464 610  
Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)  
E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)  
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