

Dr. Ronan Matson – Research Officer Water Framework Directive



Ronan Matson graduated University College Dublin (UCD) in 2002 with a BSc. (Hons) in Environmental Biology. He continued his studies at the School of Biology and Environmental Science, completing a Ph.D. (2007) on the use of aquatic macrophytes as biological indicators of riverine environmental quality. During his time in UCD he also worked with an environmental consultancy *Aquens*, sampling fish and invertebrates.

After his Ph.D., Ronan worked for a further year in UCD as a research assistant on the FORWATER project studying the potential effects of forestry on small rivers across a range of different geology types.

Ronan joined the CFB in 2008 as a research officer on the Water Framework Directive project working on rivers, lakes and transitional waters. His main area of focus, however, has been on the river surveillance monitoring programme, where he is involved with sampling rivers using electric fishing and in the intercalibration process, developing fish tools throughout Europe for assessing water quality.

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