

DIVISION I

INITIAL STATE OF THE WETLAND

1. The factor representing the initial state of the wetland “ $I_{f\text{INI}}$ ” is determined according to the table below. The factor is the factor that corresponds to the component of the most degraded wetland.

Initial state of the portion of the wetland affected by the activity				
Components	Undegraded $I_{f\text{INI}} = 1$	Slightly degraded $I_{f\text{INI}} = 0.8$	Degraded $I_{f\text{INI}} = 0.6$	Very degraded $I_{f\text{INI}} = 0.3$
Vegetation	Vegetation characteristic of wetlands occupying the entire surface area inventoried	Vegetation characteristic of wetlands occupying 33% to 99% of the surface area inventoried	Vegetation characteristic of wetlands occupying less than 33% of the surface area inventoried	N/A
Soil	Hydric mineral soil occupying the entire surface area inventoried OR Hydric organic soil with part of the profile that is not sapric over the entire surface area inventoried	Hydric soil over 33% to 99% of the surface area inventoried OR Hydric organic soil whose whole profile is sapric over the entire surface area inventoried	Soil, hydric or not, disturbed or ploughed less than 5 years before, over the entire affected portion of the wetland OR Soil, hydric or not, excavated and put back in place less than 5 years before, over more than 33% of the affected portion of the wetland OR Hydric soil occupying less than 33% of the surface area inventoried	Soil not hydric over the entire surface area inventoried OR Filling over hydric soil over the entire affected portion of the wetland OR Sealed soil over the entire affected portion of the wetland
Water	Hydrological regime characteristic of wetlands occupying the entire surface area inventoried	Hydrological regime characteristic of wetlands over 33% to 99% of the surface area inventoried OR Presence of drainage works in the wetland or at less than 30 m from the wetland	Hydrological regime characteristic of wetlands over less than 33% of the surface area inventoried	N/A

DIVISION II

IMPACT OF THE ACTIVITY ON THE WETLAND

2. The factor representing the impact of the activity on the wetland “ NI ” is determined according to the table below. The factor is the factor that corresponds to the component of the wetland for which the impact is most significant.

Impact of the activity over the portion of the wetland affected by the activity				
Components	Negligible NI = 0.9	Low NI = 0.6	High NI = 0.1	Very high NI = 0
Vegetation	Undisturbed vegetation	Disturbed or destroyed vegetation over less than 20% of the affected portion of the wetland	Disturbed or destroyed vegetation over more than 20% of the affected portion of the wetland	N/A
Soil	Compacted soil or soil subject to rutting over less than 5% of the affected portion of the wetland	Compacted soil or soil subject to rutting over 5% or more of the affected portion of the wetland OR Soil affected by work that does not change, in the entire affected portion of the wetland, the direction of the flow of water	Disturbed, ploughed or excavated soil OR Soil affected by work that changes, in the entire affected portion of the wetland, the direction of the flow of water	Removed, covered or sealed soil in the entire affected portion of the wetland
Water	Undisturbed hydrological regime	Disturbed hydrological regime over less than 5% of the affected portion of the wetland	Disturbed hydrological regime over 5% to 40% of the affected portion of the wetland	Disturbed hydrological regime over more than 40% of the affected portion of the wetland

3. For the purpose of determining the importance of the impact of an activity on the “water” component, drainage work is deemed to disturb the hydrological regime of the wetland over a distance of 30 m on either side of the location where the work is carried out.