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## **River Restoration Centre is pleased to publish (online)**

### **Practical River Restoration Appraisal Guidance for Monitoring Options (PRAGMO)**

**PRAGMO is the first guidance document that aims to assist all practitioners involved in the process of setting monitoring protocols as part of a river restoration project.**

PRAGMO sets out a range of practical monitoring techniques at varying scales and costs, which can be tailored to the needs of any river restoration project. PRAGMO will enable scientifically rigorous monitoring of any project to produce data to demonstrate that it has achieved its stated objectives. That data can also be used to compare one project with another to identify the most effective techniques and those which are best value for money.

*“This is a culmination of many years of hard work by the RRC in pulling together monitoring practices from a wide range of groups. The guidance document will be a significant contribution to promoting best practice in river restoration” (Dr. Judy England, Environmental Monitoring Team Leader, Environment Agency).*

PRAGMO is aimed at a wide audience ranging from small interest groups seeking to carry out localised river restoration projects to government agencies tasked with complying with UK and European law with respect to restoring, enhancing and protecting rivers.

*“PRAGMO will for the first time give us a means of comparing the results and the value for money of different river and wetland restoration projects. That information is priceless in the current economic climate“ (Robert Oates, Executive Director, TRRT).*

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*It will be officially launched at the RRC Annual Conference on Friday the 20th of April 2012 at the University of Nottingham*