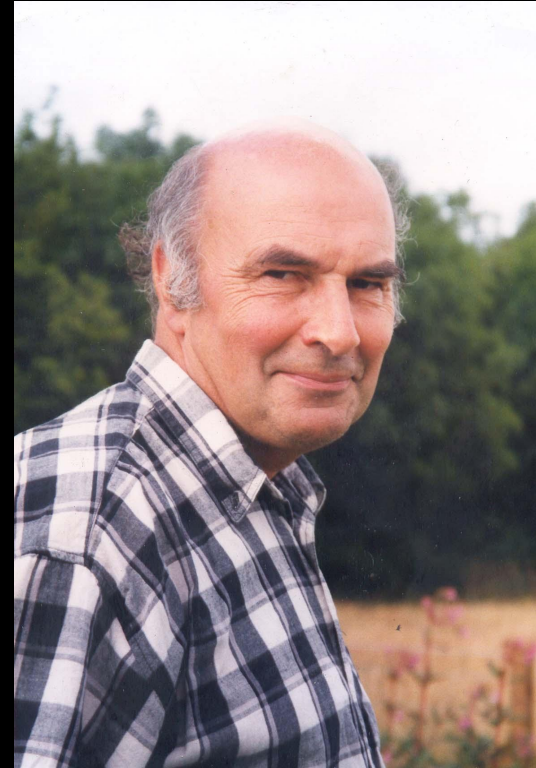


The Science of Prof Peter Maitland

Colin Adams

Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment
University of Glasgow



Scientific Contributions

- 260 scientific papers
- 15 books and monographs
- 42 committees in a science capacity
- Countless reports

Letter | Published: 09 April 1966

Present Status of Known Populations of the Vendace, *Coregonus vandesius* Richardson, in Great Britain

PETER S. MAITLAND

Nature 210:
816-217

Loch Lomond: Man's Effects on the Salmonid Community¹

PETER S. MAITLAND

*The Nature Conservancy
Edinburgh, Scotland*

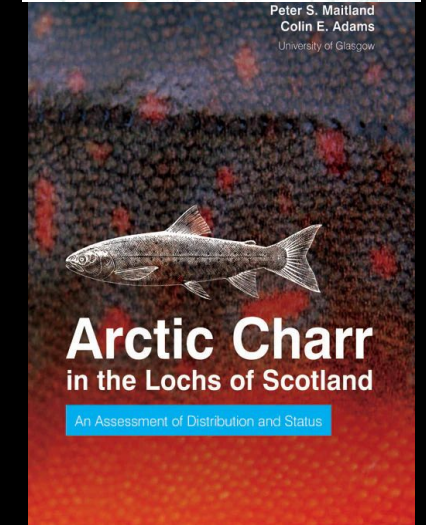
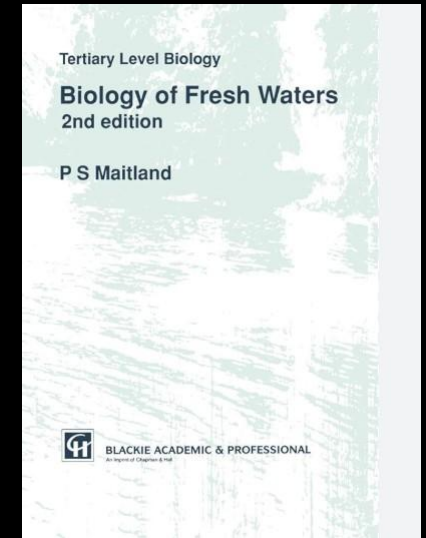
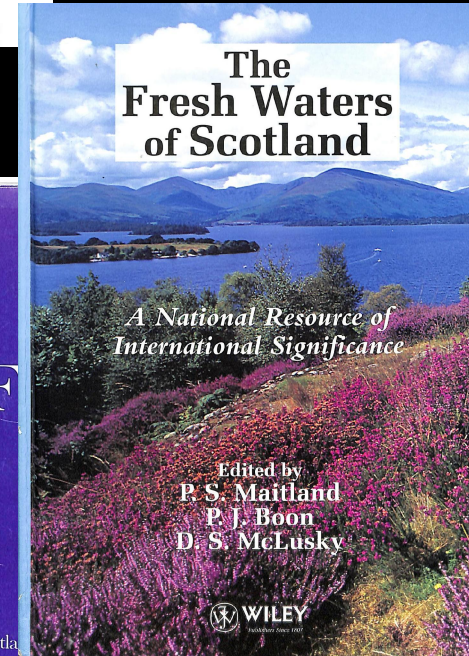
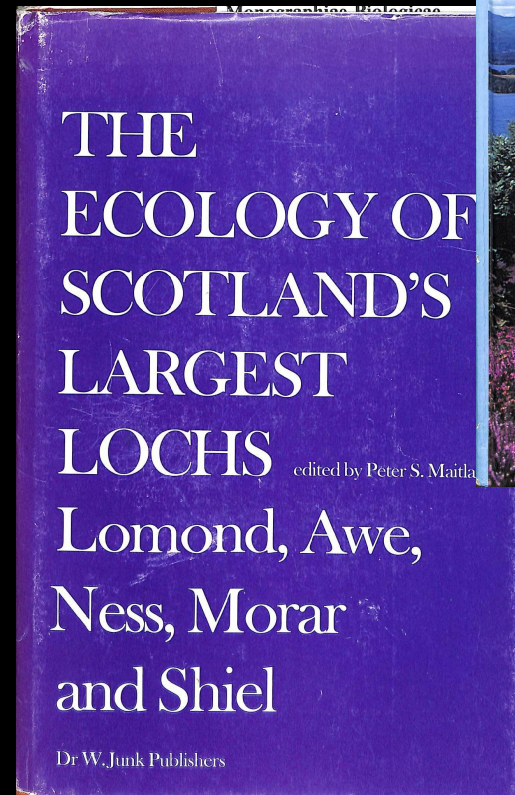
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The Conservation of Freshwater Fishes in the British Isles

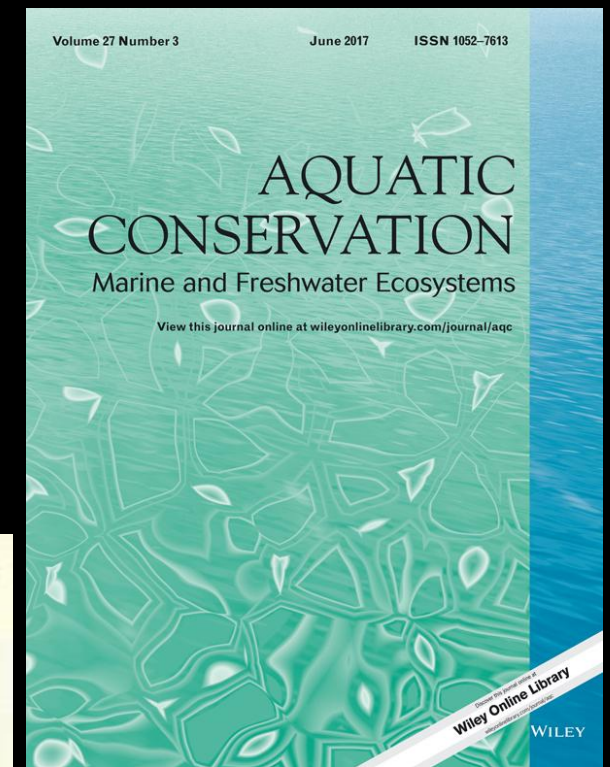
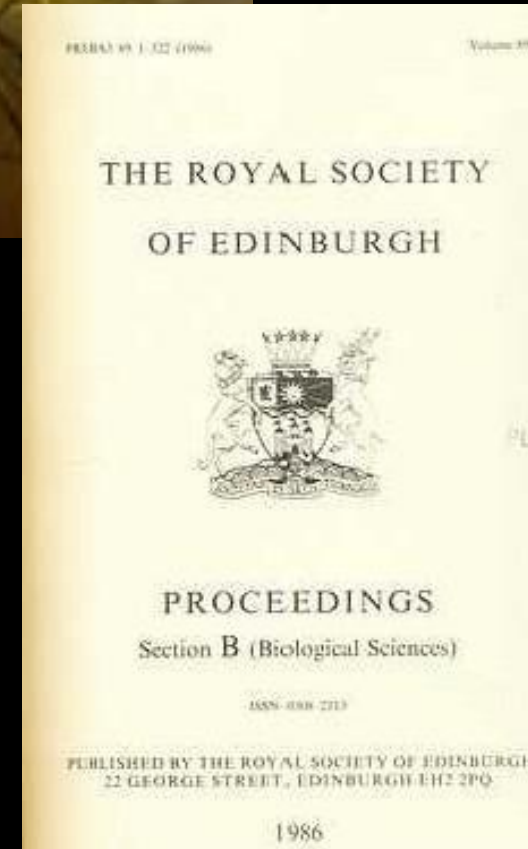
PETER S. MAITLAND, Ph.D. (Glasgow)

1974

The Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, 12 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland



Editor -
3 major international
journals



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SCOTTISH FRESHWATER GROUP

The 1st Meeting of this Group will be held on Thursday 5th September, 1968, in the Department of Biology at the University of Stirling (situated on the A9, between Stirling and Bridge of Allan). All those interested are invited to attend and are requested to complete and return the attached slip so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the numbers participating.

Peter S. Maitland,
The Nature Conservancy,
12 Hope Terrace,
EDINBURGH, 9.

Programme

1030. Introductory remarks by Mr. K.A. Pyefinch, Chairman of the 1st Meeting.
1045. ~~Mr. J. Ian Waddington. 'Physico-chemical aspects of some research in the Clyde areal. work.'~~
Mr. Andrew Miller. 'Auto analysis in river pollution prescription'
1130. Dr. D.H.N. Spence. 'Light and the distribution of freshwater macrophytes'.
1215. Lunch, followed by an opportunity to view the University Buildings and Estate.
1430. Dr. H.D. Slack. 'The occurrence of Chironomus anthracinus in Loch Lomond'.
1515. Dr. H.J. Egglislaw. 'Estimates of the production of Salmon and Trout in highland streams'.
1600. Open discussion on the function and value of the Group.

I intend to be present at the 1st Meeting of the Scottish Freshwater Group at the University of Stirling on 5th September, 1968.

Name:

Founder of the Scottish Freshwater Group

Chair 1968 to 1998

- 60 meetings
- 250 lectures
- 255 posters



Programme of the very first meeting 5th Sept 1968 in the
Dept of Biology, University of Stirling

Maitland Building: University of Glasgow's Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment,

Awards

- Marsh Award (Zoological Society of London) 1999
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh 1996
- Fellow of the FBA 1996
- FSBI Beverton Medal 2009

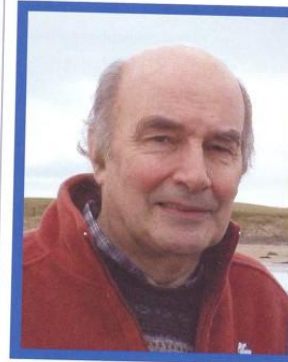


Winner of the 2009 Beverton Medal Prof. Peter S. Maitland FRSE

For almost half a century Prof. Peter Maitland has developed, dominated and led the international science community in the field of fish conservation.

The beginning of his career in the late 1950's was a time when fish were almost universally regarded as solely an exploitable natural resource. From the very beginning Peter's research philosophy took a more holistic, and at the time unfashionable view of fish as a component part of dynamic aquatic ecosystems. His seminal work on source-to-mouth animal community succession in rivers that provided data for his PhD thesis in 1961.

Royal Society to the Magazine of the Salmon Netsman's Association and Scottish Diver.



2007 this management strategy was embodied in the new Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill. Through his role on the IUCN Fish Group and the Scottish Natural Heritage Research Board he has successfully argued for the inclusion of legislative protection for several species freshwater fish on both the Wildlife and Countryside Act Schedules (power and vendace) and at European level, river and sea lamprey (through the Habitats and Species Directive). There must be few fish biologists who have seen their science contribute to legislative and policy change to such a

1982: Voted in to the International Society of Arctic charr Fanatics



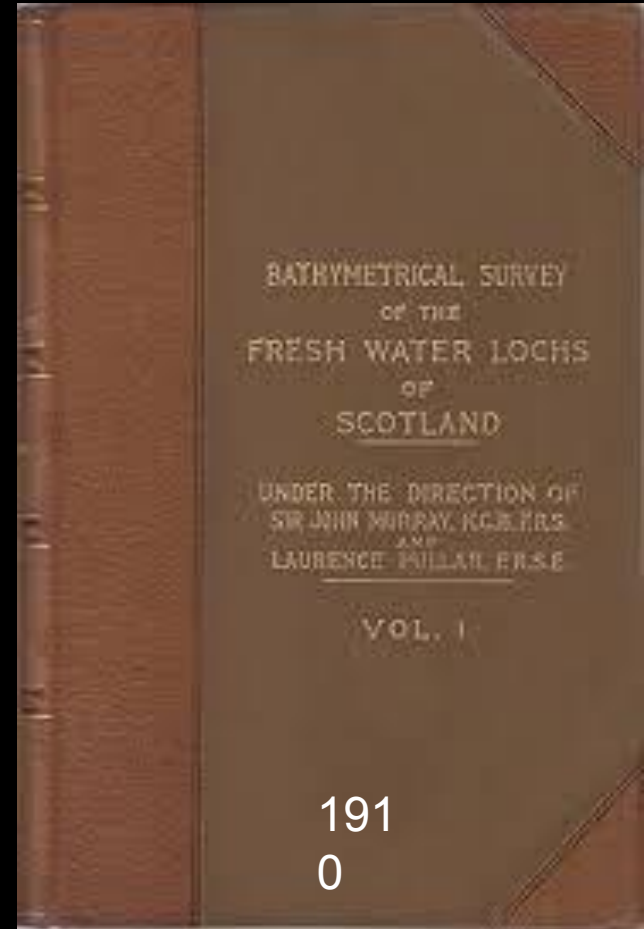
ISAC members in Scotland in

Research

- Keywords: Fresh waters / conservation / management / fundamental / applied
- Wide taxonomic interests

Empirical work:

- Field studies
- Synoptic approach
- Influenced by Murray and Pullar “catalogue quantify and contrast” approach
- Adopted similar approach to empirical research



The fresh waters of Shetland: I. The strategy of a synoptic resource analysis

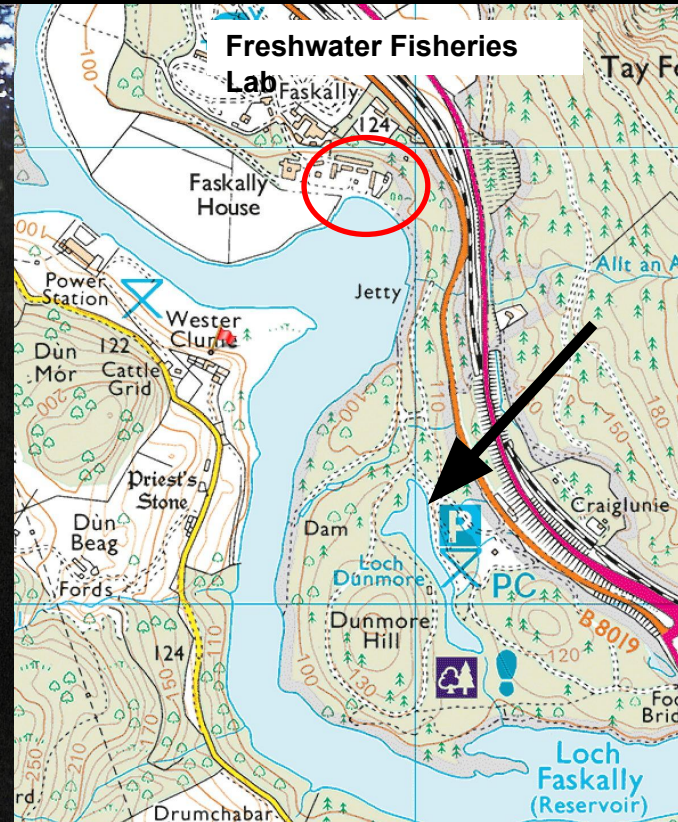
P. S. Maitland & R. H. Britton

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**The Insects of a Highland Lochan:
Loch Dunmore, near Pitlochry**

**Neville C Morgan &
Peter S Maitland**



Loch Dunmore

- Dystrophic
- chironomid dominated,
- kettle lake

**1957/58 Internship
at "Brown Trout Research
Lab"**

Multi-year quantitative characterisation
of whole ecosystem

- Diurnal and seasonal patterns of invert emergence
- Chironomid numbers up to 21,000 m⁻²
- Density 28 g.m⁻²



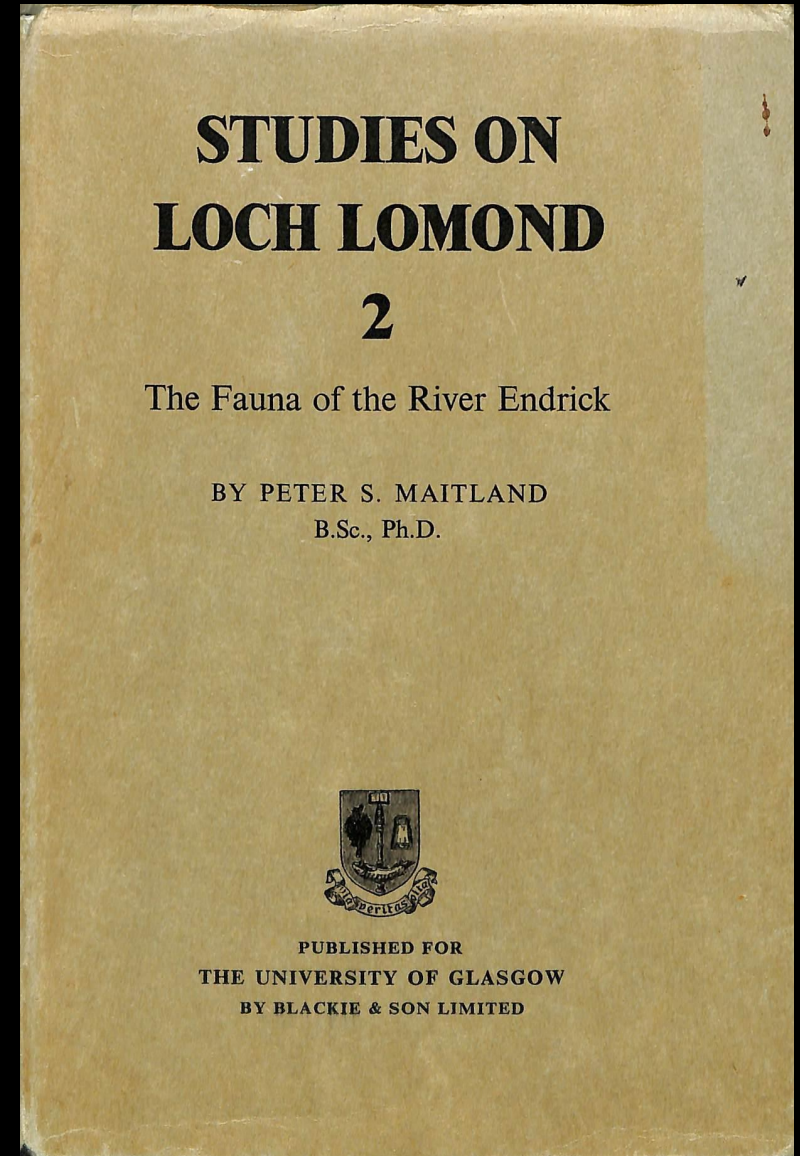
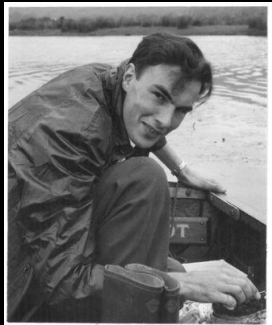
PhD thesis 1963

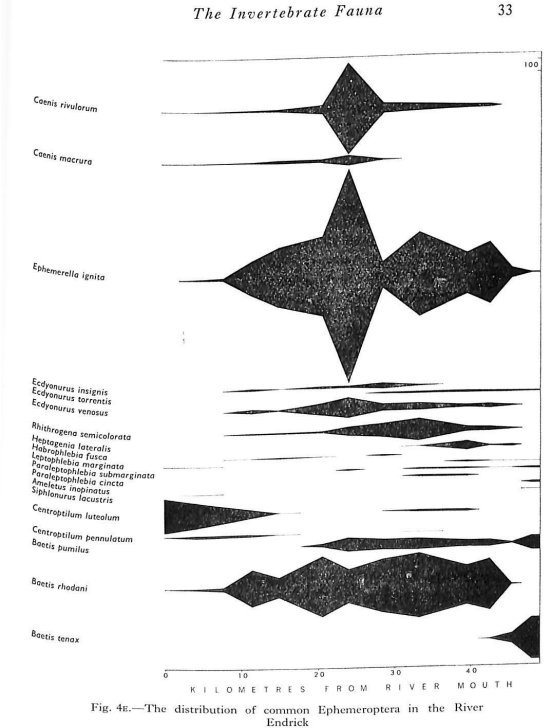
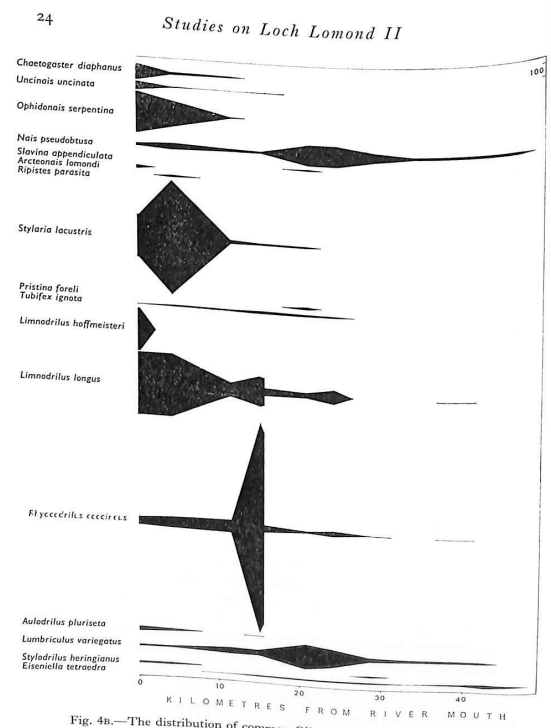
Ecological studies on the fauna of the River Endrick

Single ecosystem study of the River Endrick

Made very significant contributions to:

- Temporal and spatial patterns of variation in river fauna
- Intra-specific competition



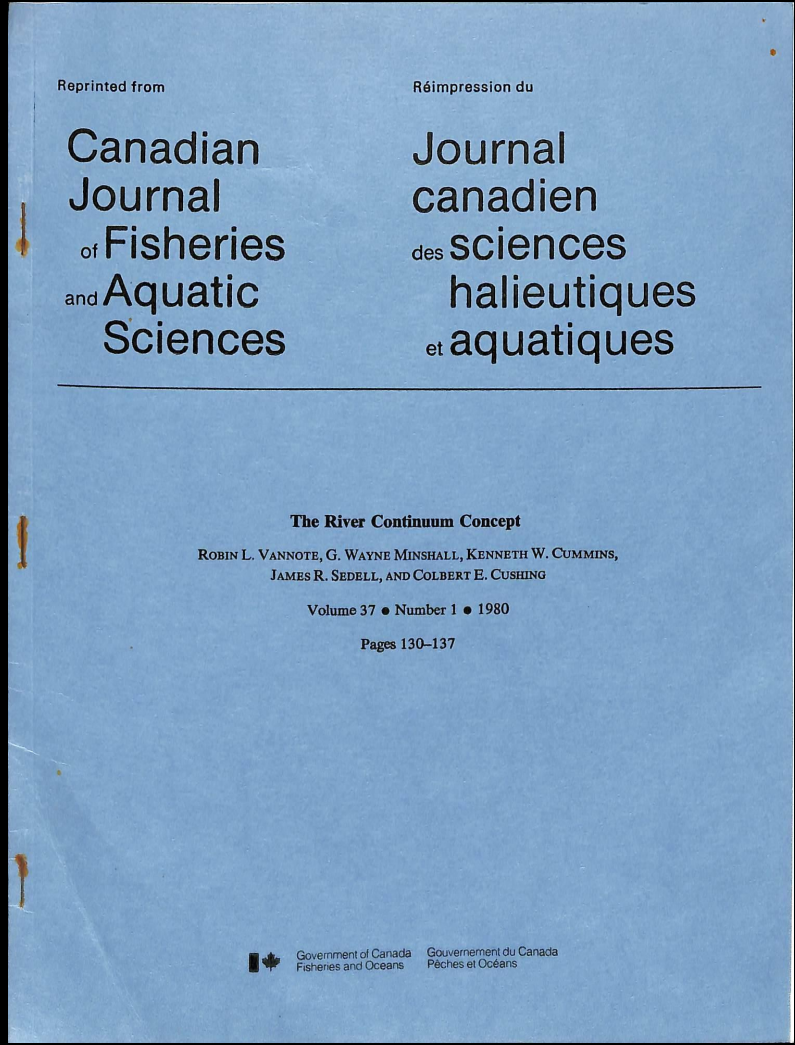


Oligochaetes

Ephemeropter

X-axis distance – Endrick mouth to headwaters

Peter Maitland
1966



Robin Vannote –
River Continuum Concept 1980

International Biological Programme 1967-73

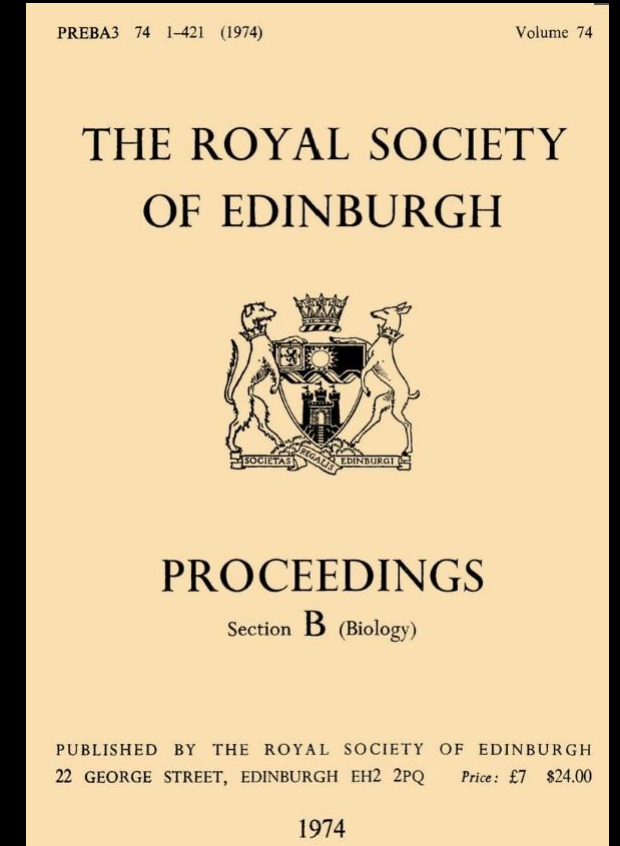
Ambitious programme of work to:

- Measure biological productivity
- Understand energy and nutrient flow

In Scotland Loch Leven was the main study site
Results: Proc Royal Soc of Edinburgh

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- 1974 Vol 74
- 24 Papers



The Zoobenthos of Loch Leven, Kinross, and Estimates of its Production in the Sandy Littoral Area during 1970 and 1971

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 05 December 2011

[Peter S. Maitland](#) and [Patricia M. G. Hudspith](#)

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estimates of macrobenthos production in medium sized lake 47
g.m²

Fresh waters of the Shetland Isles

1577 lochs
946 flowing
waters

Categorised:

- Water types
- Water chemistry
- Invertebrate communities
- Fish communities

Series of 5
papers

The fresh waters of Shetland: II resources and distribution *Freshwater Biology* (1984) **14**, 95–107

A. A. Lyle & R. H.

**The fresh waters of Shetland:
physical and morphometric characteristics of lochs**

D. G. GEORGE and P. S. MAITLAND Institute of Terrestrial Ecology,
Edinburgh, Scotland

1974
65 lochs sampled
54 running waters

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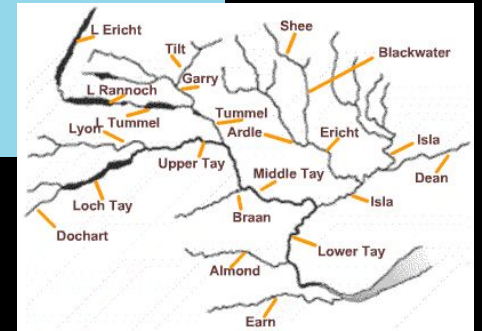
Outer Hebrides

Waterston, Holden, Campbell & Maitland 1979. The inland waters of the Outer Hebrides. Proc Roy Soc Edin 77 329-351.



Tay catchment

Maitland et al. 1981. The fresh waters of Tayside. ITE: Edinburgh.



Inner Hebrides

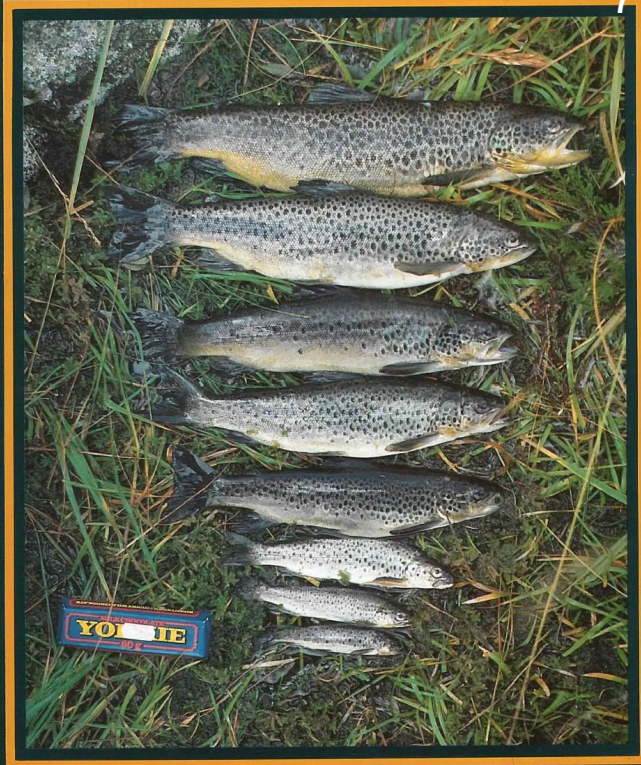
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ACIDIFICATION AND FISH IN SCOTTISH LOCHS

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INSTITUTE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL

1983 -
1986

Context:

- 1) pH 1.87 Inverpoly
- 2) Thatcher recognises acid rain effects
- 3) Scottish fish populations extinction –acid rain

Synoptic approach:

- Identified base-poor lochs at risk (N=377)

Empirical follow-up:

- 83 lochs surveyed (incl. control sites)
- Galloway lochs: of 11 studied all acidified; 6 fishless
- Inflowing/outflow tribs ca 32% fishless



The ecology of lampreys (Petromyzonidae) in the Loch Lomond area

Peter S. Maitland¹, Kenneth H. Morris² & Kenneth East³

¹Fish Conservation Centre, Easter Cringate, Stirling FK7 9QX, UK

²Bankton Park East, Murieston, Livingston EH54 9BN, UK

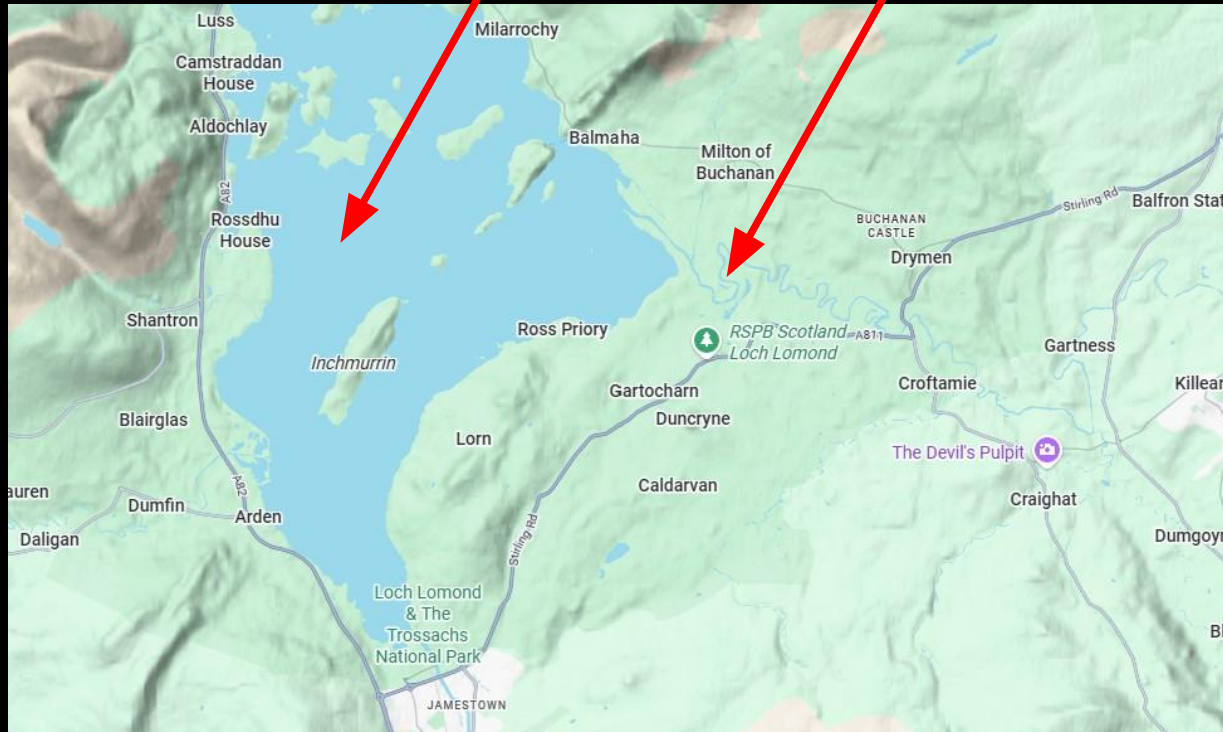
³27a Greenhill Gardens, Morningside, Edinburgh EH10 4BL, UK

Discovery of a non-anadromous parasitic lamprey in Loch Lomond 1992



Loch parasite feeding

Spawning site



Brook lamprey
Lampetra planeri

Freshwater feeding
parasitic form

River lamprey
Lampetra fluviatilis

Led directly to the Special Area of Conservation status

Scientific Advocacy

Angling and Wildlife Interactions workshop Oct 1985

146 participants

- Policy
- management
- Anglers
- Scientists

Lead poisoning and waterfowl
(G J Thomas*, C M Perrins† and J Searst†
*Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Sandy
†Department of Zoology, University of Oxford, Oxford)

Angler litter
(R W Edwards and M Cryer, Department of Applied Biology, University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, Cardiff)

Disturbance by anglers of birds at Grafham Water
(A S Cooke, Nature Conservancy Council, Northminster House, Peterborough)

The effects of angling interests on otters, with particular reference to disturbance
(D J Jefferies, Nature Conservancy Council, Northminster House, Peterborough)

Habitat modification associated with freshwater angling
(K J Murphy* and H G Pearce†
*Department of Botany, University of Glasgow, Glasgow
†Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, Bulls Cross, Enfield)

Use and effects of piscicides
(B R S Morrison, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory, Pitlochry)

Predator control
(D H Mills, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh)

Fish introductions and translocations – their impact in the British Isles
(P S Maitland, Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Bush Estate, Penicuik)

Multi-purpose use of waters
(M L Parry, Severn Trent Water Authority, Birmingham)

Angling and wildlife conservation
(D W Mackay, Clyde River Purification Board, East Kilbride)

Angling and wildlife conservation – are they incompatible?
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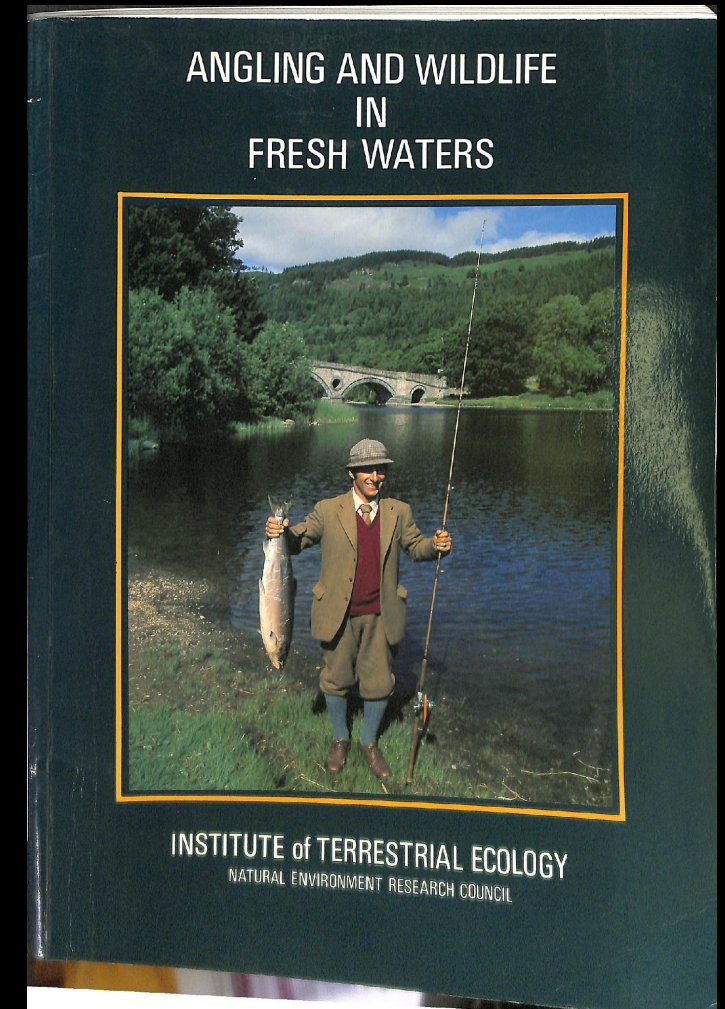
P S MAITLAND* and A K TURNER†

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†Department of Zoology, University of Glasgow, Glasgow

Introductions – 2008 prohibition of fish introductions in the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

Lead use by anglers: banned in the Control of Pollution (Anglers' Lead Weights) Regulations 1986



Scientific Advocacy

Review of Policies Concerning Freshwater fish in Scotland

1965 Hunter Report

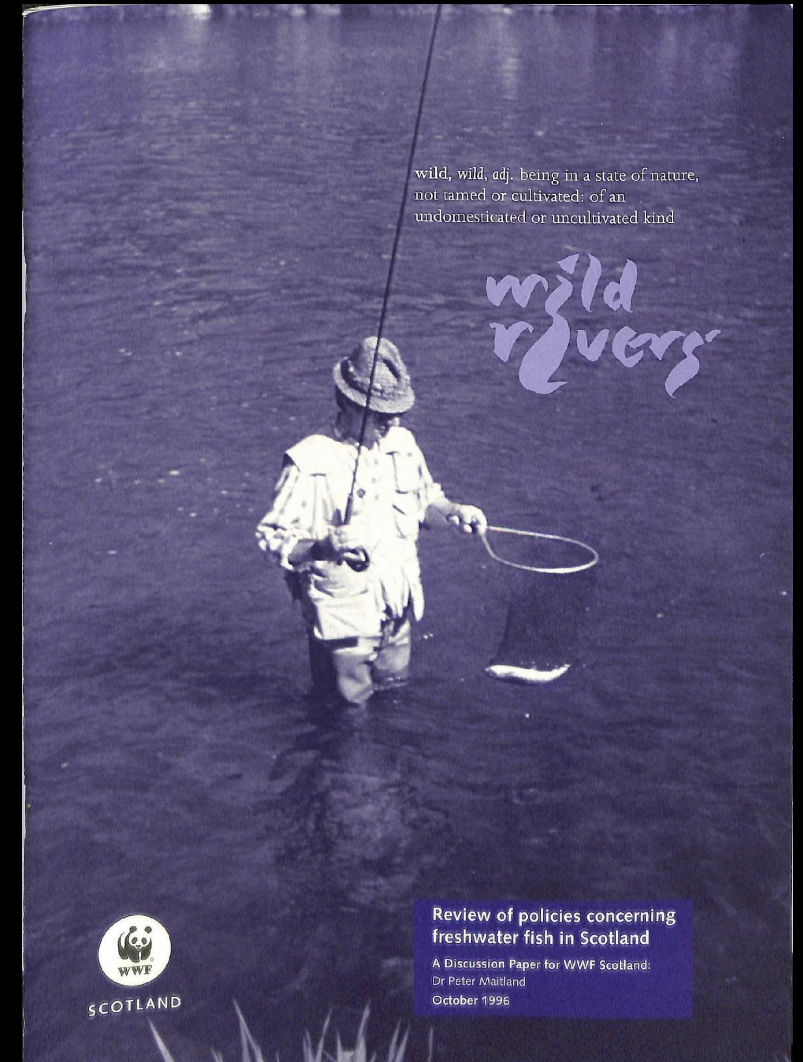
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1996 Wild Rivers WWF Report -

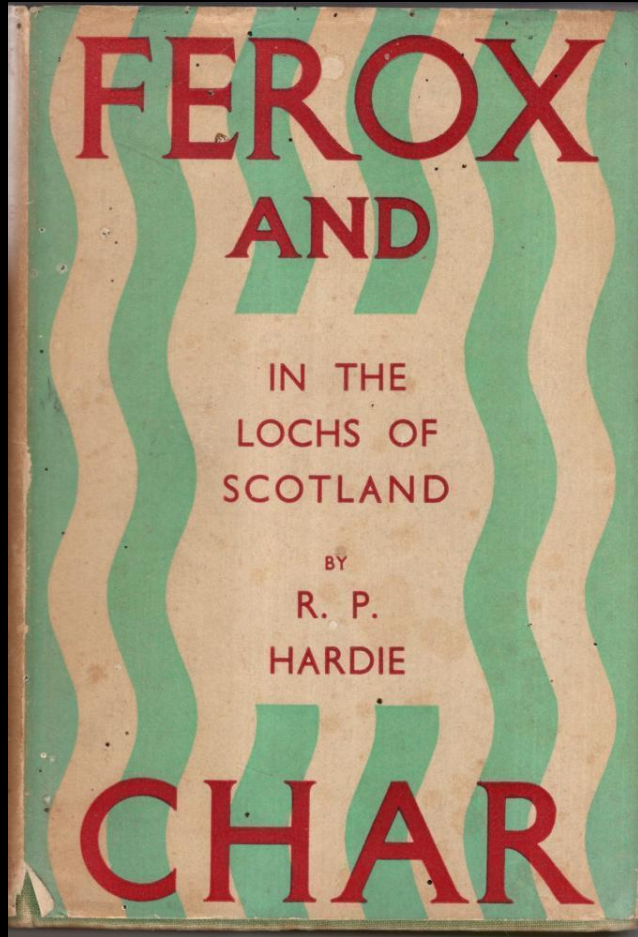
clear and erudite statement of the problems and vision for the future

expressed in forthright terms



Maitland 1996 published
WWF

Scholarship



Robert P. Hardie

Edinburgh University Reader – Greek philosophy

Died 1942

Part II thought to be lost

**Part II Manuscript emerged
2010**

Passed to Niall Campbell

Passed to Peter by Ronald Campbell

Part I. 1940 Cost: 5/- (25p) Oliver and Boyd

Over the next year:

- Text reconstructed
- Developed as was intended (but with correctional footnotes)
- Published – Perfect Publishers

Part 1 & 2 Re- published as a box set by Coch-y-Bonddu Books



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£75



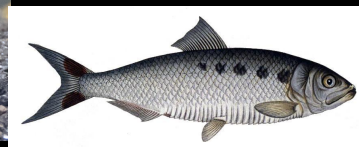
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River lamprey
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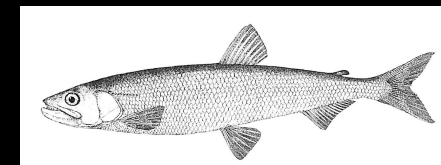
Brook lamprey
Lampetra planeri



Allis shad
Alosa alosa



Twaite shad
Alosa fallax



Sparling
Osmerus eperlanus



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Vendace
Coregonus albula



Arctic charr
Salvelinus alpinus



Medicinal leech
Hirudo medicinalis



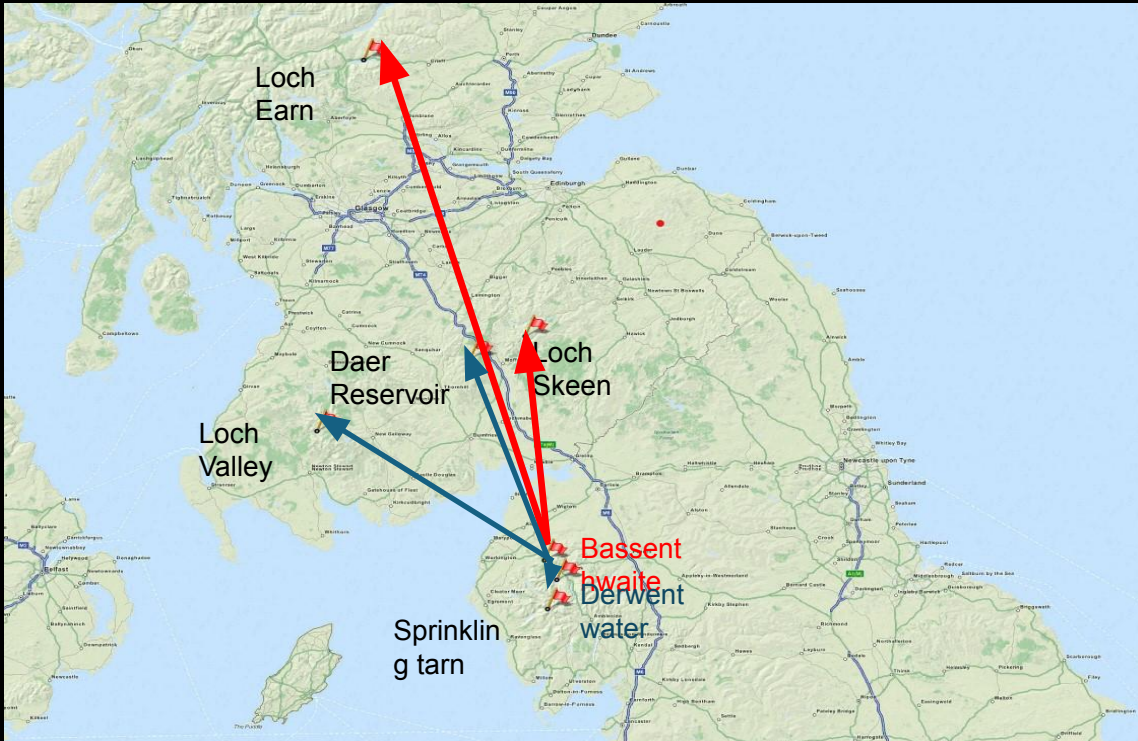
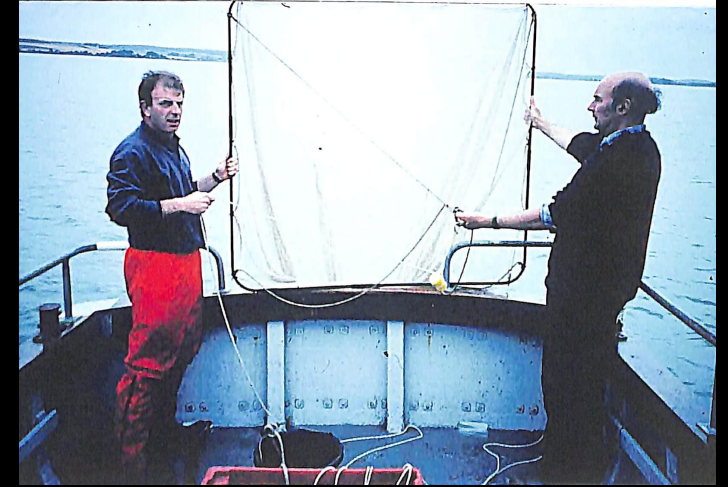
Tadpole shrimp
Triops cancriformis

Active conservation
actions

Practical Conservation Acti



Vendace
Coregonus albula



Conservation refuge translocations
Loss of 2 native populations in Scotland by 1970s
Initiated conservation translocations to 4 Scottish sites

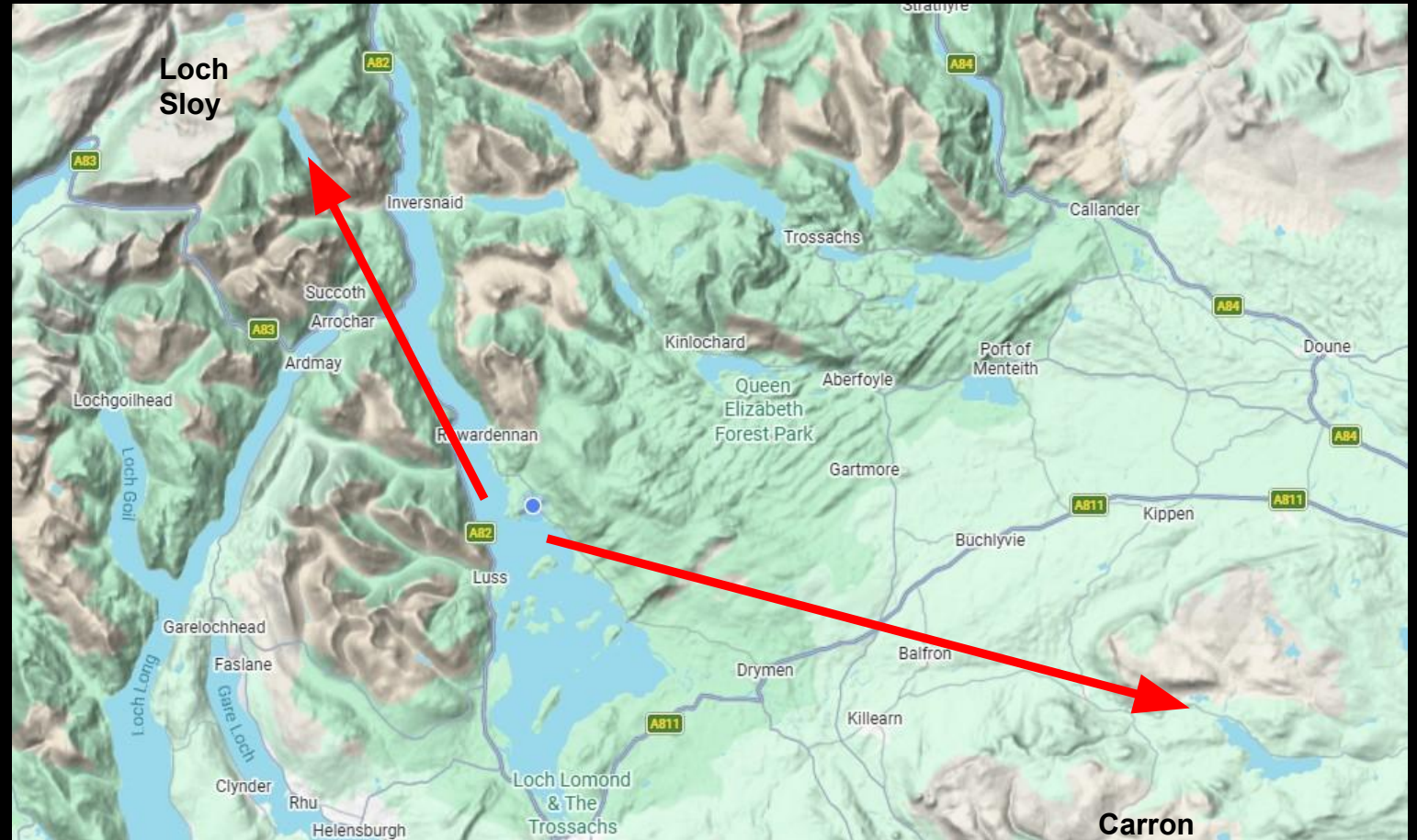


Powan
Coregonus lavaretus



Arctic charr
Salvelinus alpinus

Two conservation refuge sites for powan
1980's



Two refuge populations for Loch Doon charr in Megget and
Talla

Engaging with a wider audience

Accessible books on fish

