### Riverine Habitat Audit Procedure — SHEET 10  
**Aquatic Habitat**

#### Tributary Name

**Instream Debris Cover**

Assessment is made in terms of the % cover of the surface area for the zone specified for each type.

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>% Cover</th>
<th>Presence/absence</th>
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<tr>
<td>Individual log</td>
<td>&lt; 1%</td>
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<td>1 - 5%</td>
<td>1 = presence</td>
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<td>6 - 25%</td>
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<td>&gt; 25%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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- **diam. > 250 mm**
- **diam. > 300 mm**
- **diam. < 300 mm**

### LEFT BANK

- **% bank length type present**
- **Est. Av. width (m)**

**Canopy Cover**

- **% bank length type present**
- **Est. Av. width (m)**

**Vegetation Overhang**

- **% bank length type present**
- **Est. Av. width (m)**

**Root Overhang**

- **% bank length type present**
- **Est. Av. width (m)**

**Bank Overhang**

- **% bank length type present**
- **Est. Av. width (m)**

**Man-made Overhang**

- **% bank length type present**
- **Est. Av. width (m)**

### RIGHT BANK

- **% bank length type present**
- **Est. Av. width (m)**

**OVERALL AQUATIC RATING FOR ALL AQUATIC LIFE**

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<td>*high diversity of depths and substrates *little disturbance *high diversity of cover *excellent canopy &amp; other veg. cover</td>
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<td><strong>Good</strong></td>
<td>*mod. diverse of depths &amp; substrates *little disturbance *good diversity of cover *moderate canopy &amp; other veg. cover</td>
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Combining all the assessment items and the general signs at the site, give it an overall rating for fish, invertebrates, birds & mammals.

Record the number of patches of each type present, and % cover or presence.

5% cover | 10% cover | 15% cover | 25% cover | 50% cover | 75% cover | 90% cover | 0% = absent

'1' = presence only record 0% or <25% not assessed

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