

# Coastal Embankment Breaching, Lowering or Removal

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## Aim

The aim of this capital item is to restore intertidal habitats that will help manage flood risk and benefit biodiversity.

This will be achieved through the removal or lowering of all or part of coastal embankments.

## Eligibility

Any land adjacent to the coast with an embankment designed to prevent flooding is eligible.

## Spatial targeting



[Map of target area – Coastal Embankment Breaching, Lowering or Removal \(PDF, Size: 1.2 MB\)](#)

doc\_external\_url: [https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/53\\_Coastal\\_Embankment\\_Removal.pdf](https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/53_Coastal_Embankment_Removal.pdf) This option is available within the target area shown on this map. It may be possible to apply for this option outside this area where there is strong justification as endorsed by Scottish Natural Heritage.

You can check if this item is available on your holding [here](#).

## Application requirements

You must prepare a plan showing the locations of the embankment you propose to remove or lower on a map and detailing how spoil material will be disposed.

## Requirements

You must remove or lower all or part of the embankments that are no longer required as a defence, as detailed in your plan.

## Claim requirements

You must have completed all the necessary pre-works assessments and designs, and obtained all relevant permissions / approvals prior to commencing the works and submitted these with the claim.

## Payment

Payment will be made on an actual cost basis, upon completion of the work.

There is a separate management option to support the management of coastal floodplains:

- [Wetland Management](#)

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work

- you have removed or lowered all or part of the embankments that are no longer required as a defence, as detailed in your plan

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