

**Additional text: Reconnecting with water – a South West Water perspective. M. Ross**

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(Galway coast, Eire)

No soil, no life, no regeneration

Salty winds from the Atlantic prevent re-colonisation of the land by pioneer species

Stone walls show evidence of past farming but it has not survived in the thin soils

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Water retention work at Exe Head, Exmoor

This project, started by the Environment Agency in 2006, uses simple ditch blocking to:

- Control peak flooding events
- Reduce erosion and soil loss from uplands
- Restore moorland biodiversity
- Improve river base flows in dry weather
- Wet mires absorb more CO<sub>2</sub> than forests
- SWW's plans for Exmoor and Dartmoor will capture double our own CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 2010
- Currently SWW funds 40% of project, potentially 90% from 2010