

Appendix 7.12: A Guide for CCI Alignment with Evaluation Criteria

CCI	Description	Guide CCI value	Alignment with evaluation criteria	Additional notes
0.0 to 5.0	Sites supporting only common species and/or a community of low taxon richness.	Low	No to Negligible	No value if very low taxon richness is indicative of poor water quality.
>5.0 to 10.0	Sites supporting at least one species of restricted distribution and/or a community of moderate taxon richness.	Moderate	Negligible to Local/parish	Local if at least one species of restricted distribution is present within a community of moderate taxon richness.
>10.0 to 15.0	Sites supporting at least one uncommon species, or several species of restricted distribution and/or a community of high taxon richness.	Fairly High	Local/parish to District/borough	District if several species of restricted distribution occur within a community of high taxon richness.
>15.0 to 20.0	Sites supporting several uncommon species, at least one of which may be nationally rare and/or a community of high taxon richness.	High	District/borough to County/metropolitan	County if nationally rare species occur within a community of high taxon richness.
>20.0	Sites supporting several rarities, including species of national importance, or at least one extreme rarity (e.g. taxa included in the British RDBs) and/or a community of very high taxon richness.	Very High (potentially of national significance and may merit statutory protection)	Regional to National (possibly International)	National where site supports endangered/vulnerable or endemic Red Data Book species.