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Contract

## **LIFE R4ever Kent Project (LIFE20 NAT/UK/001001013) - eDNA monitoring for freshwater invertebrate species**

Natural England

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

eDNALRKeK

### **Description**

The LIFE R4ever Kent project (2021 -2026) aims restore and revitalise the River Kent Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in South Cumbria and its wider catchment, so it is more resilient to environmental pressures. This unique river, located on the fringes of the English Lake District is home to internationally important populations of bullhead, white-clawed crayfish, freshwater pearl mussel and water crowfoot (*Ranunculus*) habitat. A key deliverable of the project is to trial new monitoring techniques by implementing the use of environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling for testing for the presence of Freshwater Pearl Mussels, White-clawed Crayfish along with invasive Signal Crayfish and associated disease Crayfish Plague.

There are three parts to this contract:

- The provision of eDNA water sampling equipment/kits and protocols
- DNA extraction, analysis of samples taken and reporting the result
- Sequencing of qPCR products

Natural England will be responsible for the collection of water samples from sites across the River Kent Catchment.

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### **Supplier**

- Surescreen Scientifics Limited

### **Contract value**

- £26,941.50 excluding VAT
- £32,329.80 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

9 April 2025

## **Contract dates**

- 14 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 August 2026
- 1 year, 4 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

6 months as per standard contract

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction

## **Contract locations**

- UKD - North West (England)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

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## Supplier

### Surescreen Scientifics Limited

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Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### Natural England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDG-6588-XDMM

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government