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## 1 Introduction

Micropollutants have been detected ubiquitously in the aquatic environment. In addition to pesticides and industrial chemicals, pharmaceutical agents used in human and veterinary medicine have become the focus of discussion.

As a large number of micropollutants cannot be retained in a targeted manner or only inadequately in conventional mechanical-biological sewage water treatment plants, their targeted elimination by means of micropollutant elimination stages (ozonation, adsorption on activated carbon, etc.) currently is being intensively investigated. However, micropollutant elimination stages are mainly used in larger sewage water treatment plants. Simple and robust solutions for smaller sewage water treatment plants are hardly available. However, small sewage water treatment plants sometimes have a major impact on water quality because they discharge into small receiving water bodies. A simple and effective option are constructed wetlands with activated carbon layers or AC-soil mixtures for micropollutant adsorption. High elimination efficiencies of more than 80 % have been demonstrated by (Brunsch et. al, 2018)). As an alternative to conventional activated carbon biochar can be used . Biochar is a carbon material that can be produced by carbonisation (pyrolysis: combustion in the low-oxygen environment) of various bio-based materials. Activation of the biochar further increases its surface area and improves its adsorption capacity. Within the framework of WOW! project, the production of biochar from cellulose from wastewater (toilet paper) as feedstock has been proved (WOW, 2020). However, the activation of the biochar showed only low efficiency. Therefore, the pyrolysis of cellulose at low temperature in combination with biological activation was tested. (Vendetti et al., 2023) showed high removal efficiency for a biological activated biochar consisting of 50% biochar and 50% straw. In the following, biologically activated charcoal from a cellulose-straw mixture is referred to as WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>.

In the report, solutions for biochar production (on larger sewage treatment plants (STPs)) and subsequently their use in Constructed Wetlands as WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> (on smaller STPs) are developed for three different areas in NWE.

## 2 Description of process technology

### 2.1 Production of WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>

Sewage water contains a lot of cellulose, which is well suited for biochar production. The share of cellulose in the total COD in the influent of the wastewater treatment plant is about 30% (Ruiken, 2013). Fine sieves can be used to remove the cellulose from the wastewater. It can then be dewatered, dried and pressed into pellets. For the case study, a mixture of cellulose pellets and straw (50% cellulose and 50% straw by volume) was considered to produce biochar, which is carbonised under lack of oxygen at high temperatures and subsequently biologically activated. Studies by (Vendetti et al, 2023) showed the highest micropollutant elimination rates for this type of biochar.

Cellulose is mainly found in fibrous form in municipal sewage water and can be removed with high efficiency using fine sieves. For cellulose separation, especially "rotating belt fine sieves" can be used. This involves two processes: Separation of solid particles and their subsequent thickening in a space-saving form.

The sewage water passes through the continuously moving filter belt. The speed of rotation changes depending on the amount of charged sewage water flow. The mesh size can be chosen between 90 and 2000 microns, depending on the wastewater quality and the purification objective. Suspended solids and solids larger than the pore diameters are retained and help to remove finer materials from the sewage water. The sievings are washed in a cellulose scrubber and dewatered in a screw press. Figure 1 shows an example for the fine sieves.



Figure 1: Fine sieves in Ede (WOW, 2022)

With the removal of cellulose from the sewage water, the COD-load to biological treatment stage is reduced. The required oxygen demand in the biological stage for oxidation of the carbon compounds and thus the required energy demand is reduced. However, with the use of cellulose for WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> production, less energy-rich primary sludge is available on the STP that can be used in the digestion stage for biogas production. In the case study, therefore, only simultaneously aerobically stabilizing STPs on which no primary sedimentation and no digester are installed were considered for the integration of fine sieves.

## 2.2 Elimination of micropollutant with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> in constructed wetlands

Constructed wetlands are used as a nature-based sewage water treatment technology in rural areas (DWA-A 216, 2006) and for the treatment of discharge water from combined sewer systems (Grotehusmann, 2015). Studies by (Brunsch et al., 2018), showed that with constructed wetlands micropollutants such as heavy metals and pharmaceutical residues can be eliminated in the effluent of a STP by the addition of activated carbon. (Vendetti et al. 2022a, 2022b) demonstrated on a pilot scale level that also high elimination rates for micropollutants can be achieved with the use of biochar in constructed wetlands. (Venditti et al. 2023) showed on a pilot scale that a comparably high elimination performance of 80% on average can be achieved with the biologically activated WOW<sub>biochar</sub> from recovered cellulose from sewage water. The results show that this nature based technology can achieve elimination rates comparable to technical processes for micro-pollutant removal such as ozonation and GAK filters. Due to the simple design and low operational effort, the use of constructed wetlands with integrated char is particularly suitable for small STPs.

The structure of a conventional constructed wetland for the purification of discharge water from combined sewer systems is shown in Figure 2. The filter body of sand (diameter 0.063-2 mm) has a layer thickness of 0.75 to 1 m. It is dewatered by a drainage system situated below the filter layer (filter gravel 2-8 mm diameter). Beneath the drainage layer the constructed wetland is sealed against the ground with an impervious membrane. The water can be supplied either from above (vertical flow) or from the side (horizontal flow). Distribution channels ensure an even distribution of the sewage water. As the water percolates through the filter layer, both physical (adsorption) and biochemical (microbiological cleaning) processes take place, purifying the wastewater. In general, constructed wetlands are planted with reeds to ensure a permeable filter surface. (E. Christoffels, 2014).

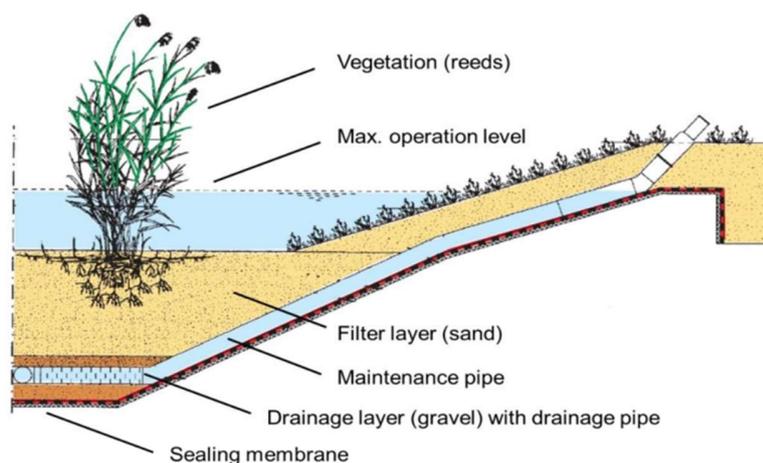


Figure 2: Filter construction of a conventional Retention Soil Filter ((E. Christoffels, 2014))

For the case study, WOW<sub>biochar</sub> is used for the elimination of micro-pollutants in constructed wetlands. According to (Venditti et al. 2023), a 65 cm high layer with a mixture of 85 vol.% sand with grain size 0-3 mm and 15 vol.% WOW<sub>biochar</sub> was chosen for the filter design (see Figure 3). The efficiency of the biologically activated WOW<sub>biochar</sub> was expected at an average of 80 % for micropollutant elimination.

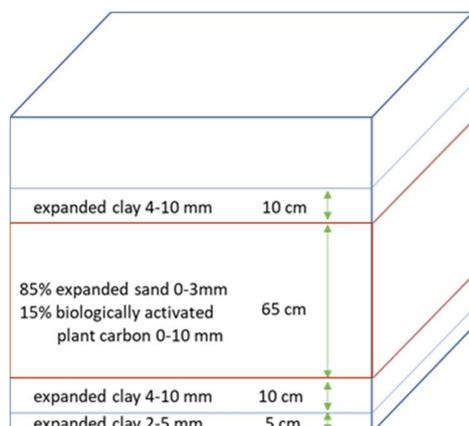


Figure 3: Filter structure of retention soil filter (RSF) with addition of biologically activated plant carbon (WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>)

## 2.3 Design of constructed wetlands and fine sieves

### 2.3.1 Constructed wetlands

For the determination of the required filter area of the constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>, the following two approaches can be considered according to (Venditti et al., 2023):

- specific area of 0.4 m<sup>2</sup>/p.e.
- average hydraulic surface loading of 200 L/m<sup>2</sup>/d or maximum hydraulic surface loading of 400 L/m<sup>2</sup>/d

The larger yield area was used in the following calculation. Length and width were chosen according to the space available. For the sand and WOW<sub>biochar</sub> proportions, the ratios according to chapter 2.2 were taken into account. For the calculation of the WOW<sub>biochar</sub> mass, a char density of 1,500 kg/m<sup>3</sup> was used. Figure 4 shows as example the dimensioning and the design of a soil filter for the STP Haupersweiler in Saarland (Germany) with a serving size of 3,033 population equivalents (PE).

WWTP	Unit	Haupersweiler
<b>Input Data</b>		
Connected PE	PE	3,033
Annual flow	m <sup>3</sup> /a	794,346
Waste water flow to constructed wetland	m <sup>3</sup> /a	525,600
Treating process	-	BB/DN/AS
Receiving water	-	OSTER
<b>Wetlands Data</b>		
Area	m <sup>2</sup>	3630
Length	m	66
Width	m	55
Filterbody	m <sup>3</sup>	2360
Volume: Sand	m <sup>3</sup>	2006
Volume: WOW <sub>char</sub>	m <sup>3</sup>	354
Amount of WOW <sub>Biochar</sub> (50% straw/cellulose)	kg	530,888
Investment costs without WOW <sub>Biochar</sub>	€	2,050,801
Production costs	€	2,050,801
Transport costs	€	4,202
WOW <sub>Biochar</sub>	€	4,202
Transport costs	€	-
Cellulose	€	-
<b>Total investment costs of constructed wetland</b>	€	<b>2,585,890</b>
Average filter velocity	m/h	0.013
Average Hydraulic Volume Rate	L/(m <sup>2</sup> ·d)	323.967

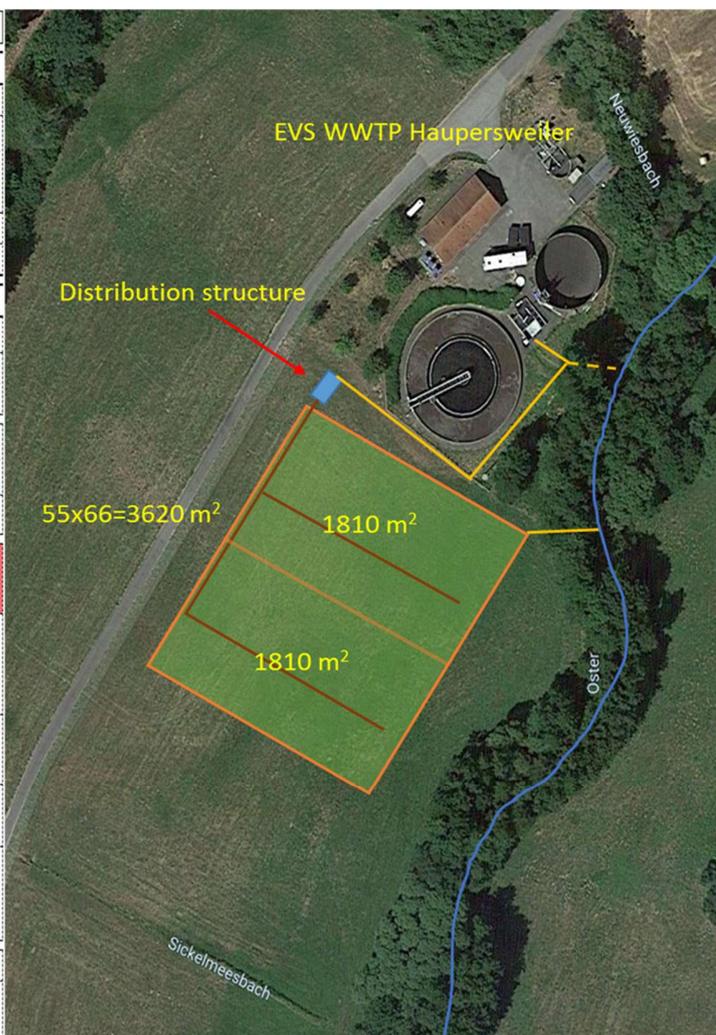


Figure 4: Example for RSF design for small STP Haupersweiler in Catchment area Blies in Saarland (Germany)

### 2.3.2 Fine sieves

The fine sieves were designed for the maximum sewage water flow. For the maximum hydraulic capacity of a fine sieve module, 484 m<sup>3</sup>/h was taken from a manufacturer's quotation. When determining the number of fine sieve, a reserve module was always included. The purification performance of the fine sieve was determined analogously to a separation performance of a primary clarifier with a hydraulic retention time of 1.5-2 h according to (DWA A 131, 2016).

## 2.4 Investment cost

### 2.4.1 Constructed wetlands

In order to determine the investment costs, specific costs in €/m<sup>2</sup> were applied depending on the filter surface area according to (Grotehusmann, 2015). These investment costs refer to the year 2014 and were therefore extrapolated to the year 2021 with an inflation rate of 6% (conversion factor: 1.689). The cost curve calculated with this data is shown in Figure 5.

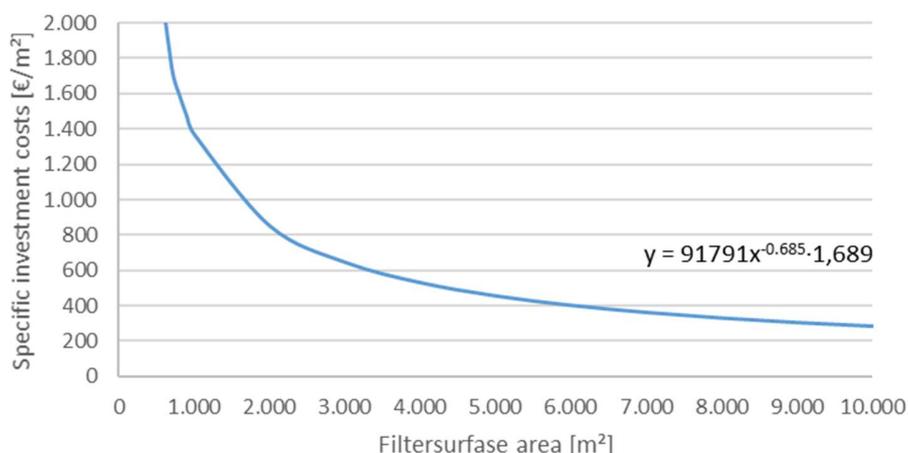


Figure 5: Specific investment costs for constructed wetlands of combined sewer overflows depending on the filter surface area for the year 2021 (modified data from (Grotehusmann, 2015) reference year 2014)

Table 1 shows the cost shares for the constructed wetlands. In addition, the costs for pyrolysis and biological activation of the  $WOW_{Biochar}$  must be taken into account. Based on manufacturer's data, a price of 1,000 €/ton was estimated.

Table 1: Constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{Biochar}$  cost breakdown (modified, Dieter Grotehusmann, M. U. (2015))

Constructed wetlands cost breakdown	Capital expenditures breakdown in %	Depreciation period in years
Earthwork and filters installation	45 %	25a
Inlet and outlet structures	25 %	40a
Sealing	10 %	25a
Instrumentation and control engineering (ICE)	10 %	10a
Plants	5 %	25a
Rest	5 %	10a
$WOW_{Char}$	$WOW_{Char} Costs$	25a
Sum	$Costs\ without\ WOW_{Char}$	
	100%+ $WOW_{Char} Costs$ [%]	

#### 2.4.2 Fine sieves

Table 2 shows the costs for the fine sieves for cellulose recovery. The number of fine sieves depends on the maximum inflow volume flow. The costs of instrumentation and control engineering are estimated at 15% of the costs for the machine technology. The integration of the cellulose recovery plant into an existing STP is estimated to be about 50% of the total investment costs.

Table 2: Investment Cellulose fine sieve

Cellulose finesieve cost breakdown			
Pos.	Name	Depreciation period (year)	Preis (€)
1	Cellulose Screen	15	100,000
2	Cellulose scrubber	15	35,000
3	Screw press	15	40,000
4	Instrumentation and control engineering (ICE): 15% Machine technology	15	15%
5	Integration: 50% total costs		50% total costs

## 2.5 Case Study

Considering the described design approach and the prementioned costs, concepts for recovery of cellulose and subsequent production of WOWBiochar on larger STPs and the construction of constructed wetlands on smaller STPs were investigated for the following three NWE regions.

- River catchment in Saarland / Germany
- Region in the south-west of Ireland
- Scotland

### 3 Saarland: River Blies

#### 3.1 Description of the catchment area

The Blies is the largest tributary of the river Saar and lies almost entirely in the Saarland. The total area of the Blies catchment is 1,960 km<sup>2</sup>. The upper part of the Blies catchment selected for further consideration lies entirely in the Saarland and covers an area of 445 km<sup>2</sup>. The catchment area contains 33 STPs with a capacity between 30 and 75,000 PE. The total number of connected inhabitants is 206,000 PE. Drainage usually takes place in combined sewer systems.

On the most important tributary, the Oster, with a flow length of almost 30 km, there are 15 STPs (including the small tributaries) with a capacity between 30 and 4,000 PE and with the following process technology:

- 7 conventional wastewater treatment plants with activated sludge processes (nitrification, denitrification and simultaneously aerobic sludge stabilisation),
- 2 aerated pond plants with sliding immersion tanks,
- 5 SBR plants
- 1 constructed wetland.

The total connected population is 17,777 PE. The catchment area with the STPs is shown in Figure 6.

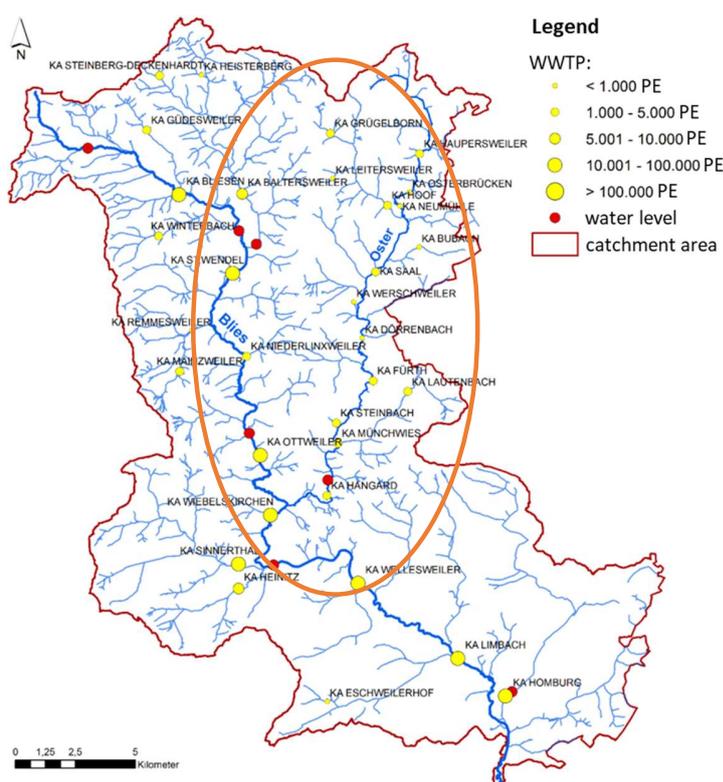


Figure 6: Selected part of catchment area Blies, Saarland (Germany) with considered STP for RSFs installation (modified) (Schmitt et al., 2019)

For the sub-catchment of the Blies described above a study was carried out in 2015 to assess the impact of STPs on the water body (Schmitt et al., 2019). The receiving water bodies of the STPs are relatively small, but some STPs discharge their effluent near the spring area, therefore they have a high influence on the micro-pollutants concentration in the water body. Figure 7 e. g. shows the balanced concentration for the pharmaceutical Diclofenac along the flow path of the river Oster. With the discharge of the Happersweiler STP, the concentration already rises above the discussed quality criteria of the Environmental Quality Standards Directive (EQSD). With the discharge of other STPs, the concentration rises to over 80 ng/l.

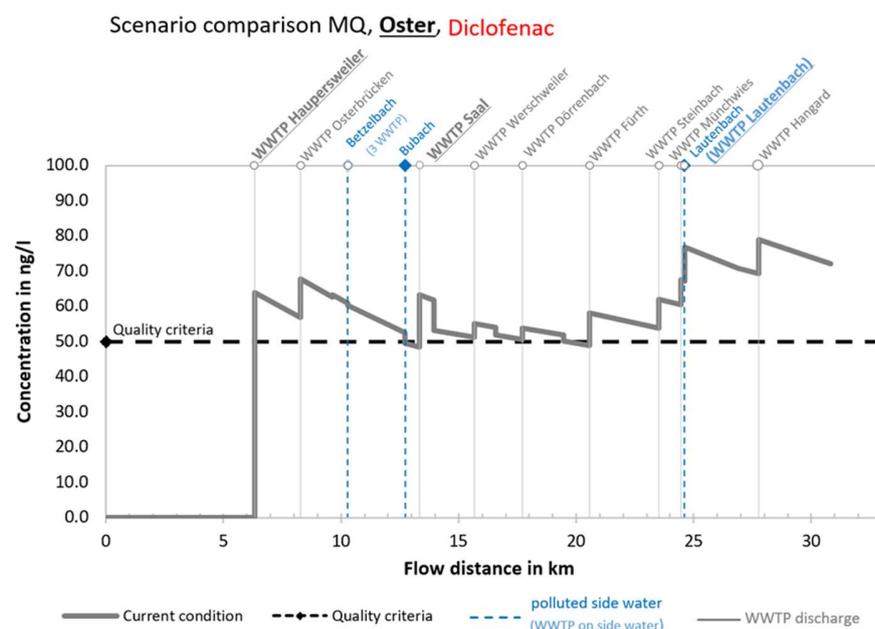


Figure 7: Concentration profile of River Oster for Diclofenac (modified) (Schmitt et al., 2019)

For this sub-catchment, it was investigated whether the quality criteria for the parameter Diclofenac in the Oster river can be met by implementation of constructed wetlandes with  $WOW_{biochar}$ . Furthermore, it should be examined whether sufficient cellulose for the production of  $WOW_{biochar}$  can be recovered in the catchment. Here, only the integration of cellulose recovery with fine sieves at the STP was considered in detail. For the production of biochar, it was assumed that a pyrolysis plant near the Ottweiler STP could be used. This location is centrally located, thus minimising the transport costs for the cellulose and the  $WOW_{biochar}$ . Two variants were investigated for the Blies catchment:

- Variant 1** describes the case where STP Happersweiler, STP Saal and Lautenbach are extended by constructed wetlandes with  $WOW_{biochar}$ , with cellulose recovery taking place at the STP Happersweiler, STP Sinnerthal and STP Ottweiler. STP Happersweiler has a high influence on the micro-pollutant concentration (see Figure 7) and it is planned to connect additional 800 PE. to the treatment plant. By installing fine sieves, the cost-intensive expansion of the plant can be avoided. STP Saal is an aerated pond system with disc-baffles, which should be converted to an activated sludge system within the next 10 years, resulting in sufficient space for a constructed wetland with

WOW<sub>biochar</sub>. The STP Lautenbach has a small tributary as a receiving water body, so that the installation of an constructed wetland makes sense here as well.

- **Variante 2** combines all treatment plants where it would be possible to install constructed wetland with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>. Since in this case a much higher quantity of WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> would be required, the number of treatment plants where cellulose recovery has to be installed increases. The variant is intended to demonstrate the maximum possible reduction of micro-pollutants in water bodies by use of constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> at smaller STPs.

Table 3 provides an overview of the two variants.

Table 3: Variants for the implementation of constructed wetlands and fine sieves for the river catchment Blies (Saarland, Germany)

WWTP	Variant 1		Variant 2	
	Constructed Wetland +	Finesieve	Constructed Wetland +	Finesieve
	WOW <sub>Biochar</sub>		WOW <sub>Biochar</sub>	
Hauersweiler	X	X	X	X
Saal	X		X	
Lautenbach	X		X	
Osterbrücken				
Werschweiler			X	
Dörrenbach				
Fürth			X	
Steinbach				
Münchwies				
Hangard			X	
Leitersweiler			X	
Hoof			X	
Grügelborn			X	
Bubach/Ostertal				
Sinnerthal		X		X
St.Wendel				X
Bliesen				X
Ottweiler		X		X
Wiebelskirchen				X

## 3.2 Variant 1

### 3.2.1 Implementation of constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> at small STPs

For design of the micro-pollutant elimination stage, only the wastewater portion has to be treated. According to (KOM-M.NRW, 2016), the following criteria are recommended for determining the design sewage water flow:

- The design sewage water flow should be greater than or equal to the maximum dry weather runoff in the annual average.
- The design sewage water flow treated with the soil filter must be greater than or equal to 70% of the annual water volume.

The procedure is explained using the STP Hauersweiler as an example. The dry weather days were determined using the polygon of the moving 21-day minima of the daily discharges (ATV-DVWK-A 198).

(2003)). This method considers a time interval of 10 days before and 10 days after the observed day. All daily flows between the minimum daily flow and 1.2 times the minimum daily flow are classified as dry weather flows (see Figure 8). The maximum dry weather flow was determined for these derived dry weather days. This results in a mean dry water flow of 54 m<sup>3</sup>/h and a maximum dry water flow of 73 m<sup>3</sup>/h (annual mean value) for the STP Happersweiler.

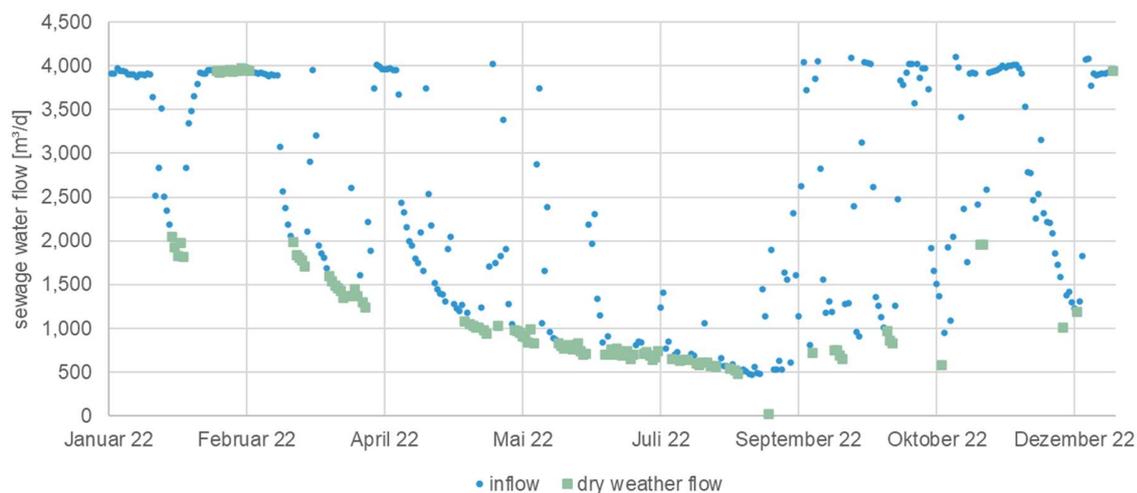


Figure 8: Dry weather days in 2022: STP Happersweiler

The determination of 70 % of the annual wastewater volume is shown in Figure 9. Due to the high influence of infiltration water, the value is 90 m<sup>3</sup>/h. Table 4 summarises the results for the three STPs considered. All STPs have a very high amount of infiltration water, leading to large surfaces for the constructed wetlands and associated high costs. For an economic implementation, a reduction of the infiltration water amount is therefore necessary. For the case study, a reduction of the infiltration water content to 30% of the annual sewage water flow was taken into account. This results in a design water volume of 60 m<sup>3</sup>/h for the Happersweiler STP, 17 m<sup>3</sup>/h for the Saal STP and 45 m<sup>3</sup>/h for the Lauterbach STP.

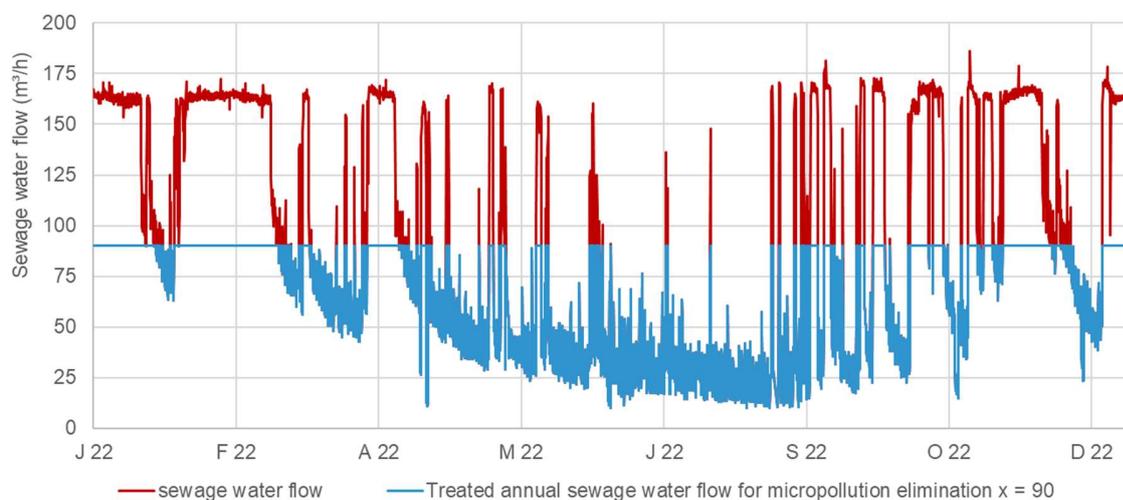


Figure 9: Treated annual sewage water flow of 70% with a design sewage water flow of 90 m<sup>3</sup>/h

Table 4: Design sewage water flow for constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> considering the infiltration water

		Hauersweiler		Lautenbach		Saal	
		current state	reduce infiltration	current state	reduce infiltration	current state	reduce infiltration
EW	PE	3,033	3,033	3,118	3,118	1,632	1,632
annual water flow	m <sup>3</sup> /a	794,346	509,870	454,448	410,025	204,633	196,194
sewage water	m <sup>3</sup> /a	112,438	112,438	154,000	154,000	55,085	55,085
rain water	m <sup>3</sup> /a	369,322	369,322	217,525	217,525	127,338	127,338
infiltration water	m <sup>3</sup> /a	312,586	28,110	82,923	38,500	22,210	13,771
infiltration water: share							
Fremdwasseranteil	%	74	20	35	20	29	20
micropollutant elimination: share	%	70	(54)	70	(62)	70	(52)
micropollutant elimination: Max flow	m <sup>3</sup> /d	2,160	1,440	1,440	1,080	720	408
micropollutant elimination: Max flow	l/PE/d	712	475	462	346	441	250
<b>Filter surface</b>	<b>m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5400</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1020</b>
<b>Filter surface</b>	<b>m<sup>2</sup>/EW</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>0.63</b>
max hydraulic surface load	l/m <sup>2</sup> /d		400				

Table 5 summarises the input data and results for variant 1. The required surface area sums up to 7,400 m<sup>2</sup> for the three STPs and a required WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>-quantity of 1,082 tonnes. Detailed information on implementation is summarised in the fact sheets for each STP in the Annex.

Table 5: Design constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> for variant 1

WWTP	Unit	Haupersweiler	Saal	Lautenbach	Sum
<b>Input Data</b>					
Connected PE	PE	3,033	1,632	3,118	7,783
Annual flow	m <sup>3</sup> /a	794,346	196,194	410,025	
Waste water flow to constructed wetland	m <sup>3</sup> /a	525,600	148,920	394,200	
Treating process	-	BB/DN/AS	BT/STK	BB/DN/AS	
Receiving water	-	OSTER	OSTER	LAUTENBACH	
<b>Wetlands Data</b>					
Area	m <sup>2</sup>	3630	1050	2720	7,400
Length	m	66	30	68	
Width	m	55	35	40	
Filterbody	m <sup>3</sup>	2360	683	1768	4,810
Volume: Sand	m <sup>3</sup>	2006	580	1503	4,089
Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub>	m <sup>3</sup>	354	102	265	722
Amount of WOW <sub>Biochar</sub> (50% straw/cellulose)	kg	530,888	153,563	397,800	1,082,250
Investment costs without WOW <sub>Biochar</sub>					
production costs	€	2,050,801	1,387,483	1,872,587	5,310,871 €
Transport costs					
WOW <sub>Biochar</sub>	€	4,202	760	2,618	7,579 €
Transport costs					
Cellulose	€	-	-	-	13,519 €
<b>Total investment costs of constructed wetland</b>	€	2,585,890	1,541,805	2,273,005	<b>6,414,219 €</b>
Average filter velocity	m/h	0.013	0.011	0.012	
Average Hydraulic Volume Rate	L/(m <sup>2</sup> ·d)	323.967	274.286	282.353	

### 3.2.2 Implementation of fine sieves on larger STPs

To determine the amount of cellulose, a specific cellulose content in the wastewater of 32 g/PE/d was used according to (WOW, 2019). Since the WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> is produced from a cellulose-straw mixture, the amount added to the pyrolysis is twice as large. The pyrolysis and biological activation processes result in high feedstock losses, and the total yield of activated WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> is 20%. Only larger STPs without pre-treatment and sludge digestion were considered as sites for cellulose recovery. In the catchment area, 6 STPs could be equipped with cellulose recovery under these boundary conditions (see Table 6). For variant 1, three STPs were selected for cellulose recovery. This results in an annual cellulose amount of 371 t/a and 148 t/a WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>, resp. (see Table 7). With this amount of WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>, the selected STPs can be equipped with constructed wetlands for micro pollution elimination within 8 years (see Table 8).

Table 6: Selected STP for finesieve installation in the catchment area

Name	Connected PE	Annual flow	Primary clarifier	Digester	Finesieve Anzahl	Cellulose Amount	WOW <sub>Biochar</sub> Amount
		m <sup>3</sup> /a	yes / no	yes / no		kg/d	kg/d
Hauersweiler	3033	714102	no	no	2	96	38
Ottweiler	9,628	1,712,649	no	no	2	305	122
Sinnerthal	19,381	3,080,558	no	no	3	614	246
St.Wendel	13,316	2,400,343	no	no	3	422	169
Bliesen	7,082	1,433,392	no	no	2	224	90
Wiebelskirchen	8,996	971,596	no	no	2	285	114

Table 7: Total production per year for Variant 1

<b>WOW<sub>Biochar</sub></b>	kg/a	<b>148,297</b>
Straw-Amount	t/a	370.742
Cellulose-Amount	t/a	370.742
The amount to be pyrolyzed (Straw + Cellulose)	t/a	741.484

Table 8: Time schedule for variant 1 for the implementation of constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>

Year	kg WOW <sub>biochar</sub> (Cell.+Straw)	
1	148,297	<b>Hauersweiler</b>
2	148,297	
3	148,297	
4	148,297	530,888
5	210,596	<b>Saal</b>
		153,563
6	205,331	<b>Lautenbach</b>
7	148,297	
8	148,297	397,800

### 3.2.3 Impact of the fine sieving on the treatment capacity

With the integration of the fine sieves on the STPs, the COD load to the biological stage is reduced. This has an influence on the required activated sludge tank volume as well as on the required oxygen demand. In order to quantify the influence, the biological stage for the Hauersweiler STP and the Ottweiler STP were designed according to German design rule (DWA-A 131, 2016). The results are shown in Figure 10. Compared to the current state (szenario 0), the integration of a fine sieve (szenario 1) reduces the required activated sludge tank volume for both STPs by about 40 % and the required oxygen demand at the average annual temperature by about 20 %. At the Hauersweiler STP, additional 800 PE could be served without exceeding the existing basin volume. At the Ottweiler STP, wastewater from nearby plants in Mainzweiler and Niederlinxweiler can be transferred, resulting in an additional load of 3,600 PE. With the increase in

serving capacity, the required air volume flow for the biological stage also increases. However, it is in the same order of magnitude for both plants compared to the current state. For comparison, the required reactor volume is shown that would be necessary for the planned increase in serving capacity without integration of fine sieving. In this case, the reactor volume and the aeration system would have to be expanded by about 20 % underlining the positive effect of the cellulose extraction.

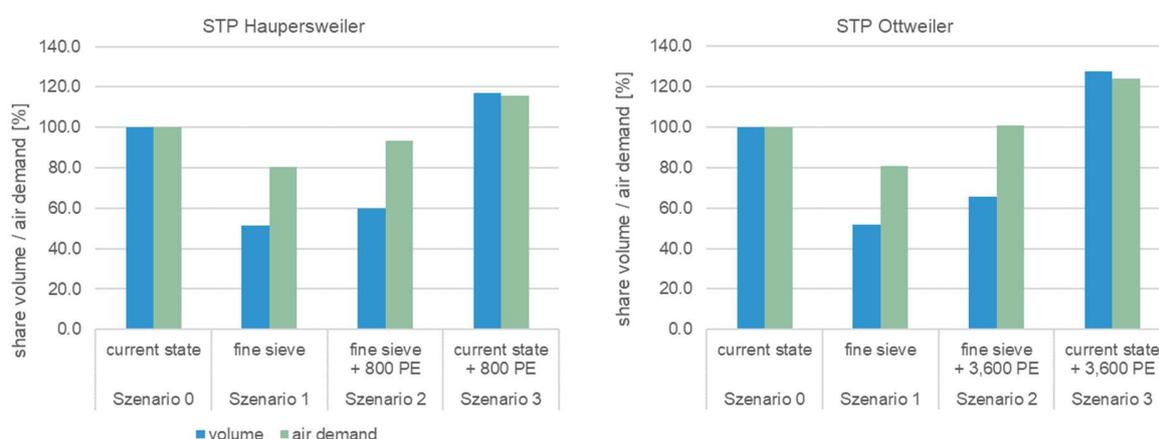


Figure 10: Influence of the fine sieve on the treatment capacity and air volume for aeration of STP Happersweiler and STP Ottweiler for different scenarios

### 3.2.4 Logistic $WOW_{biochar}$

The following logistic must be taken into account for the implementation of the  $WOW_{biochar}$  approach:

- Transport of the cellulose from the STPs with cellulose recovery to the pyrolysis plant.
- Transport of the  $WOW_{biochar}$  to the small STPs for construction of the constructed wetlands.

For the location of the pyrolysis plant, an industrial area near STP Ottweiler was identified. This site is centrally located in the selected sub-catchment area, which allows short transport distances and times. For the calculation, specific transport costs for cellulose as well as for  $WOW_{biochar}$  of 10 €/ (truck-km) and a loading quantity of 25 t per truck were assumed. This results in transport costs of 13,519 € for the cellulose and 6,874 € for the  $WOW_{Biochar}$  (see Table 9 and Table 10) in the 8 years period.

Table 9: Transport cost of cellulose and  $WOW_{biochar}$  for variant 1

Variant 1				
Transport of cellulose from large KA towards the pyrolysis plant (location: Industrial area near WWTP Ottweiler)				
from	km	t/a	€/a	to
Happersweiler	19	35	382	Ottweiler
Sinnerthal	8	111	416	Ottweiler
St.Wendel	10	224	892	Ottweiler
Sum			1,690	
Total transport costs for recovered cellulose on large WWTPs with corresponding construction times: 8 years				
13,519 €				

Table 10: Transport cost of WOW<sub>biochar</sub> for variant 1

Variant 1				
Transport of WOW <sub>biochar</sub> from pyrolysis plant to constructed wetlands				
from	km	t/a	€/a	to
Hauersweiler	19	531	4,202	Ottweiler
Saal	13	154	936	Ottweiler
Lautenbach	11	398	1,736	Ottweiler
Sum			6,874	

### 3.2.5 Investment cost

Table 11 shows the investment costs and the cost break down for the installation of the three constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> for variant 1. The investment costs without consideration of the WOW<sub>biochar</sub> production were calculated with the specific area-related investments costs from section 2.4.1. The WOW<sub>biochar</sub>-production costs were assumed to be 1,000 €/t. This results in overall investment costs of 6.4 million €. Compared to a conventional constructed wetland, additional costs of 21% are incurred for the production and transport of the WOW<sub>biochar</sub>.

Table 12 shows the cost composition for cellulose recovery for variant 1. In total 8 fine sieves modules are required on the three STPs. For each STP with cellulose recovery system, a screw press and a switch cabinet have to be considered.

The total investment costs for both the constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> and the fine sieves for variant 1 sums up to € 8.86 million.

Table 11: Cost breakdown of constructed wetlands for Variant 1

Constructed wetlands cost breakdown Variant 1	Capital expenditures breakdown in %	Depreciation period	Capital expenditures breakdown in €
Earthwork and filters installation	45 %	25a	2,389,892 €
Inlet and outlet structures	25 %	40a	1,327,718 €
Sealing	10 %	25a	531,087 €
Instrumentation and	10 %	10a	531,087 €
Plants	5 %	25a	265,544 €
Rest	5 %	10a	265,544 €
<b>WOW<sub>char</sub> including transport costs</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>25a</b>	<b>1,103,348 €</b>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>121%</b>		<b>6,414,219 €</b>
<b>spezif. cost CWetl.</b>			<b>682 €/m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>spezif. cost inkl. WOW<sub>char</sub></b>			<b>824 €/m<sup>2</sup></b>

Table 12: Cost breakdown of cellulose fine sieves for Variant 1

Cellulose finesieve cost breakdown					
Pos.	Name	Depreciation period (year)	Preis (€)	Amount	Total (€)
1	Cellulose screen	15	100,000	7	700,000
2	Cellulose scrubber	15	35,000	7	245,000
3	Screw press	15	40,000	3	120,000
4	Instrumentation and control engineering (ICE): 15% Machine technology	10	159,750		159,750
5	Installation: 50% total cost				1,224,750
	<b>Total</b>				<b>2,449,500</b>

### 3.3 Variant 2

#### 3.3.1 Implementation of constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> at small STPs

In variant 2, 9 STPs (total 13,863 PE) in the Oster catchment area are upgraded with constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>. The integration of constructed wetlands is not technically possible at the remaining STPs. The filter area was determined for the additionally considered STPs using a specific area of 0.4 m<sup>2</sup>/PE, as no data on the sewage water volume was available. Table 13 summarises the input data and results for variant 2. The required surface area sums up to 13,545 m<sup>2</sup> for the 9 STPs and a required WOW<sub>biochar</sub> quantity of 3,107 tonnes.

Table 13: Design constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> for variant 2

WWTP	Unit	Hauwers weiler	Saal	Wersch weiler	Fürth	Lauten bach	Hangard	Leiters weiler	Hoof	Grügel born	Sum
<b>Input Data</b>											
Connected PE	PE	3,033	1,632	525	1,482	3,118	1,806	517	935	815	13,863
Annual flow	m <sup>3</sup> /a	794,346	196,194		193,971	410,025	207,288	73,471			
Waste whater flow to be treated in RSF	m <sup>3</sup> /a	525,600	148,920		155,177	394,200	165,830	58,777			
Treating process	-	BB/DN/AS	BT/STK	BT/STK	SBR	BB/DN/AS	SBR	BB/DN/AS	BB/DN/AS	BB/DN/AS	
Receiving water	-	OSTER	OSTER	ZUR OSTER	OSTER	LAUTENBAI	OSTER	HOTTENBAI	BETZELBAC	BLEISCHBA	
<b>Constructed Wetlands Data</b>											
Area	m <sup>2</sup>	3630	1050	210	2135	2720	2275	820	375	330	13,545
Length	m	66	30	21	61	68	65	41	25	22	
Width	m	55	35	10	35	40	35	20	15	15	
Filterbody	m <sup>3</sup>	2360	683	137	1388	1768	1479	533	244	215	8,804
Volume: Sand	m <sup>3</sup>	2006	580	116	1180	1503	1257	453	207	182	7,484
Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub>	m <sup>3</sup>	354	102	20	208	265	222	80	37	32	1,321
Amount of WOW <sub>Char</sub>	kg	530,888	153,563	30,713	312,244	397,800	332,719	119,925	54,844	48,263	1,980,956
Investment costs without WOW <sub>Char</sub>	€	2,050,801	1,387,483	835,703	1,735,055	1,872,587	1,770,117	1,283,525	1,003,166	963,573	12,902,010
Transport costs	€	4,202	936	215	1,385	1,736	728	827	491	441	10,960
WOW <sub>Char</sub>	€	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,953
Cellulose	€	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total investment costs of constructed wetland</b>	€	2,585,890	1,541,981	866,631	2,048,683	2,272,123	2,103,564	1,404,277	1,058,500	1,012,276	<b>14,914,879</b>
Average filter velocity	m/h	0.013	0.011		0.008	0.012	0.008	0.008			
Average Hydraulic Volume Rate	L/(m <sup>2</sup> ·d)	323.967	274.286		199.130	282.353	199.705	196.381			

### 3.3.2 Implementation of fine sieves on larger STPs

Due to the higher demand for  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$  compared to variant 1, 6 STPs are equipped with a cellulose recovery system. This results in an annual cellulose yield of 711 t/a respective 284 t/a  $WOW_{\text{Biochar}}$  (see Table 6 and Table 14). With this amount of  $WOW_{\text{Biochar}}$ , the selected STPs can be equipped with constructed wetlands for micro pollution elimination within 7 years (see Table 15).

Table 14: Total production per year for Variant 2

<b>WOW<sub>Biochar</sub></b>	kg/a	<b>284.338</b>
Straw-Amount	t/a	710,845
Cellulose-Amount	t/a	710,845
The ammount to be pyrolyzed (Straw + Cellulose)	t/a	1.422

Table 15: Time schedule for variant 2 for the implementation of constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$

Year	kg $WOW_{\text{char}}$ (Cell.+Straw)			
1	284,338	<b>Hauersweiler</b>		
2	284,338	530,888		
3	322,127	<b>Leitersweiler</b>	<b>Saal</b>	
		119,925	153,563	
4	332,977	<b>Fürth</b>		
		312,244		
5	305,072	<b>Grügelborn</b>	<b>Hoof</b>	<b>Werschweiler</b>
		48,263	54,844	30,713
6	455,591	<b>Lautenbach</b>		
		397,800		
7	342,129	<b>Hangard</b>		
		332,719		

### 3.3.3 Logistic $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$

The following logistic must be taken into account for the production and installation of the  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$ :

- Transport of the cellulose from the STPs with cellulose recovery to the pyrolysis plant.
- Transport of the  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$  to the small STPs for the construction of the constructed wetlands

For the location of the pyrolysis plant, the industrial area near STP Ottweiler was chosen. This site is centrally located in selected sub-catchment area, which allows short transport distances and times. In the calculation, the specific transport costs for the cellulose as well as for the  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$  of 10 €/(truck·km) and a loading quantity of a motor vehicle of 25 t/truck were assumed. This results in transport costs of 20,953 € for the cellulose and 10,960 € for the  $WOW_{\text{Biochar}}$  (see Table 16 and Table 17).

Table 16: Transport cost of cellulose and  $WOW_{biochar}$  for variant 2

Variant 2				
Transport of cellulose from large KA towards the pyrolysis plant (location: Industrial area near WWTP Ottweiler)				
from	€/a			to
Hauersweiler	19	35	382	Ottweiler
Sinnerthal	8	111	416	Ottweiler
St.Wendel	10	224	892	Ottweiler
Bliesen	16	0	1,132	Ottweiler
Ottweiler	0	82	0	Ottweiler
Wiebelskirchen	3	104	172	Ottweiler
Sum			2,993	
Total transport costs for recovered cellulose on large WWTPs with corresponding construction times: 7 years				
20,953 €				

Table 17: Transport cost of  $WOW_{biochar}$  for variant 2

Variant 2				
Transport of cellulose from large KA towards the pyrolysis plant (location: Industrial area near WWTP Ottweiler)				
from	€/a			to
Ottweiler	19	531	4,202	Hauersweiler
Ottweiler	13	154	936	Saal
Ottweiler	11	398	1,736	Lautenbach
Ottweiler	11	31	215	Werschweiler
Ottweiler	11	312	1,385	Fürth
Ottweiler	5	333	728	Hangard
Ottweiler	17	120	827	Leitersweiler
Ottweiler	16	55	491	Hoof
Ottweiler	22	48	441	Grügelborn
Sum			10,960	

### 3.3.4 Investment cost

Table 18 shows the investment costs and the cost break down for the installation of the nine constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{biochar}$  for variant 2. The investment costs without consideration of the  $WOW_{biochar}$  production were calculated with the specific area-related investments costs from section 2.4.1. The  $WOW_{biochar}$ -production costs were assumed to be 1,000 €/t. In comparison, the costs for conventional activated carbon are approx. 1,600 €/t. This results in overall investment costs of 14.9 million €. Compared to a conventional constructed wetland, additional costs of 16% are incurred for the production and transport of the  $WOW_{biochar}$ .

Table 19 shows the cost composition for cellulose recovery for variant 2. In total 14 fine sieves modules are required on the six STPs. For each STP with cellulose recovery system, a screw press and a switch cabinet have to be considered.

The total investment costs for both the constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{biochar}$  and the fine sieves for variant 2 sums up to 19.81 million €.

Table 18: Cost breakdown of constructed wetlands for variant 2

Constructed wetlands cost breakdown Variant 2	Capital expenditures breakdown in %	Depreciation period	Capital expenditures breakdown in €
Earthwork and filters installation	45 %	25a	5,805,904 €
Inlet and outlet structures	25 %	40a	3,225,502 €
Sealing	10 %	25a	1,290,201 €
Instrumentation and control engineering (ICE)	10 %	10a	1,290,201 €
Plants	5 %	25a	645,100 €
Rest	5 %	10a	645,100 €
<b>WOW<sub>char</sub> including transport costs</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>25a</b>	<b>2,012,870 €</b>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>116%</b>		<b>14,914,879 €</b>
<b>spezif. cost CWetl.</b>			<b>931 €/m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>spezif. cost inkl. WOW<sub>char</sub></b>			<b>1,076 €/m<sup>2</sup></b>

Table 19: Cost breakdown of cellulose fine sieves for variant 2

Cellulose finesieve cost breakdown					
Pos.	Name	Depreciation period (year)	Preis (€)	Amount	Total (€)
1	Cellulose Screen	15	100,000	14	1,400,000
2	Cellulose scrubber	15	35,000	14	490,000
3	Screw press	15	40,000	6	240,000
4	Instrumentation and control engineering (ICE): 15% Machine technology	15	319,500		319,500
5	Integration: 50% total costs				2,449,500
	<b>Total</b>				<b>4,899,000</b>

### 3.4 Summary of the case study: Saarland

#### 3.4.1 Impact on water quality

Figure 11 shows the balanced Diclofenac concentration along the flow path of the river Oster for the current status and for the two variants. For both variants, an elimination rate of 80 % for Diclofenac was assumed for the STPs with constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> (see chapter 2.2). With the integration of a micropollutant elimination stage at only three STPs, the quality criteria of the EQS can be met almost over the entire flow path. In variant 2, the Diclofenac concentration can be reduced to below 35 ng/l and is well below the quality criteria of the EQS.

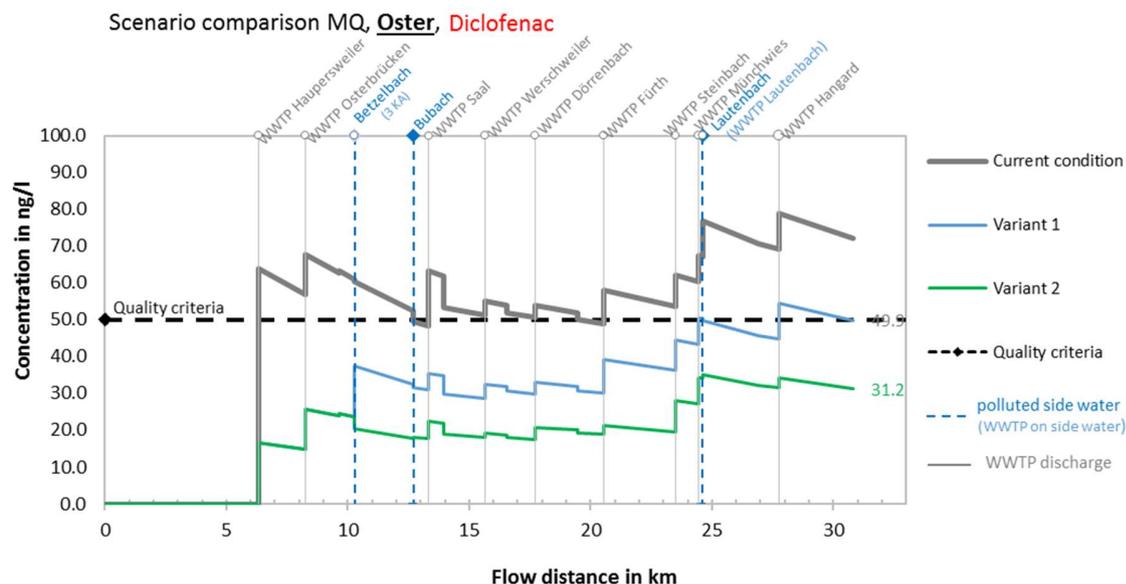


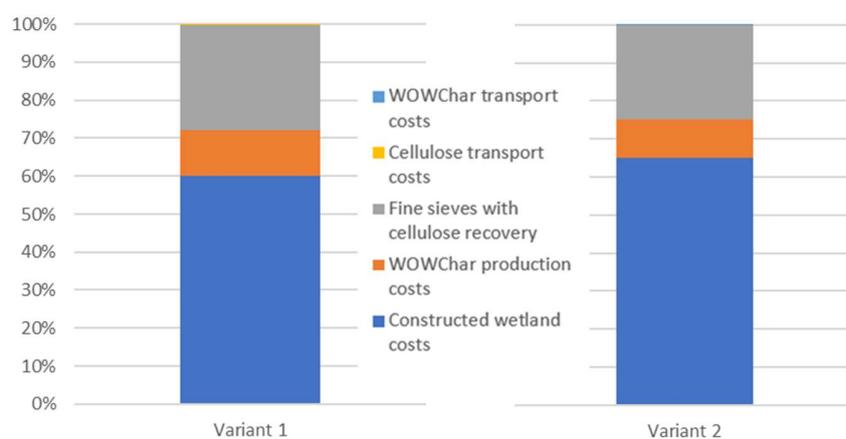
Figure 11: Concentration profile of River Oster for Diclofenac (modified) (Schmitt et al., 2019) for the current condition, for variant 1 and variant 2

### 3.4.2 Cost comparison

The total investment costs for variant 1 and variant 2 are shown in Table 20. The costs for variant 2 with 9 constructed wetlands are twice as high as for variant 1. A comprehensive integration of constructed wetlands is therefore not advisable. The integration of micropollutant elimination stages should take place only at the STPs with the greatest impact on the water course. The integration of fine sieves should be implemented at STPs that are overloaded or where additional PE are to be connected. This results in cost advantages, as an enlargement of the STP plant can be reduced or even avoided by integrating fine sieves. The costs for constructed wetlands account for 60% of the total costs. The transport costs have only a minor share of the total investment costs if the pyrolysis plant is located close to the catchment area.

Table 20: Total investment costs for variant 1 and variant 2

Investment costs	Variant 1		Variant 2	
	Amount (€)	Percentage	Amount (€)	Percentage
Constructed wetland costs	5.310.871 €	59,9%	12.902.010 €	65,1%
WOW <sub>Char</sub> production costs	1.082.250 €	12,2%	1.980.956 €	10,0%
Fine sieves with cellulose recovery	2.449.500 €	27,6%	4.899.000 €	24,7%
Cellulose transport costs	13.519 €	0,2%	20.953 €	0,1%
WOW <sub>Char</sub> transport costs	6.874 €	0,1%	10.960 €	0,1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.863.014 €</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19.813.879 €</b>	<b>100%</b>



## 4 Ireland

### 4.1 Description of the catchment area

To assess the impact of constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$  on water quality in a catchment in Ireland, a typical region in the south-east of Ireland was selected with one large STP (Kilkenny STP) and many small STPs. Only STPs located within approximately 20 kilometres distance of the town of Kilkenny and with more than 500 connected residents were considered. On the Kilkenny STP with 35,643 connected residents, the cellulose recovery system is placed. On the other STPs, constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$  for micro-pollutant elimination are considered.

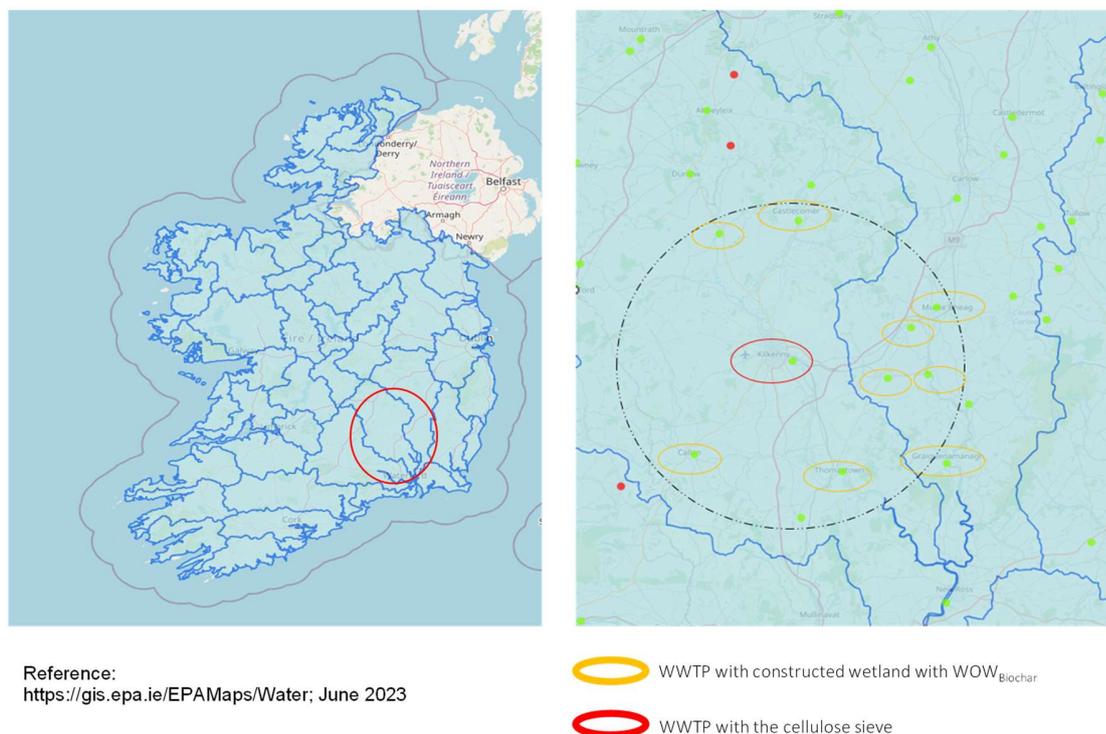


Figure 12: Catchment area in the south-east of Ireland

### 4.2 Implementation of fine sieves on larger STPs

9 STPs are extended with constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$ . A total of 26,707 PE are connected to the 9 STPs. The filter area was determined using a specific area of  $0.4 \text{ m}^2/\text{PE}$ , as no data on the sewage water volume was available. Table 21 summarises the input data and results. The required surface area sums up to  $11,000 \text{ m}^2$  for the 9 STPs and a required  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$ -quantity of 1,107 tonnes, resp. Detailed information on implementation is summarised in the fact sheets for each STP in the Annex.

Table 21: Design constructed wetlands with WOWBiochar for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny

WWTP	unit	Graignuenam	Callan	Thomastown	Castlecomer	Muinebheag	Ballyragget	Paulstown	Gowran	Goresbridge	Sum
<b>Input Data</b>											
Connected PE	PE	2,267	2,247	3,522	2,077	12,248	1,920	1,000	826	600	26,707
Annual flow	m <sup>3</sup> /a	0	0	0	0	466,470	0	0	0	0	374
Waste water flow to constructed wetland	m <sup>3</sup> /a	0	0	0	0	373,176	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Wetlands Data</b>											
Area	m <sup>2</sup>	920	900	1,420	840	5,160	780	400	340	240	11,000
Length	m	46	45	71	42	86	39	16	17	12	374
Width	m	20	20	20	20	60	20	25	20	20	225
Filterbody	m <sup>3</sup>	598	585	923	546	3,354	507	260	221	156	7,150
Volume: Sand	m <sup>3</sup>	508	497	785	464	2,851	431	221	188	133	6,078
Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub>	m <sup>3</sup>	90	88	138	82	503	76	39	33	23	1,073
Amount of WOW-Biochar (50% straw/cellulose)	kg	134,550	131,625	207,675	122,850	754,650	114,075	58,500	49,725	35,100	1,351,350
→ Amount of straw	kg	336,375	329,063	519,188	307,125	1,886,625	285,188	146,250	124,313	87,750	
Investment costs without WOW <sub>Char</sub> production costs	€	1,330,902	1,321,719	1,525,892	1,293,305	2,291,066	1,263,463	1,023,769	972,677	871,604	11,894,397
Transport costs WOW <sub>Char</sub>	€	1,511	1,270	1,539	1,059	7,129	1,080	521	313	413	12,509
Transport costs Cellulose	€	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,569
<b>Total investment costs of constructed wetland</b>	€	1,330,902	1,321,719	1,525,892	1,293,305	2,291,066	1,263,463	1,023,769	972,677	871,604	11,944,966
Average filter velocity	m/h	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Maximum Hydraulic Volume Rate	L/(m <sup>2</sup> ·d)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	198.140	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

### 4.3 Implementation of fine sieves on larger STPs

To determine the amount of cellulose, a specific cellulose content in the wastewater of 32 g/PE/d was used according to (WOW, 2019). Since the WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> is produced from a cellulose-straw mixture, the amount added to the pyrolysis is twice as large. The pyrolysis and biological activation processes result in high feedstock losses, and the total yield of activated WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> is 20%. For cellulose recovery STP Kilkenny was chosen (see Table 22). This results in an annual cellulose amount of 412 t/a and 165 t/a WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>, resp. (see Table 23). With this amount of WOW<sub>Biochar</sub>, the selected STPs can be equipped with constructed wetlands for micro pollution elimination within 9 years (see Table 24).

Table 22: Selected STP for fine sieve installation at STP Kilkenny

Name	Connected PE	Annual flow m <sup>3</sup> /a	Primary clarifier	Digester	Finesieve Anzahl	Cellulose Amount kg/d	WOW <sub>Biochar</sub> Amount kg/d
			yes / no	yes / no		1130	452
Kilkenny City Waste Water Treatment plant	35,643	3,523,345	no	-	4	1130	452

Table 23: Total production per year for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny

<b>WOW<sub>Biochar</sub></b>	kg/a	<b>164,963</b>
Straw-Amount	kg/a	412,407
Cellulose-Amount	kg/a	412,407

Table 24: Time schedule for the implementation of constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny

Year	kg WOWBiochar (Cell.+Straw)				
1	164,963	<b>Muinebheag</b>			
2	164,963				
3	164,963				
4	164,963				
5	164,963		754,650		
6	235,128	<b>Thomastown</b>	207,675		
7	192,416	<b>Callan</b>	131,625		
8	225,753	<b>Castlecomer</b>	122,850		
9	267,866	<b>Ballyragget</b>	114,075	<b>Paulstown</b> 58,500	<b>Gowran</b> 49,725 <b>Goresbridge</b> 35,100

#### 4.4 Logistic WOW<sub>biochar</sub>

The following logistic must be taken into account for the production and installation of the WOW<sub>biochar</sub>:

- Transport of the cellulose from the STPs with cellulose recovery to the pyrolysis plant.
- Transport of the WOW<sub>biochar</sub> to the small STPs for the construction of the constructed wetlands

It was assumed that the site for the pyrolysis plant would be an industrial area near the Kilkenny STP. This reduces the costs of transporting the cellulose. In the calculation, the specific transport costs for the cellulose as well as for the WOW<sub>biochar</sub> of 10 €/ (truck·km) and a loading quantity of 25 t per truck were assumed. This results in transport costs of 50,569 € for the cellulose (see Table 25).

Table 25: Transport cost of cellulose for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny

Variant 1		
Transport of cellulose from large KA towards the pyrolysis plant (location KA Ottweiler)		
from	€/a	to
Muinebheag	1,378	Kilkenny City
Thomastown	341	Kilkenny City
Callan	428	Kilkenny City
Castlecomer	210	Kilkenny City
Graignuenamanagh Tinnahinch	504	Kilkenny City
Ballyragget	215	Kilkenny City
Paulstown	174	Kilkenny City
Gowran	156	Kilkenny City
Goresbridge	206	Kilkenny City
Sum	3,612	
Total transport costs for recovered cellulose on large WWTPs with corresponding construction times		
50,569 €		

## 4.5 Investment cost

Table 26 shows the investment costs and the cost break down for the installation of nine constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>. The investment costs without consideration of the WOW<sub>biochar</sub> production were calculated with the specific area-related investments costs from section 2.4.1. The WOW<sub>biochar</sub>-production costs were assumed to be 1,000 €/t. This results in overall investment costs of 13.5 million €. Compared to a conventional constructed wetland, additional costs of 14% are incurred for the production and transport of the WOW<sub>biochar</sub>.

Table 27 shows the cost composition for cellulose recovery on the STP Kilkenny. A total of 4 fine sieves modules, one screw press and a switch cabinet have to be considered.

The total investment costs for both the constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> and the fine sieves sums up to 14.8 million €.

Table 26: Cost breakdown of constructed wetlands for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny

Constructed wetlands cost breakdown	Capital expenditures breakdown in %	Depreciation period	Capital expenditures breakdown in €
Earthwork and filters installation	45 %	25a	5,352,479 €
Inlet and outlet structures	25 %	40a	2,973,599 €
Sealing	10 %	25a	1,189,440 €
Instrumentation and control engineering (ICE)	10 %	10a	1,189,440 €
Plants	5 %	25a	594,720 €
Rest	5 %	10a	594,720 €
<b>WOW<sub>char</sub> including transport costs</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>25a</b>	<b>1,608,750 €</b>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>114%</b>		<b>13,503,147 €</b>
<b>spezif. cost CWetl.</b>			<b>445 €/m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>spezif. cost inkl. WOW<sub>char</sub></b>			<b>506 €/m<sup>2</sup></b>

Table 27: Cost breakdown of cellulose fine sieves for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny

Cellulose finesieve cost breakdown					
Pos.	Name	Depreciation period (year)	Preis (€)	Amount	Total (€)
1	Cellulose screen	15	100,000	4	400,000
2	Cellulose scrubber	15	35,000	4	140,000
3	Screw press	15	40,000	1	40,000
4	Instrumentation and control engineering (ICE): 15% Machine technology	10	87,000	1	87,000
5	Installation: 50% total cost				667,000
	<b>Total</b>				<b>1,334,000</b>

#### 4.6 Impact on water quality

Figure 15 shows the distribution of size class in the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny. 20% of the STPs are smaller than 15,000 PE. With the integration of 9 constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>, a total reduction in micro pollutant discharge of 18.5 % can be achieved. Figure 13 shows the potential Diclofenac reduction in the effluent for each STP size class in the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny.

Distribution of STP sizes in the catchment area [%]

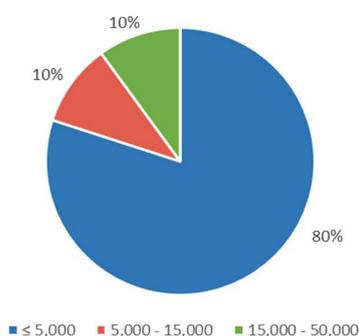


Figure 13: Distribution of STP size classes for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny

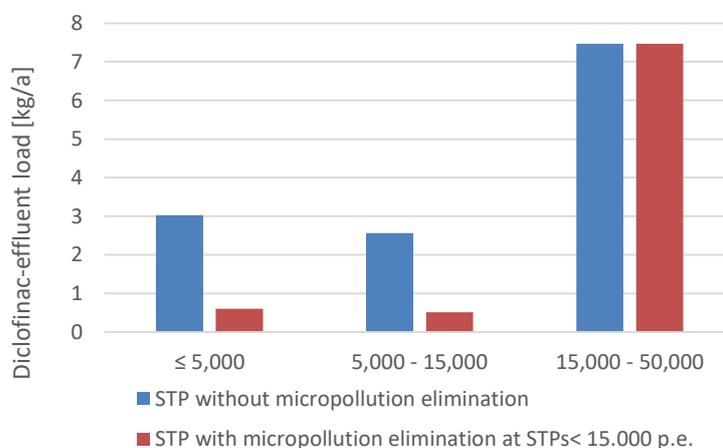


Figure 14: Annual diclofenac effluent load for the catchment area near the STP Kilkenny taking into account constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>Biochar</sub> for STPs < 15,000 p.e.

## 5 Scotland

### 5.1 Description of the catchment area

For this case study, the whole of Scotland was considered in contrast to a single catchment area. To simplify the analysis, Scotland was divided into 4 main regions:

- Region 1 (blue): north
- Region 2 (purple): central on the eastern coast
- Region 3 (orange): densely populated area between Glasgow and Edinburgh
- Region 4 (green): south and on the western coast.

Figure 15 shows the STPs and their allocation to the regions. For each region, the Diclofenac reduction is calculated if all plants with less than 5,000 PE were extended with a constructed wetland with  $WOW_{biochar}$ .

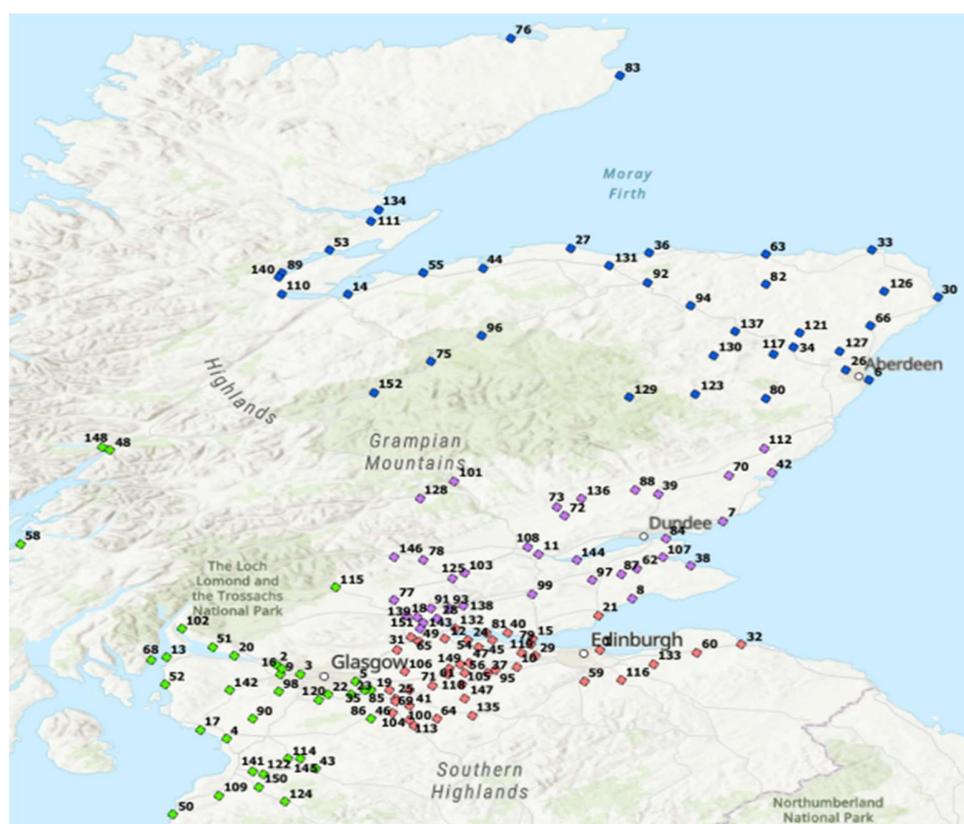


Figure 15: Distribution of the STP in Scotland in Scotland, divided into 4 regions. Region 1- blue, Region 2- purple, Region 3- orange, Region 4- green

### 5.2 Implementation of constructed wetlands with $WOW_{biochar}$ at small STPs

The installation of a constructed wetland with  $WOW_{biochar}$  was only considered for WWTPs with a connected population of 5000 p.e. or less. Since there was only information about the number of connected inhabitants and no water quantities were available, a specific area of  $0.4 \text{ m}^2/\text{PE}$  was used for

calculation of the filter area (see also chapter 2.3). All other characteristic values, such as filter layer depth,  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$ -density etc. were taken from chapter 2.3

For the calculation of the Diclofenac load, a specific load of 0.78 mg/PE\*d from (Schmitt, 2019) was used. For the determination of the reduction amounts, the treatment efficiency of 26.5% and 80% was assumed for a conventional STP and STP with constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$ , respectively.

### 5.3 Implementation of fine sieves on larger STPs

For a preliminary assessment, the following sites were chosen for the installation of a cellulose recovery plant (see also Figure 16):

- Region 1: STP Allanfearn and Persley
- Region 2: STP Perth city
- Region 3: STP East Calder
- Region 4: STP Meadowhead

Detailed data on the individual frame conditions would be required for an accurate site selection. For the pyrolysis plant, a site close to the STP with a cellulose recovery plant was chosen. This reduces or even avoids the cost of transporting the cellulose to the pyrolysis plant.

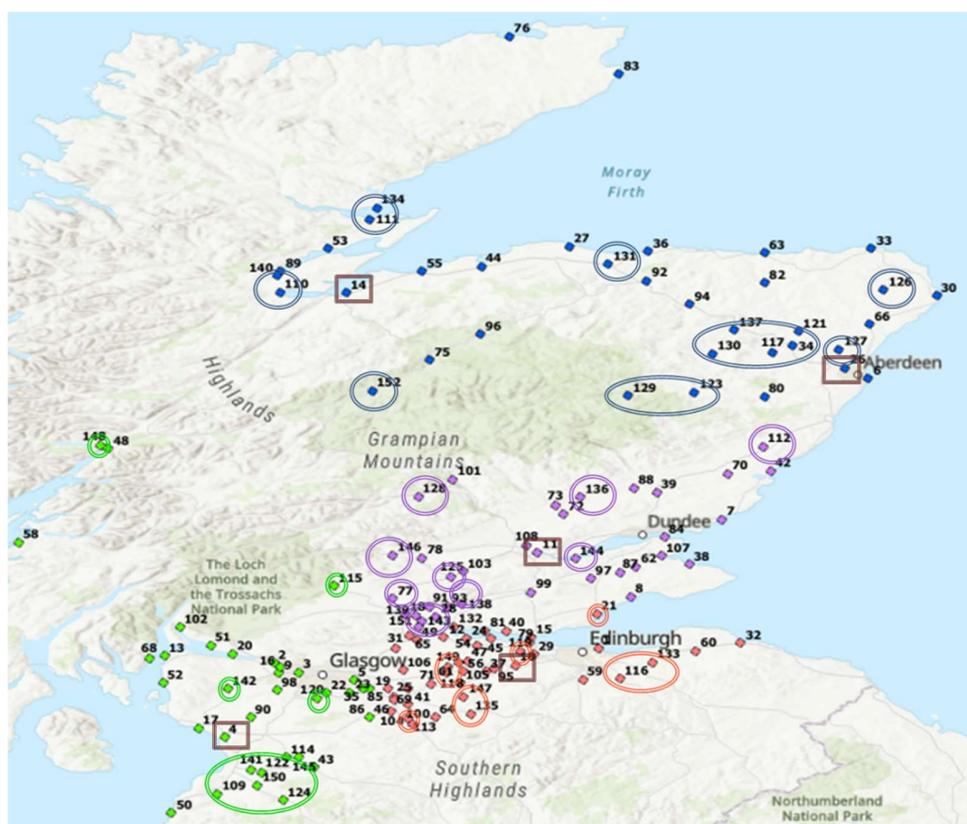


Figure 16: Selected locations of STP for different regions in Scotland where the constructed wetlands with  $WOW_{\text{biochar}}$  could be installed (circles) and selected STP for cellulose recovery (squares)

## 5.4 Investment costs

Table 28 shows the proportion of wastewater treatment plants that are equipped with a constructed wetland with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>, broken down by region. It also shows the duration of expansion and the investment costs for these plants. The constructed wetland accounts for the largest share of the costs. The transport costs, on the other hand, with less than 1% account for only a very small portion of the total costs.

Table 28: Investment cost of constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub> in Scotland

	Share of WWTP (load entering < 5000 PE) that could be expanded by RSF [%]	Expansion time [a]	Total cost (Filter+WOW <sub>Bio char</sub> +Transport) [€]	WOW <sub>Char.</sub> Costs [€]	WOW <sub>Char.</sub> Costs [%]	Filter costs [€]	Filter costs [%]	Transport costs [€]	Transport costs [%]
<b>REGION 1</b>	39%	11	23,917,875 €	2,819,261 €	11.79%	21,050,123 €	88.01%	48,491 €	0.20%
<b>REGION 2</b>	29%	4	16,063,112 €	1,719,315 €	10.70%	14,306,066 €	89.06%	37,731 €	0.23%
<b>REGION 3</b>	21%	4	15,175,986 €	1,756,170 €	11.57%	13,395,278 €	88.27%	24,538 €	0.16%
<b>REGION 4</b>	31%	2	18,530,290 €	2,148,413 €	11.59%	16,336,015 €	88.16%	45,863 €	0.25%

## 5.5 Impact on water quality

Figure 17 shows the potential Diclofenac reduction for each region and for whole Scotland that can be achieved with the integration of constructed wetlands with WOW<sub>biochar</sub>. In Region 1, which is characterised by smaller STPs, the theoretically possible reduction is 5 %. The total reduction for Scotland is only 2 %. This low impact on the total pollutant reduction is due to the fact that the small STPs (< 5,000 p.e.) only have a low share of 2.5 % compared to other size classes in Scotland (see Figure 18). Although the overall impact is very low, the improvement which could be achieved at small river catchment areas could be of relevance.

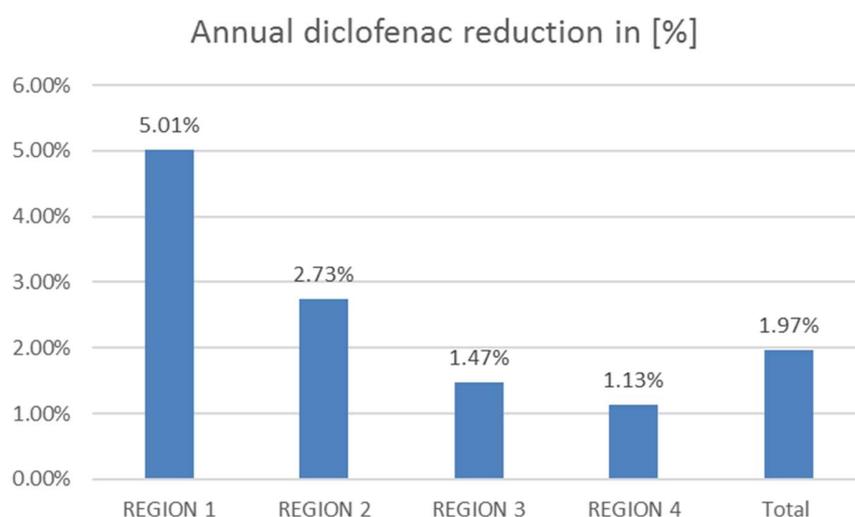


Figure 17: Annual diclofenac reduction in % for Scotland

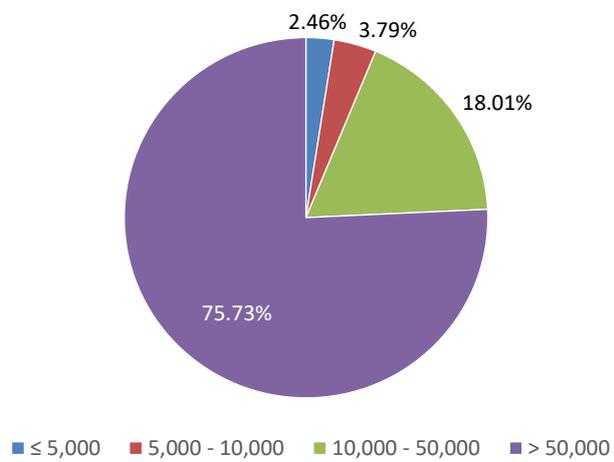


Figure 18: Share of the Diclofenac load in the effluent for Scotland depending on the size of STP in [%]

## 6 Conclusions

The case studies show that the combination of cellulose recovery with fine sieves in order to provide  $WOW_{\text{Biochar}}$  for constructed wetlands for micro pollutant removal in a river catchment is possible. Although the load reduction from small STPs in comparison to the total load from all STP in the catchment is small, the impact on the river quality especially for small receiving water courses can be very high. For implementation of the approach, further investigation into hydraulic load and invest costs is necessary. In this concern, costs and GHG-emissions connected with conventionally produced activated carbon have to be taken into account. The requirements and costs of smaller or medium size pyrolysis plants for biochar production must be further investigated in a scale-up with plant manufacturers.

There is still a great potential for optimisation as investigations at a constructed wetland with activated carbon show that the maximum hydraulic load could rise to about  $2,6 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}/\text{m}^2$  without clogging (Brunsch et al., 2020). This is significantly higher than the average load of 0.2 and the maximum load of  $0.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}/\text{m}^2$ , resp. which are usually chosen for design of constructed wetlands. The additional treatment capacity that can be achieved for existing biological treatment stages by upstream sieving with cellulose recovery can be of further interest for future upgrade of these plants. Finally, the tailored matching of cellulose recovery and production of biochar by pyrolysis with the life time of carbon-fitted constructed wetlands allows for regional solutions in rural catchment areas in NWE.

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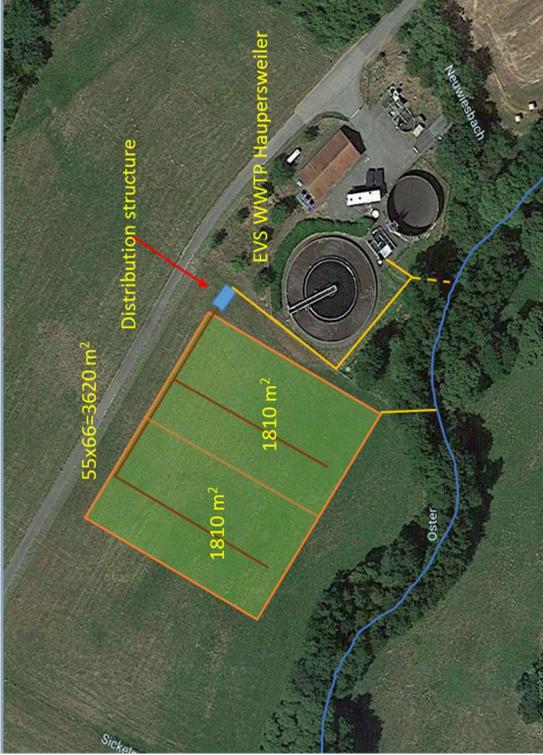
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## 8 Abbreviations

p.e.	People equivalent
STP	Wate water treatment plant
COD	Chemical oxygen demand
WOW <sub>Biochar</sub>	Biochar produced from 50% straw and 50% cellulose
BB	Activated sludge srocess
DN	Denitrification/ Nitrification
AS	Aerobic sludge stabilisation
BT	Wastewater treatment pond
STK	Submerged rotary body
EVS	Entsorgungsverband Saar
MQ	Mean flow rate

## 9 Appendix

### 9.1 Plant characteristics Saarland

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Filter surface area [m²]	3,630	Fine sieve number [-]	2																																																																																																														
Filter volume [m³]	2,360	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	484																																																																																																														
Width [m]	55	Costs																																																																																																															
Length [m]	66	Investment costs [Mio. €]	3.29 €																																																																																																														
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	2.59 €																																																																																																														
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	0.71 €																																																																																																														
Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	580																																																																																																														
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	1,900	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	102																																																																																																														
Connected PE [PE]	1,632	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	153,563																																																																																																														
Annual flow [m³/a]	204,633	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	274																																																																																																														
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	518																																																																																																														
• Wastewater Treatment Pond		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.011																																																																																																														
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.022																																																																																																														
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve																																																																																																															
Filter surface area [m²]	1,050	Fine sieve number [-]	-																																																																																																														
Filter volume [m³]	683	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-																																																																																																														
Width [m]	35	Costs																																																																																																															
Length [m]	30	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.54 €																																																																																																														
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.54 €																																																																																																														
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-																																																																																																														

## WWTP Fürth

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



### Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	1,180
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	1,750	Volume: WOW <sub>Char.</sub> [m³]	208
Connected PE [PE]	1,482	WOW <sub>Char.</sub> amount [t]	312,244
Annual flow [m³/a]	193,971	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	199
Infiltration water percentage [%]	60	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	266
• Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR)	Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.008	
	Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.011	
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	2,135	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	1,388	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	35	Costs	
Length [m]	61	Investment costs [Mio. €]	2.05 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	2.05 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Werschweiler

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



### Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	116
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	600	Volume: WOW <sub>Char.</sub> [m³]	20
Connected PE [PE]	525	WOW <sub>Char.</sub> amount [t]	30,713
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	N.A.
• Wastewater Treatment Pond	Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.	
	Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.	
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	210	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	137	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	10	Costs	
Length [m]	21	Investment costs [Mio. €]	0.87 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	0.87 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Hangard

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



### Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	1,257
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	2,400	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	222
Connected PE [PE]	1,806	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	332,719
Annual flow [m³/a]	207,288	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	200
Infiltration water percentage [%]	62	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	266
• Aerobic sludge stabilisation		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.008
• Activated sludge process with deni- and nitrification		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.011
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	2,275	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	1,479	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	35	Costs	
Length [m]	65	Investment costs [Mio. €]	2.10 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	2.10 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Lautenbach

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



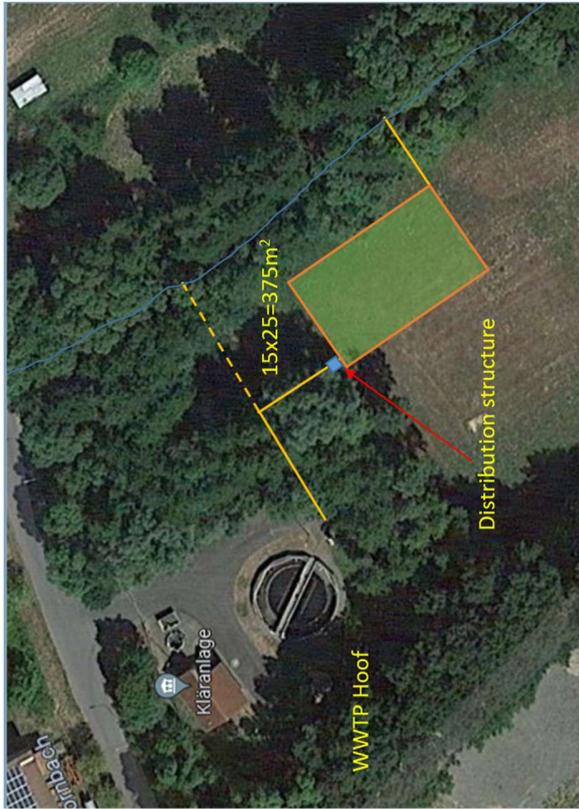
### Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	1,503
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	3,500	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	265
Connected PE [PE]	3,118	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	397,800
Annual flow [m³/a]	235,991	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	282
Infiltration water percentage [%]	35	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	529
• Aerobic sludge stabilisation		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.012
• Activated sludge process with deni- and nitrification		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.022
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	2,720	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	1,768	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	40	Costs	
Length [m]	68	Investment costs [Mio. €]	2.27 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	2.27 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Hoof

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	207
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	1,250	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	37
Connected PE [PE]	935	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	54,844
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	N.A.
• Aerobic sludge stabilisation		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
• Activated sludge process with deni- and nitrification		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	375	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	244	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	15	Costs	
Length [m]	25	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.06 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.06 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Leitersweiler

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	453
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	600	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	80
Connected PE [PE]	517	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	119,925
Annual flow [m³/a]	73,471	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	196
Infiltration water percentage [%]	64	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²·d]	262
• Aerobic sludge stabilisation		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.008
• Activated sludge process with deni- and nitrification		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.011
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	820	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	533	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	20	Costs	
Length [m]	41	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.40 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.40 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Grügelborn constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

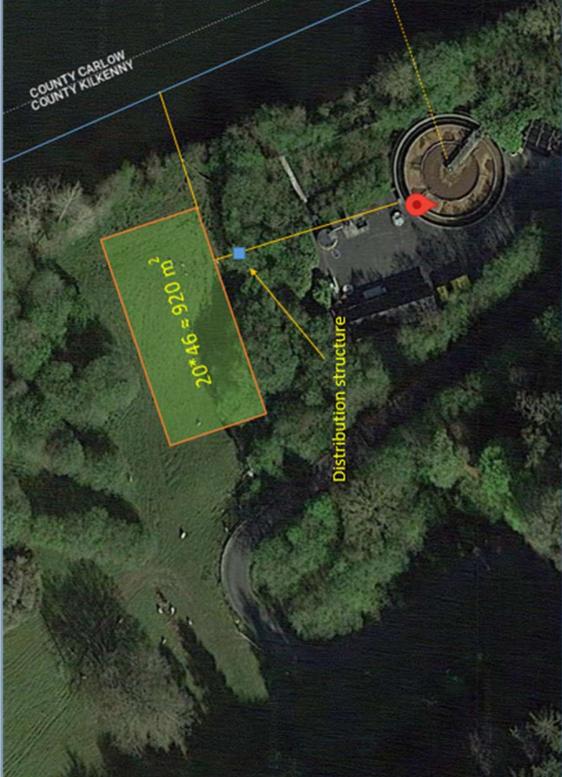
Site plan



Technical details

<b>Plant details</b>		Volume: Sand [m³]	182
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	1,100	Volume: WOW <sub>Char.</sub> [m³]	32
Connected PE [PE]	815	WOW <sub>Char.</sub> amount [t]	48,263
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerobic sludge stabilisation</li> <li>Activated sludge process with deni- and nitrification</li> </ul>		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
<b>Constructed wetlands details</b>		<b>Fine sieve</b>	
Filter surface area [m²]	330	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	215	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	15	<b>Costs</b>	
Length [m]	22	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.01 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.01 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## 9.2 Plant characteristics Ireland

WWTP Graignuenamanagh Tinnahinch constructed wetland with activated carbon additive		WWTP Kilkenny City constructed wetland with activated carbon additive	
Site plan		Site plan	
			
Technical details		Technical details	
<b>Plant details</b>		<b>Plant details</b>	
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	3,000	Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	77,000
Connected PE [PE]	2,267	Connected PE [PE]	35,643
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Annual flow [m³/a]	3,523,345
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Infiltration water percentage [%]	n.a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerobic sludge stabilisation</li> <li>Activated sludge process with deni- and nitrifikation</li> </ul>	N.A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diffused aeration/clarification</li> <li>activated sludge process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]</li> <li>Mean filter velocity [m/h]</li> <li>Maximum filter velocity [m/h]</li> </ul>
<b>Constructed wetlands details</b>		<b>Constructed wetlands details</b>	
Filter surface area [m²]	920	Filter surface area [m²]	14,300
Filter volume [m³]	598	Filter volume [m³]	9,295
Width [m]	20	Width [m]	50
Length [m]	46	Length [m]	286
Depth [m]	0.65	Depth [m]	0.65
<b>Costs</b>		<b>Costs</b>	
Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.47 €	Investment costs [Mio. €]	11.30 €
Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.47 €	Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	9.97 €
Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-	Fine sieve [Mio. €]	1.33 €
<b>Other parameters</b>		<b>Other parameters</b>	
Volume: Sand [m³]	508	Volume: Sand [m³]	7,901
Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	90	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	1,394
WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	134,550	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	2,091
Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	540
Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	720
Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.	Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.023
Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.	Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.030
<b>Fine sieve</b>		<b>Fine sieve</b>	
Fine sieve number [-]	-	Fine sieve number [-]	4
Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	484

## WWTP Thomastown

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	785
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	7,500	Volume: WOW <sub>Char.</sub> [m³]	138
Connected PE [PE]	3,522	WOW <sub>Char.</sub> amount [t]	208
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
• diffused aeration/clarification		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
• activated sludge process		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	1,420	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	923	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	20	Costs	
Length [m]	71	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.73 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.73 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Callan

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	497
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	4,000	Volume: WOW <sub>Char.</sub> [m³]	88
Connected PE [PE]	2,247	WOW <sub>Char.</sub> amount [t]	131.625
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
• diffused aeration/clarification		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
• activated sludge process		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	900	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	585	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	20	Costs	
Length [m]	45	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.45 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.45 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Castlecomer constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	2,851
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	2,500	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	503
Connected PE [PE]	2,077	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	754,650
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	198
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	264
• diffused aeration/clarification	• activated sludge process	Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.008
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.011
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	840	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	546	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	20	Costs	
		Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.42 €
Length [m]	42	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.42 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Muinebeheag constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	2,851
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	5,500	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	503
Connected PE [PE]	12,248	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	754,650
Annual flow [m³/a]	466,470	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	198
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	264
• diffused aeration/clarification	• activated sludge process	Mean filter velocity [m/h]	0.008
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	0.011
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	5,160	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	3,354	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	60	Costs	
		Investment costs [Mio. €]	3.05 €
Length [m]	86	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	3.05 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Paulstown

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	221
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	1,000	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	39
Connected PE [PE]	1,000	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	58,500
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diffused aeration/clarification</li> <li>activated sludge process</li> </ul>		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	400	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	260	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	25	Costs	
Length [m]	16	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.08 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.08 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Ballyragget

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



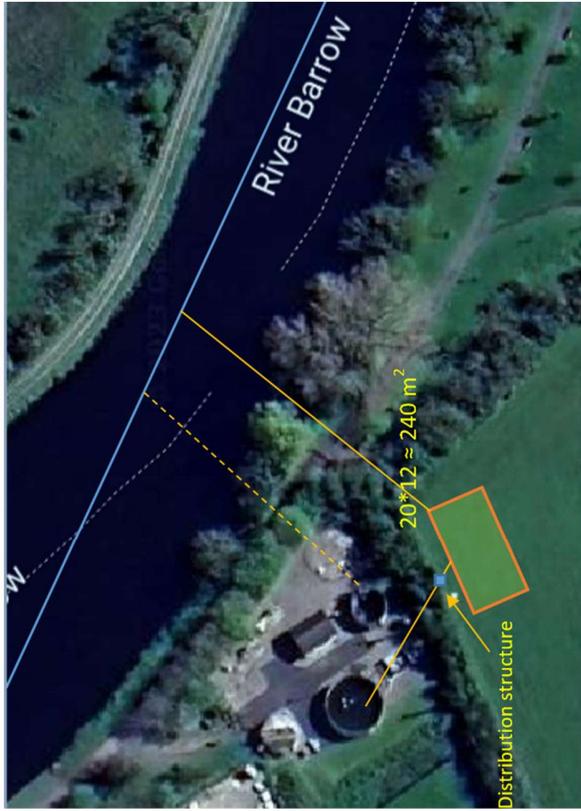
Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	431
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	1,920	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	76
Connected PE [PE]	1,920	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	114,075
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diffused aeration/clarification</li> <li>activated sludge process</li> </ul>		Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	780	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	507	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	20	Costs	
Length [m]	39	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.38 €
Depth [m]	0.65	• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.38 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Goresbridge

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



### Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	133
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	600	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	23
Connected PE [PE]	600	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	35.100
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
• diffused aeration/clarification	• activated sludge process	Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	240	Fine sieve number [-]	-
Filter volume [m³]	156	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	-
Width [m]	20	Costs	
		Length [m]	12
Depth [m]	0.65	Investment costs [Mio. €]	0.91 €
		• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	0.91 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-

## WWTP Gowran

constructed wetland with activated carbon additive

Site plan



### Technical details

Plant details		Volume: Sand [m³]	188
Capacity in People Equivalent [PE]	826	Volume: WOW <sub>Char</sub> [m³]	33
Connected PE [PE]	826	WOW <sub>Char</sub> amount [t]	49.725
Annual flow [m³/a]	N.A.	Mean hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
Infiltration water percentage [%]	N.A.	Maximum hydraulic surface rate [L/m²-d]	N.A.
• diffused aeration/clarification	• activated sludge process	Mean filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
		Maximum filter velocity [m/h]	N.A.
Constructed wetlands details		Fine sieve	
Filter surface area [m²]	340	Fine sieve number [-]	n.a
Filter volume [m³]	221	Maximum hydraulic capacity [m³/h]	n.a
Width [m]	20	Costs	
		Length [m]	17
Depth [m]	0.65	Investment costs [Mio. €]	1.02 €
		• Constructed wetland [Mio. €]	1.02 €
		• Fine sieve [Mio. €]	-