

# National Water Vole Database and Mapping Project

PART 2: PROJECT MAPS for period 2009 – 2018

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document is Part 2 of the National Water Vole Database & Mapping Project 2009-2018 and comprises the Guide to Using the Distribution and Alert Maps, followed by the maps themselves.

This document and maps should be read in conjunction with Part 1 of the National Water Vole Database & Mapping Project 2009-2018.

## 2. GUIDE TO THE USE OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND ALERT MAPS

The following tables explain the uses and limitations of the project maps:

**Table 1: GB Water vole distribution maps: quick guide**

**Table 2: UK American Mink distribution maps: quick guide**

**Table 3: Water vole alert maps: quick guide**

**Table 4: Water vole local key area maps: quick guide**

**Table 5: Water vole regional key area maps: quick guide**

**Table 1: GB Water vole distribution maps: quick guide**

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Map title	Page	Resolution	Display format	Uses	Caution
GB- Water vole presence all records (1861-2018)	8	Derived from records $\geq 100\text{m}$ resolution	Dots	<b>For:</b> -providing overview of distribution across UK since records began -helping to plan further survey/ research at national level.	<b>Does not:</b> -purport to capture all areas historically or currently occupied by water voles (to an extent reflects recorder effort) -indicate abundance -show status over time.
GB- Water vole presence all records (1861-2018)	9	Derived from records $\geq 1\text{km}$ resolution	10km squares	<b>For:</b> -providing overview of distribution across UK since records began -reporting against UK BAP targets -helping to plan further survey/ research at national level.	<b>Does not:</b> -purport to capture all areas historically or currently occupied by water voles (to an extent reflects recorder effort) -indicate abundance -show status over time.
GB- Water vole presence (2009-2018)	10	Derived from records $\geq 100\text{m}$ resolution	Dots	<b>For:</b> -providing overview of distribution across UK over the last 5 years -helping to plan further survey/ research at national level.	<b>Does not:</b> -purport to capture all areas historically or currently occupied by water voles (to an extent reflects recorder effort) -indicate abundance -show status over time.
GB - Water vole presence (2009-2018)	11	Derived from records $\geq 1\text{km}$ resolution	10km squares	<b>For:</b> -providing overview of distribution across UK over the last 5 years -reporting against UK BAP targets -helping to plan further survey/ research at national level.	<b>Does not:</b> -purport to capture all areas historically or currently occupied by water voles (to an extent reflects recorder effort) -indicate abundance -show status over time.
GB - Water vole absence all records (1977-2018)	12	Derived from records $\geq 100\text{m}$ resolution	Dots	<b>For:</b> -indicating where absence recorded during survey.	<b>Does not:</b> -indicate areas where water voles have been absent historically or are currently absent.
GB - Water vole absence (2009-2018)	13				

**Table 2: GB American Mink distribution maps: quick guide**

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Map title	Page	Resolution	Display format	Uses	Caution
GB - American mink presence all records (1952-2017)	15	Derived from records $\geq$ 100m	Dots	<b>For:</b> -providing overview of distribution across UK since records began -helping to plan further survey / research at national level.	<b>Does not:</b> -separate mink survey records from mink trapping records. Mink 'presence' may in some cases represent an animal that has been 'removed' from the population.
GB - American mink presence all records (1952-2017)	16	Derived from records $\geq$ 1km resolution	10km squares		
GB - American mink presence (2009-2018)	17	Derived from records $\geq$ 100m	Dots	<b>For:</b> -providing overview of distribution across UK over the last five years -helping to plan further survey/ research at national level	<b>Does not:</b> -separate mink survey records from mink trapping records. Mink 'presence' may in some cases represent an animal that has been 'removed' from the population.
GB - American mink presence (2009-2018)	18	Derived from records $\geq$ 1km resolution	10km squares		
GB - American mink absence all years (1978-2018)	19	Derived from records $\geq$ 100m	Dots	<b>For:</b> - indicating where absence recorded during survey.	<b>Does not:</b> - indicate areas where mink have been absent historically or are currently absent.
GB - American mink absence (2009-2018)	20	Derived from records $\geq$ 100m	Dots		

**Table 3: Water vole alert maps: quick guide**

<b>Water Vole Alert Maps</b>				
<b>Map title</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Data displayed</b>	<b>Uses</b>	<b>Caution</b>
South West RBD Water Vole Alert Map	22	Derived from records $\geq$ 100m resolution with buffers added.	<b>For:</b> -identifying at least some of the potentially suitable habitat within water vole dispersal distance of populations recorded over the last five years -alerting users to potential presence of water voles -assisting with the collation of data for agri-environment schemes -alerting organisations that undertake regular maintenance tasks to the potential presence of water voles -planning future water vole survey and monitoring.	<b>These maps do not:</b> -confer any statutory or non-statutory designation -provide a precise boundary defining presence/absence of water voles and/or their habitat e.g. the 0.5km wide buffer along occupied watercourses will not always capture the extent of adjacent suitable habitat. -identify other potentially suitable habitat into which populations may move in the future -remove the need to consider other mapping/imagery to assess habitat suitability -remove the need to undertake new surveys prior to determining development/engineering/habitat works. Sub populations can disappear from sites and/or re appear from one survey season to the next. Populations may also move in response to relatively small changes in habitat quality.
South East RBD Water Vole Alert Map	25			
Wales Water Vole Alert Map	28			
Severn RBD Water Vole Alert Map	31			
Thames RBD Water Vole Alert Map	34			
Anglian RBD Water Vole Alert Map	37			
Dee RBD Water Vole Alert Map	40			
North West RBD Water Vole Alert Map	43			
Humber RBD Water Vole Alert Map	46			
Solway Tweed RBD Water Vole Alert Map	49			
Northumbria RBD Water Vole Alert Map	52			
Scotland Water Vole Alert Map	55			

**Table 4: Water vole local key area maps: quick guide**

Water Vole Local Key Area Maps				
Map title	Page	Data displayed	Uses	Caution
Water Vole Local Key Areas: South West RBD	23	Alert areas over 6km <sup>2</sup> derived from records ≥ 100m resolution with buffers added	<b>For:</b> - indicating areas ≥ 6 km <sup>2</sup> that are likely to support larger populations/clusters of populations that have a greater chance of persisting long term -encouraging protection and/or sensitive management of potentially suitable habitat within and adjacent to sites where water voles recorded in the last ten years -assisting with designation of local wildlife sites -targeting survey and monitoring efforts -targeting habitat enhancement and creation works -targeting mink control efforts -assisting with the development of agri environment scheme applications	<b>These maps do not:</b> -confer any statutory or non statutory designation -provide a precise boundary defining presence/absence of water voles and/or their habitat (as outlined in Table 5) -identify other potentially suitable habitat into which populations may move in the future -remove the need to consider other mapping/imagery to assess habitat suitability -remove the need to undertake new surveys prior to determining development/engineering/habitat works. Sub populations can disappear from sites and/or re appear from one survey season to the next. Populations may move in response to small changes in habitat quality. -show smaller populations, which may decline due to stochastic events. -highlight small colonies or small clusters, which are highly unlikely to persist without positive intervention. <b><i>In some areas these small colonies may be essential in aiding recovery of populations and may also regarded as locally important.</i></b>
Water Vole Local Key Areas: South East RBD	26			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Wales	29			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Severn RBD	32			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Thames RBD	35			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Anglian RBD	38			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Dee RBD	41			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: North West	44			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Humber RBD	47			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Solway Tweed RBD	50			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Northumbria RBD	53			
Water Vole Local Key Areas: Scotland	56			

**Table 5: Water vole regional key area maps: quick guide**

<b>Water Vole Regional Key Area Maps</b>				
<b>Map title</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Data displayed</b>	<b>Uses</b>	<b>Caution</b>
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: South West RBD	24	Alert areas over 35km <sup>2</sup> derived from records ≥ 100m with buffers added	<b>For:</b> -indicating areas ≥ 35 km <sup>2</sup> where populations are more likely to survive the impacts of stochastic events and to persist > 40 years. -prioritising long term strategic policy initiatives -facilitating collaborative working -prioritising resource allocation -targeting mink control efforts at regional level -assisting with designation of statutory and non-statutory sites -targeting survey and monitoring efforts at regional level -targeting habitat works at regional level -encouraging protection and/or sensitive management of potentially suitable habitat within and adjacent to occupied water vole sites -assisting with the development of agri environment scheme applications	<b>These maps do not:</b> -confer any statutory or non statutory designation -provide a precise boundary defining the presence or absence of water voles and/or their habitat (as outlined in Table 5) -identify other potentially suitable habitat into which populations may move in the future -remove the need to consider other mapping/imagery to assess habitat suitability -remove the need to undertake new surveys prior to determining development/engineering/habitat works -show smaller populations, which may decline due to stochastic events, -highlight small colonies or small clusters, which are highly unlikely to persist without positive intervention. <b><i>In some areas these small colonies may be essential in aiding recovery of populations. They may represent all or most of the remaining populations in the area and may also be regarded as regionally important.</i></b>
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: South East RBD	27			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Wales	30			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Severn RBD	33			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Thames RBD	36			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Anglian RBD	39			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Dee RBD	42			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: North West	45			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Humber RBD	48			
Water Vole Regional Key Areas: Solway Tweed RBD	51			
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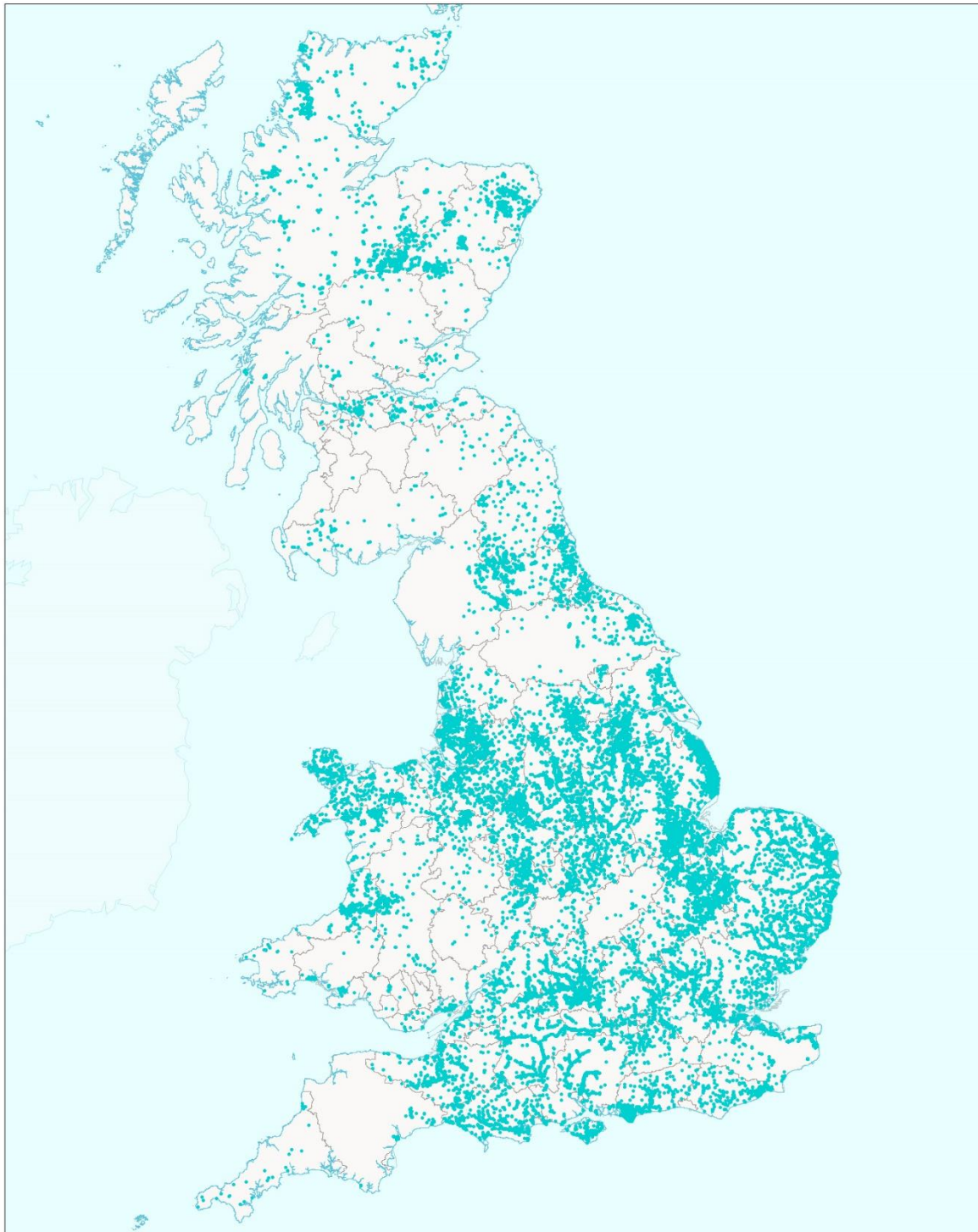


### 3. GB WATER VOLE DISTRIBUTION MAPS

**Great Britain: Water Vole Presence**

All records January 1861 to December 2018

101,049 presence records



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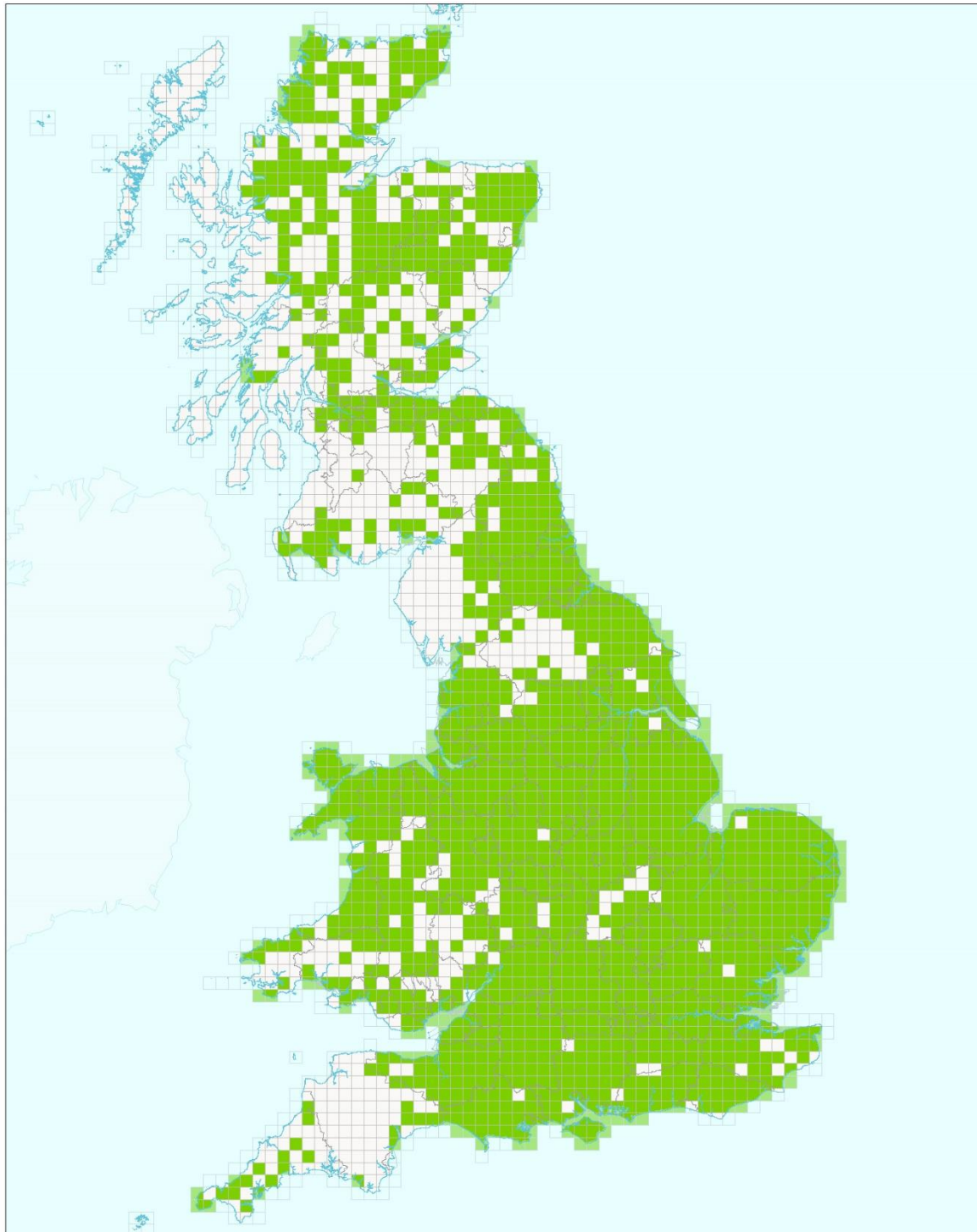
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### Great Britain: Water Vole Presence

All Records January 1861 to December 2018

1,672 occupied 10km grid squares



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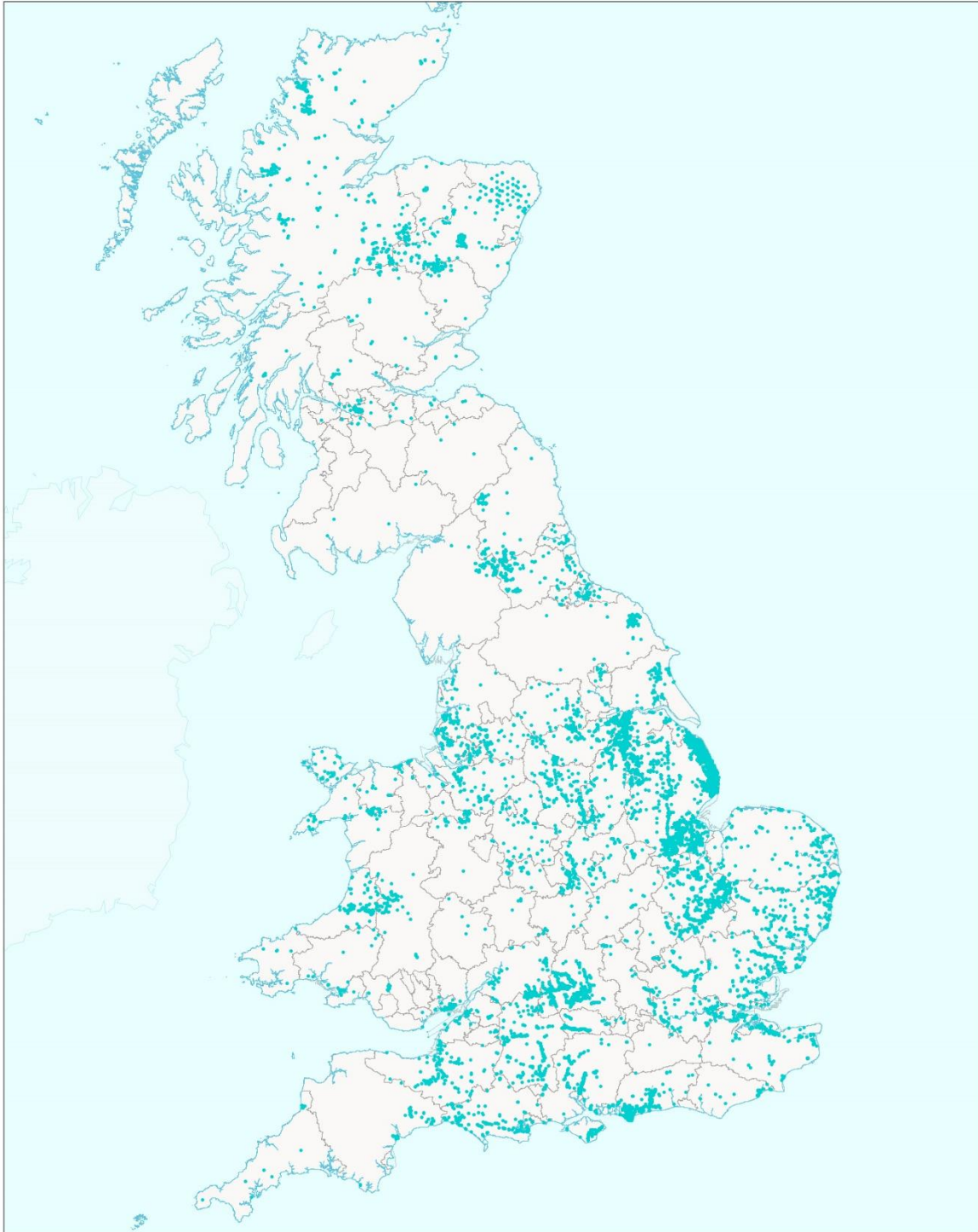
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### Great Britain: Water Vole Presence

January 2009 to December 2018

45,802 presence records



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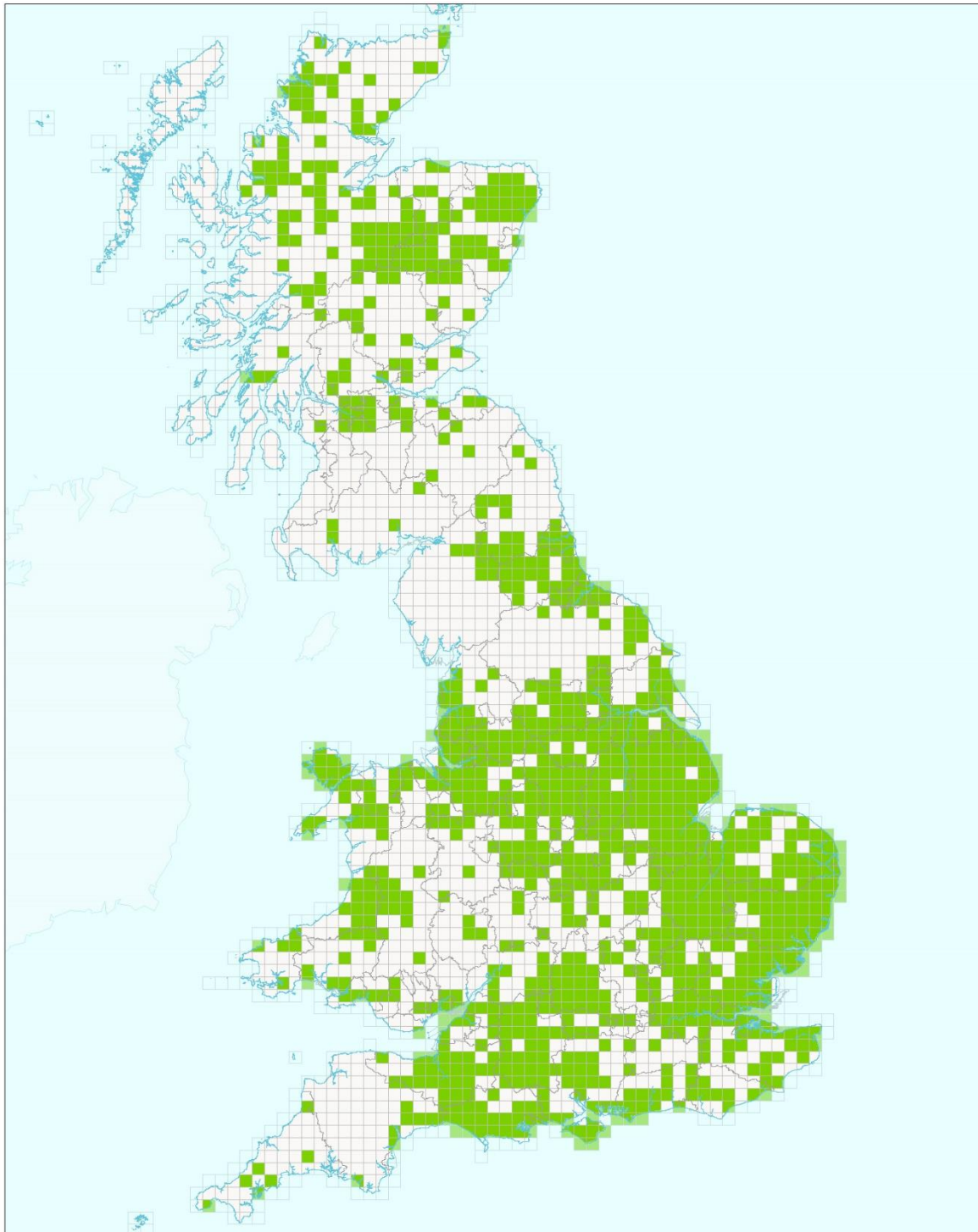
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### Great Britain: Water Vole Presence

January 2009 to December 2018

1,058 occupied 10km grid squares



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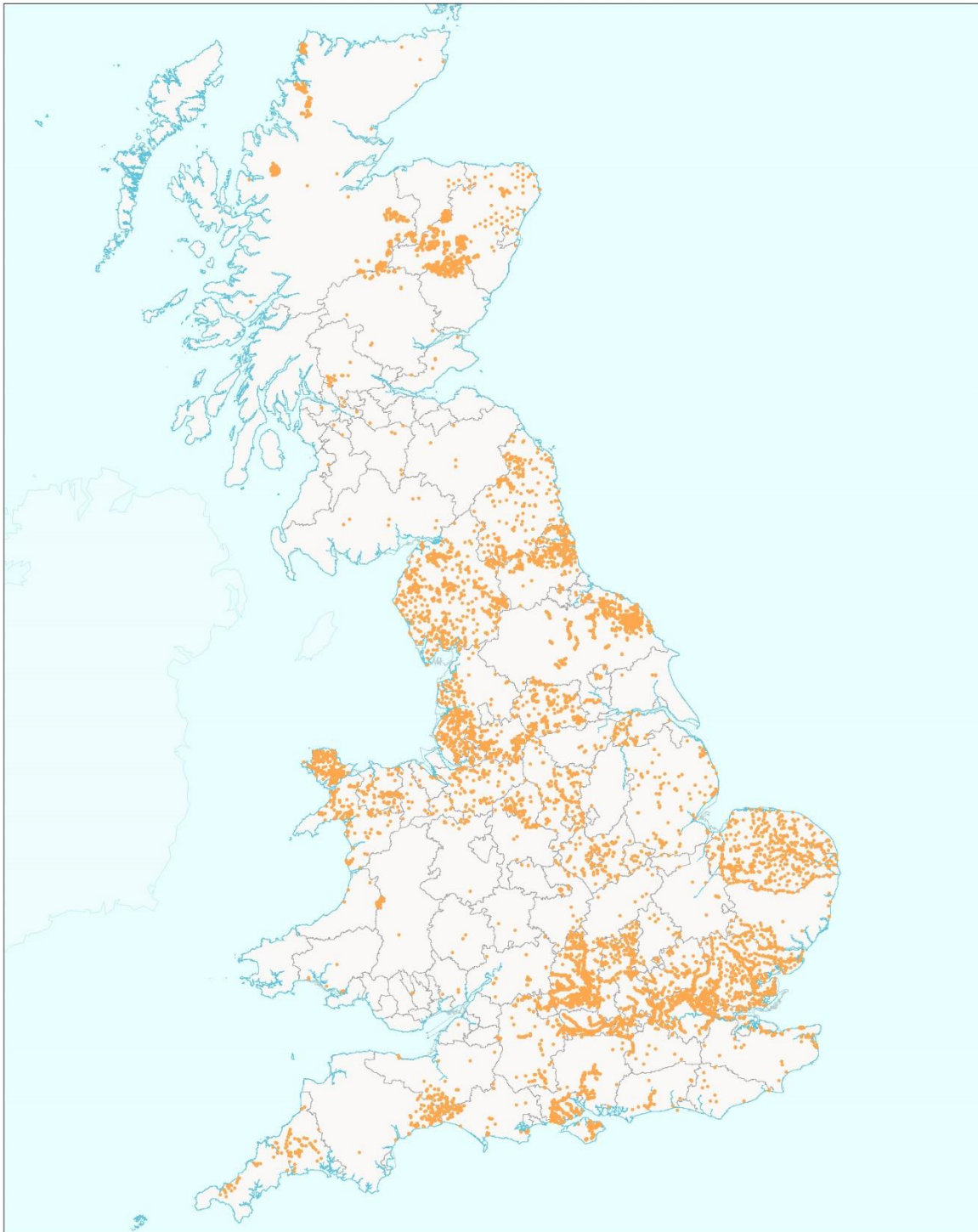
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### Great Britain: Water Vole Absence

All records January 1977 to December 2018

16,516 absence records



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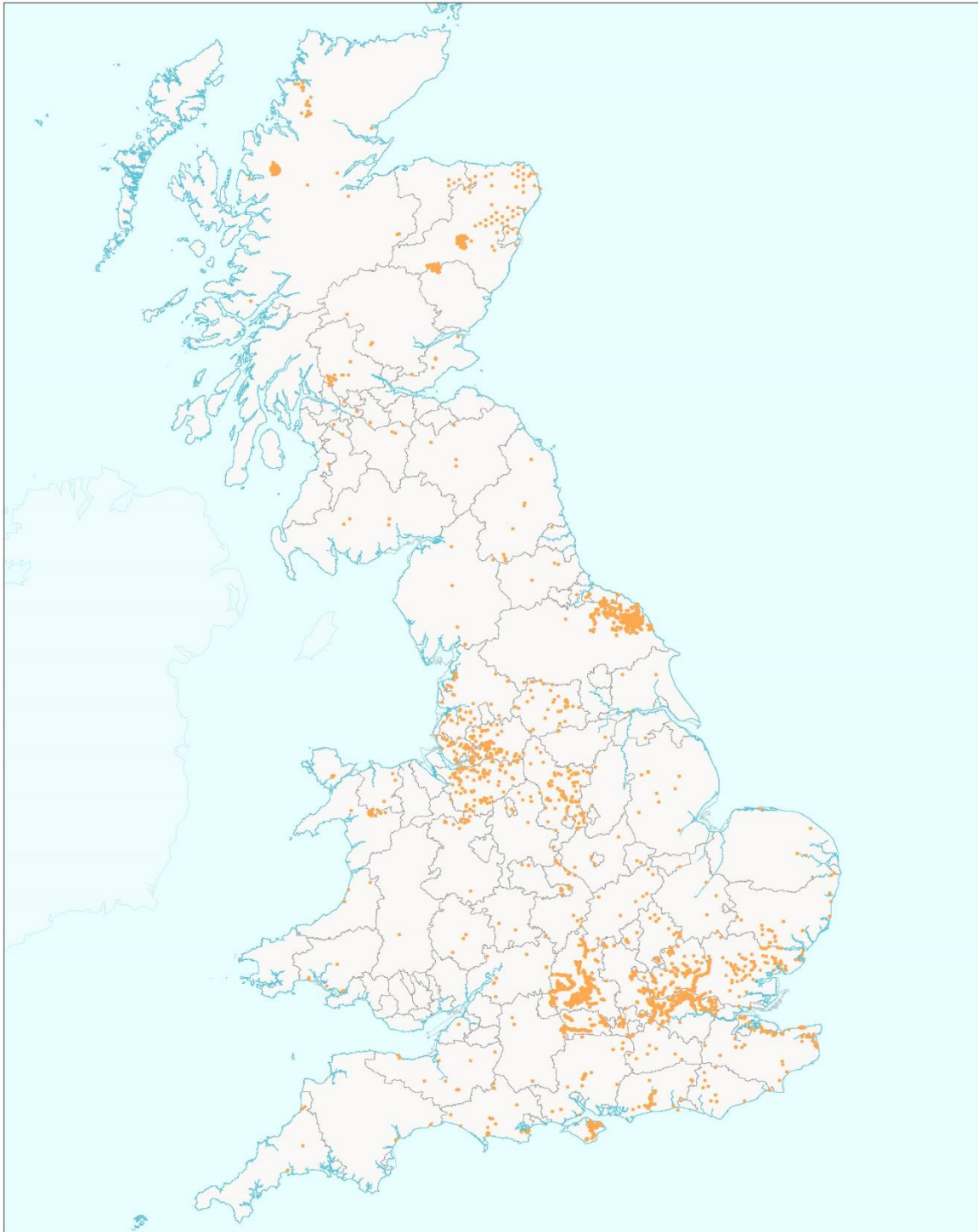
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**Great Britain: Water Vole Absence**

January 2009 to December 2018

5,406 absence records



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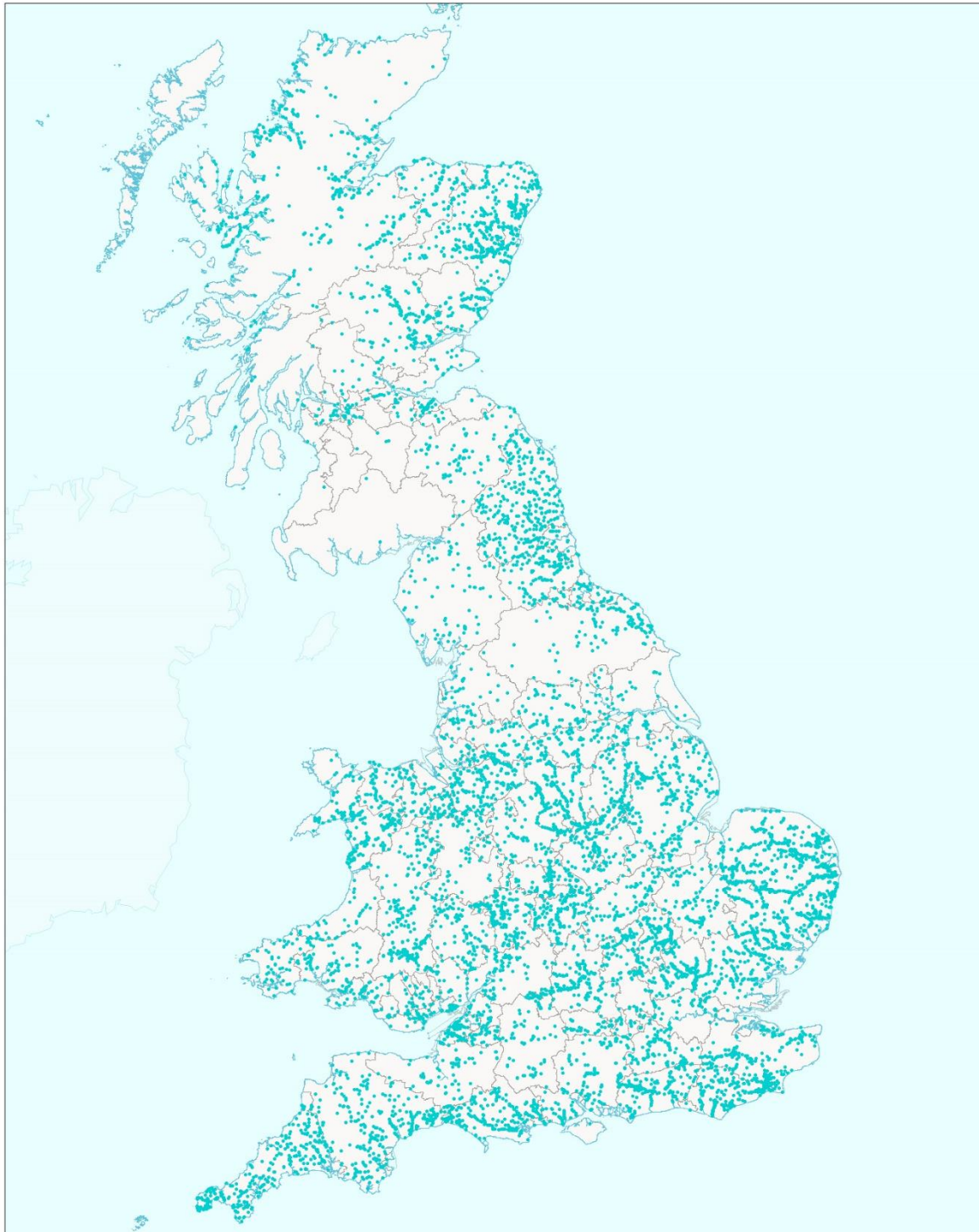
#### 4. GB AMERICAN MINK DISTRIBUTION MAPS



**Great Britain: American Mink Presence**

All records January 1700 to December 2018

19,459 presence records



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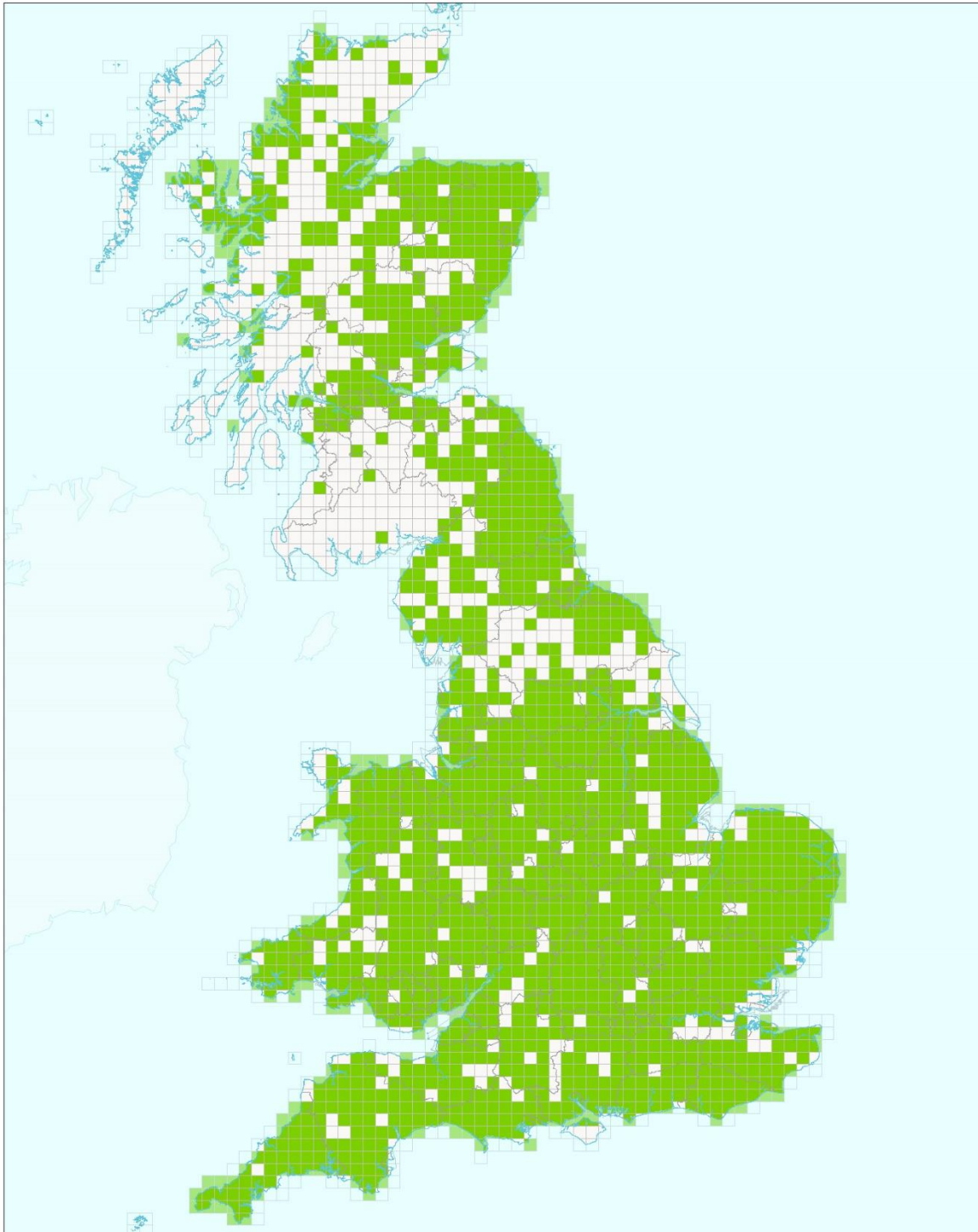
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### Great Britain: American Mink Presence

All records January 1700 to December 2018

1,731 occupied 10km grid squares



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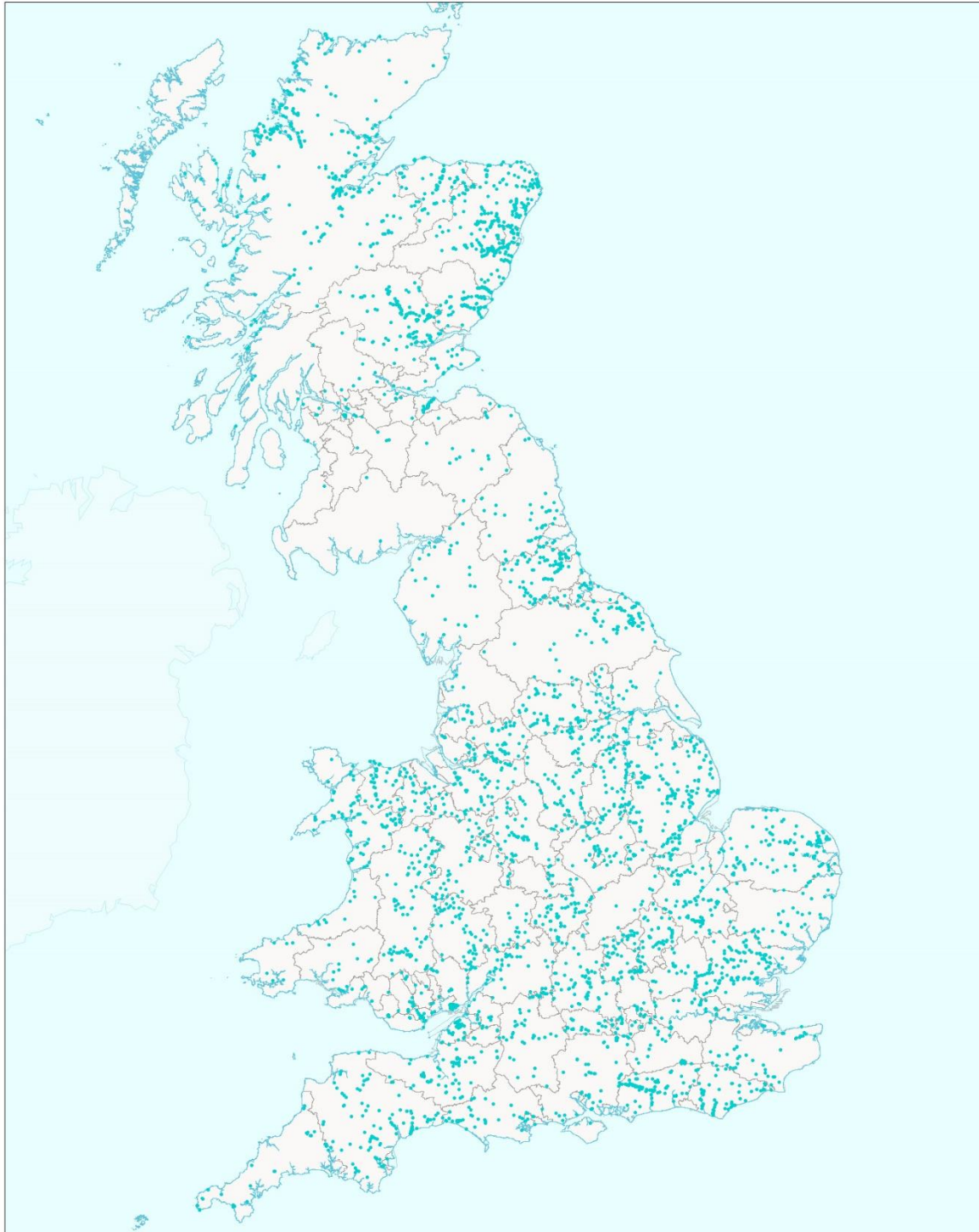
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**Great Britain: American Mink Presence**

January 2009 to December 2018

6,495 presence records



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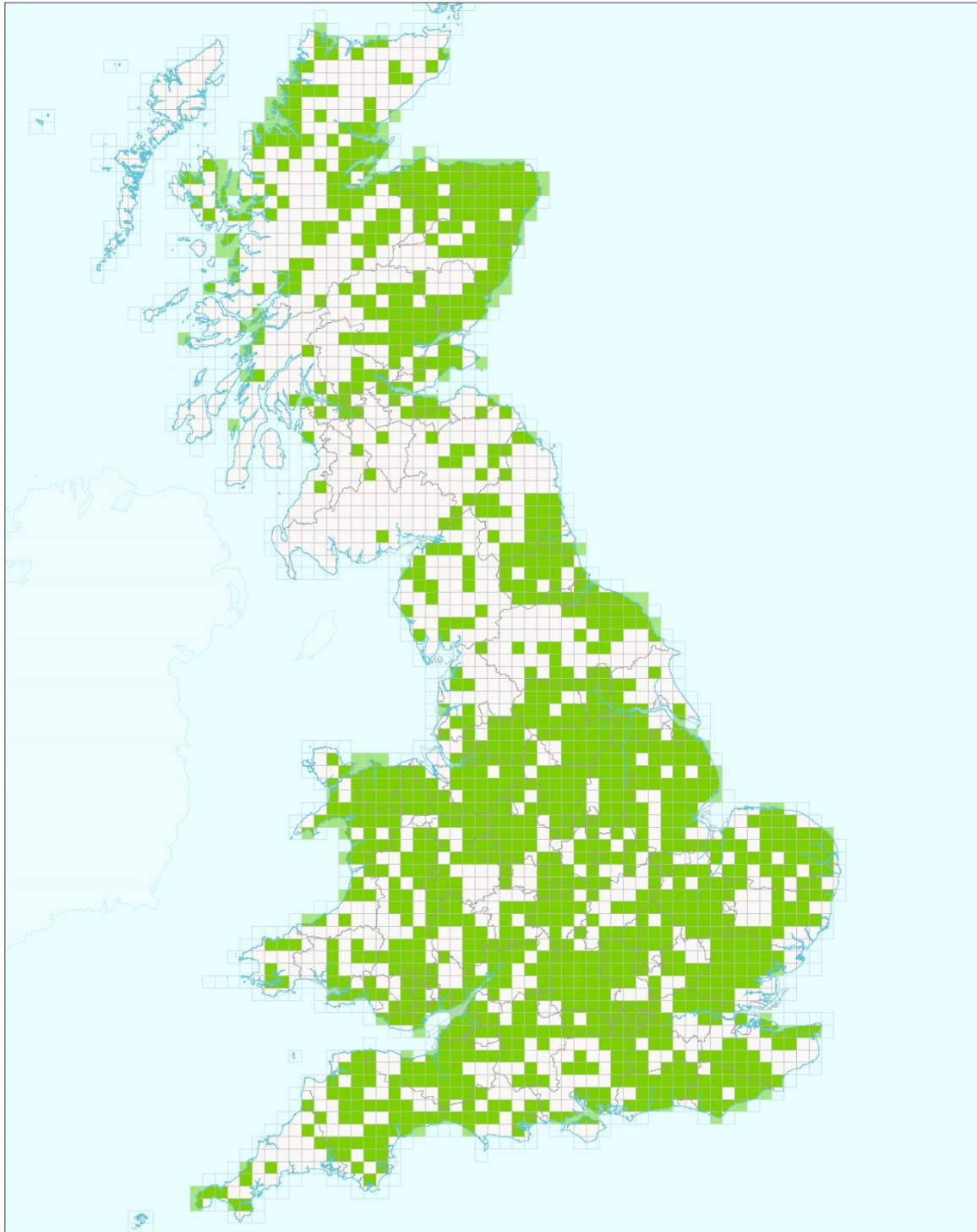
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### Great Britain: American Mink Presence

January 2009 to December 2018

1,272 occupied 10km grid squares



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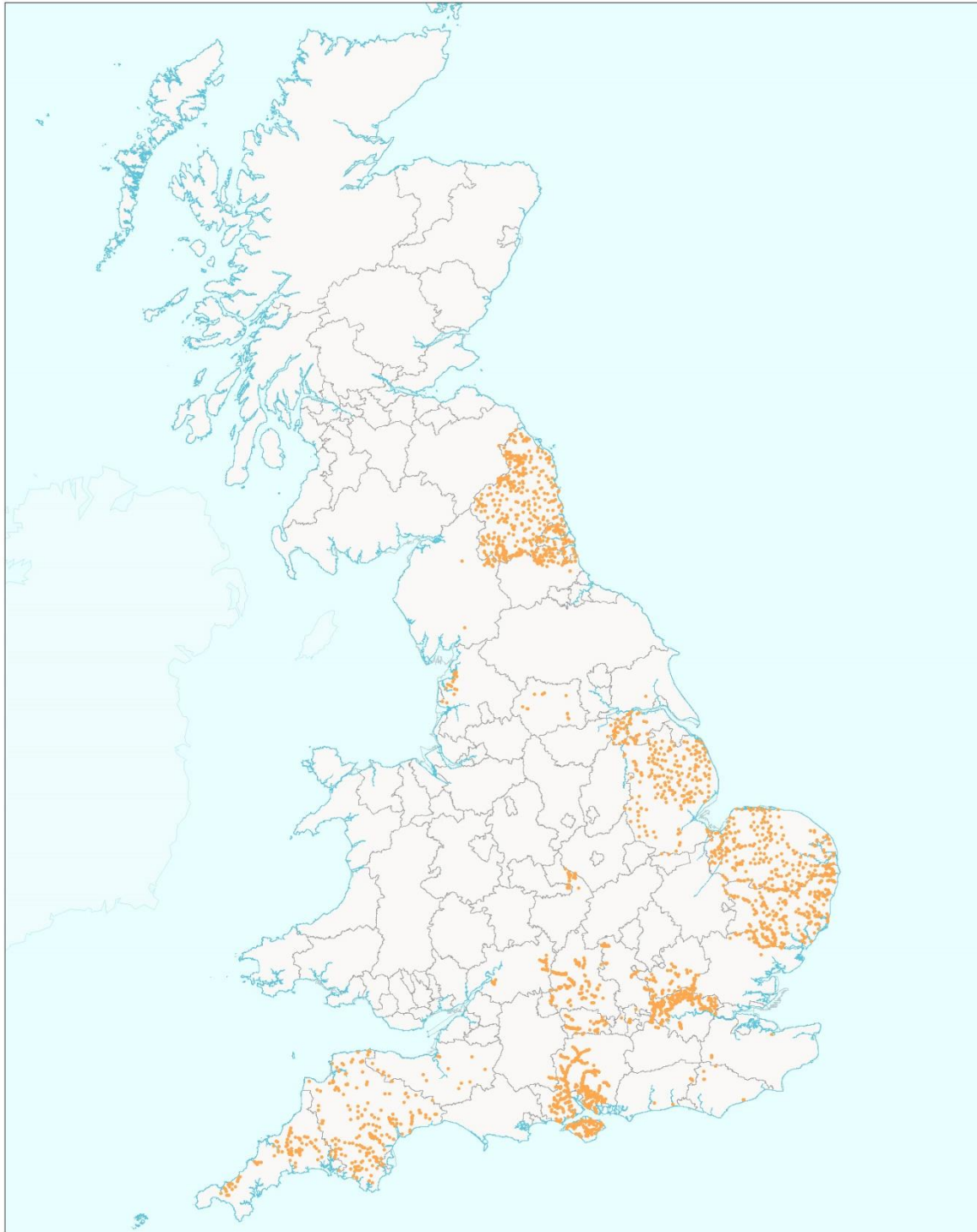
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**Great Britain: American Mink Absence**

All records January 1978 to December 2018

6,782 absence records



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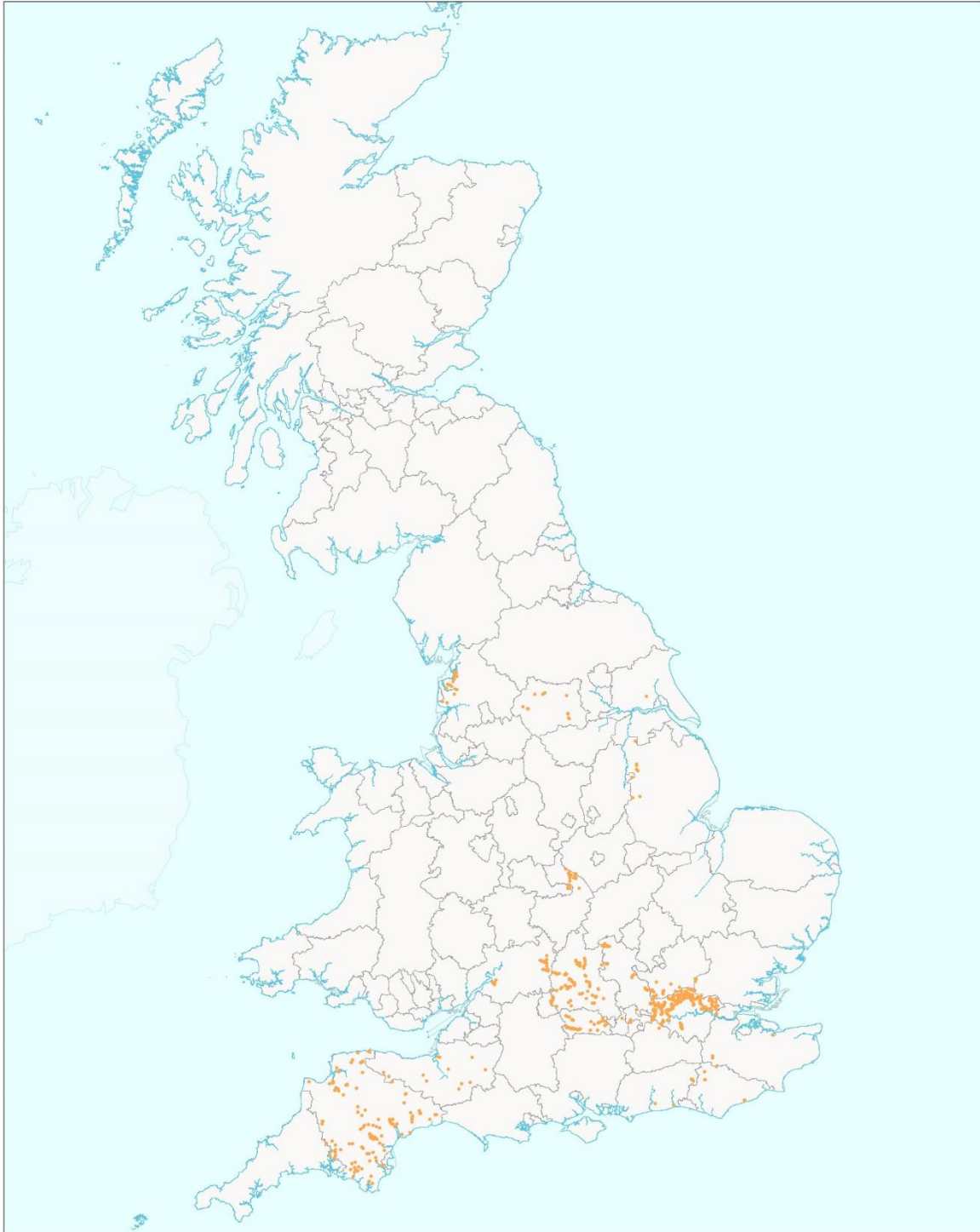
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**Great Britain: American Mink Absence**

January 2009 to December 2018

2,106 absence records



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## 5. WATER VOLE ALERT & KEY AREA MAPS

5.1 SOUTH WEST RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

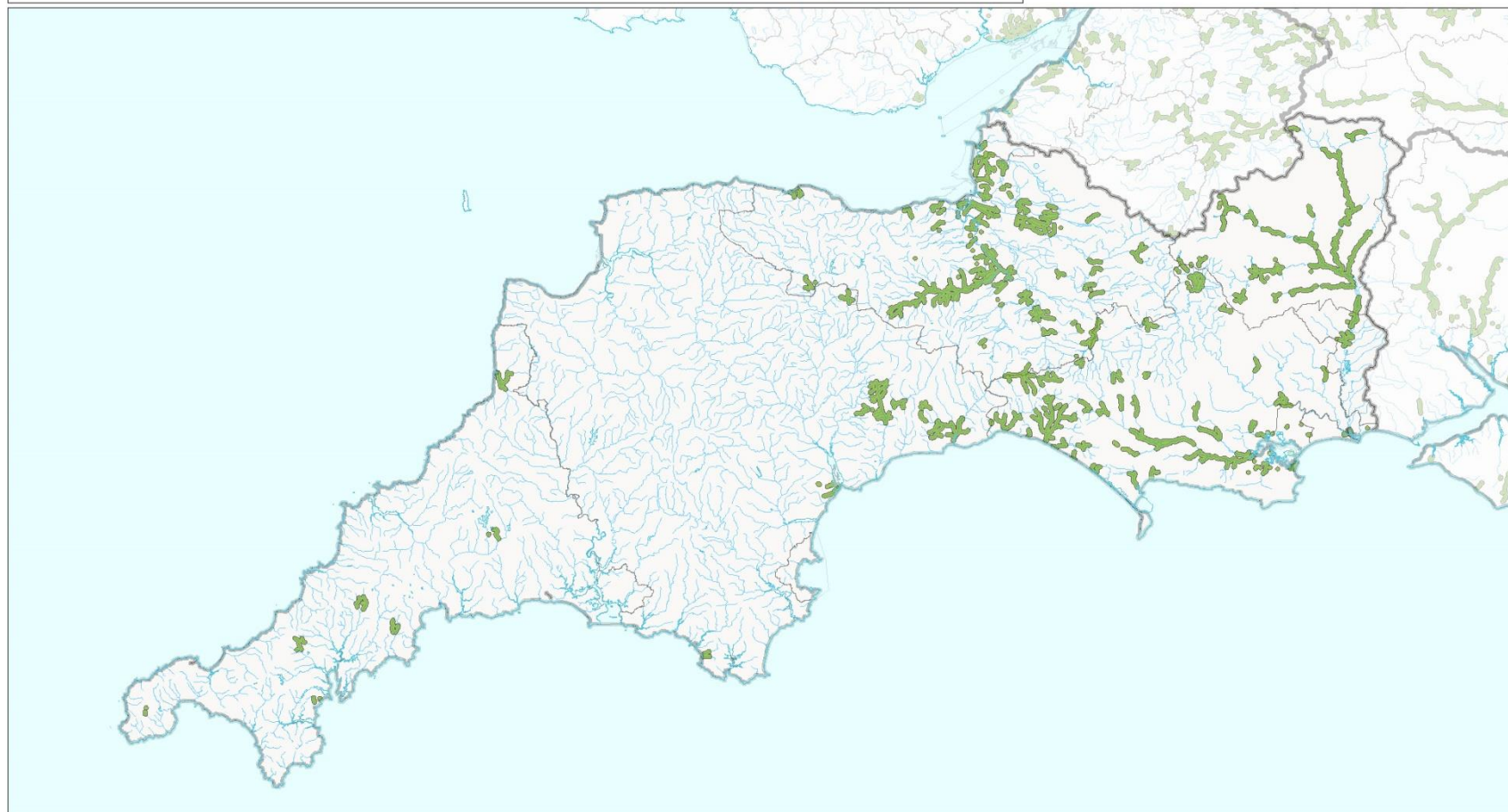
**Water Vole Alert Map: South West RDB**

Water Vole Presence Jan 2009 - Dec 2018

Scale 1:1,250,000 (A4)



Legend: Water Vole Alert Area River Basin District County/Unitary Boundary Watercourse / body



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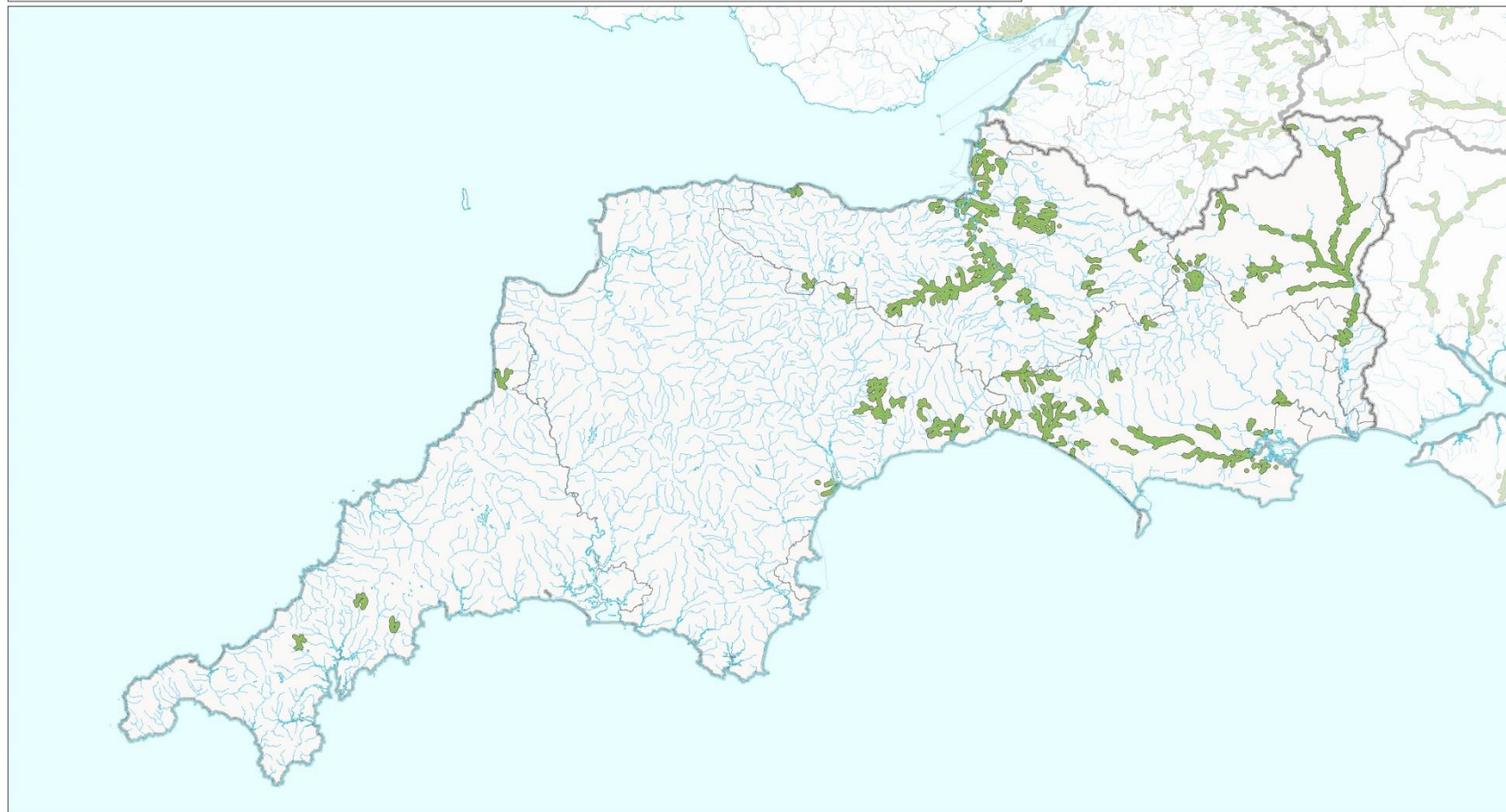
### Water Vole Local Key Areas (>6sq.km): South West RDB

Water Vole Presence Jan 2009 - Dec 2018

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Water Vole Alert Area   River Basin District   County/Unitary Boundary   Watercourse / body



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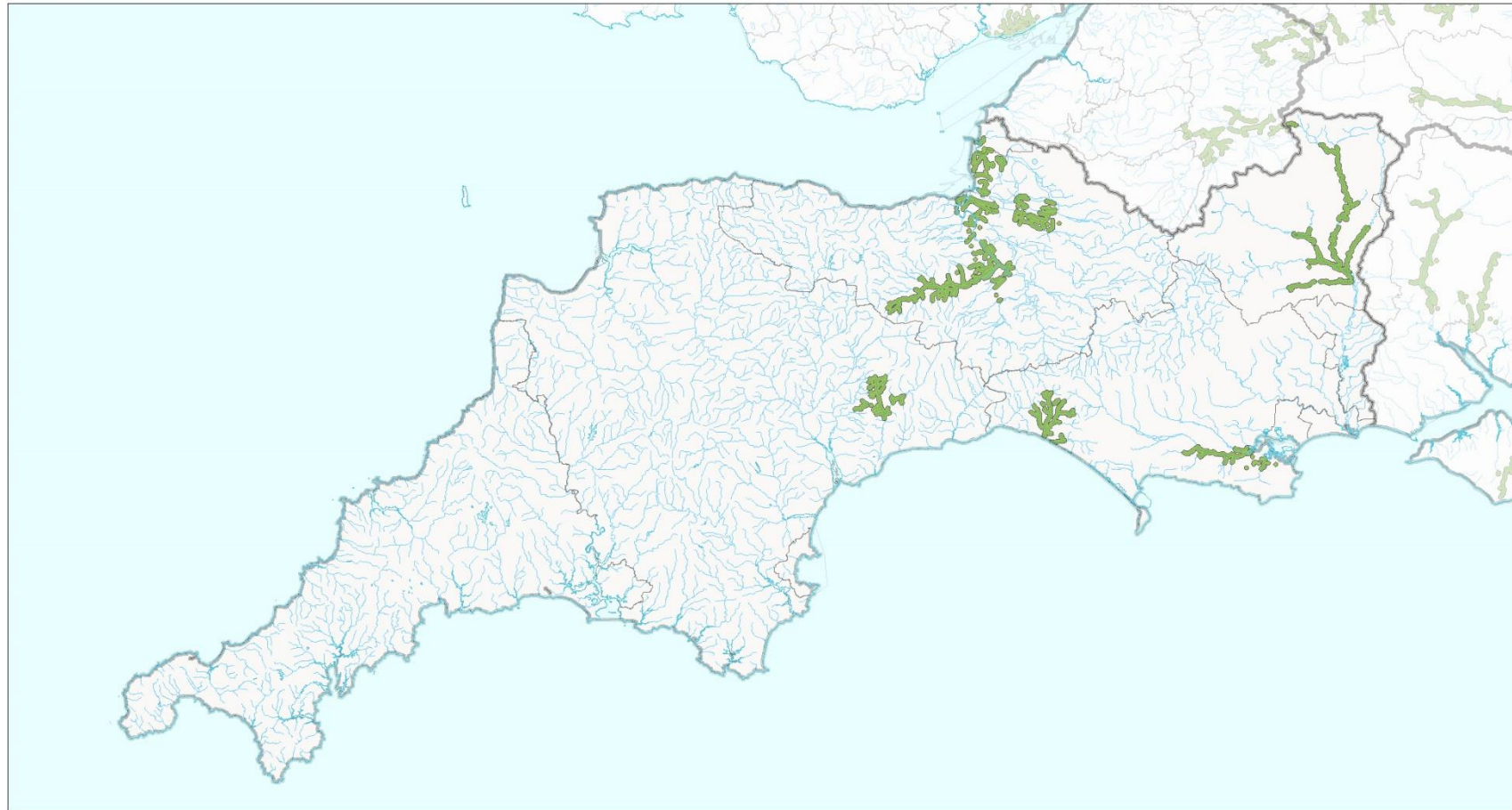
### Water Vole Regional Key Areas (>35sq.km): South West RDB

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5.2 SOUTH EAST RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

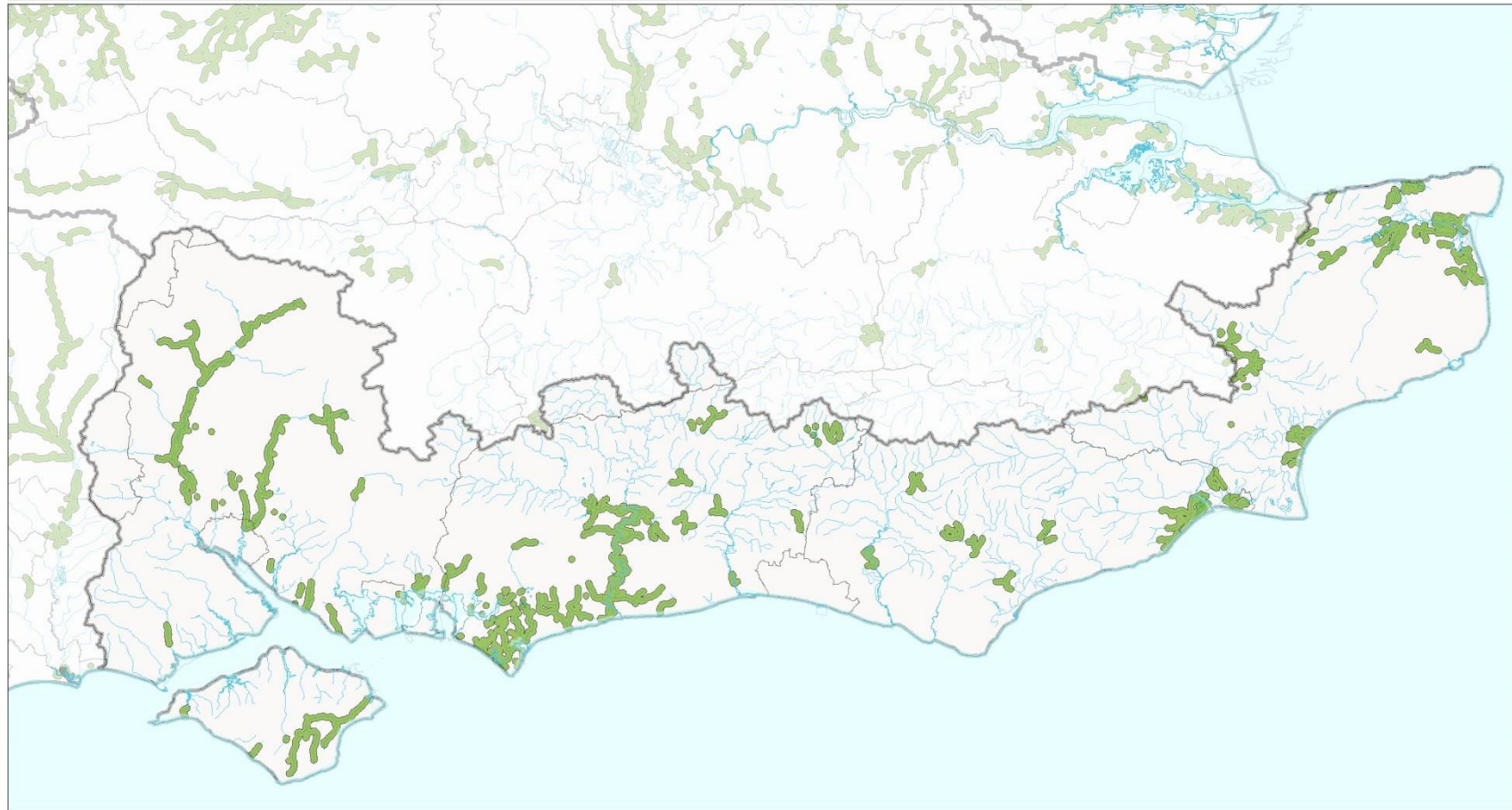
**Water Vole Alert Map: South East RDB**

Water Vole Presence Jan 2009 - Dec 2018

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Legend:  Water Vole Alert Area  River Basin District  County/Unitary Boundary  Watercourse / body



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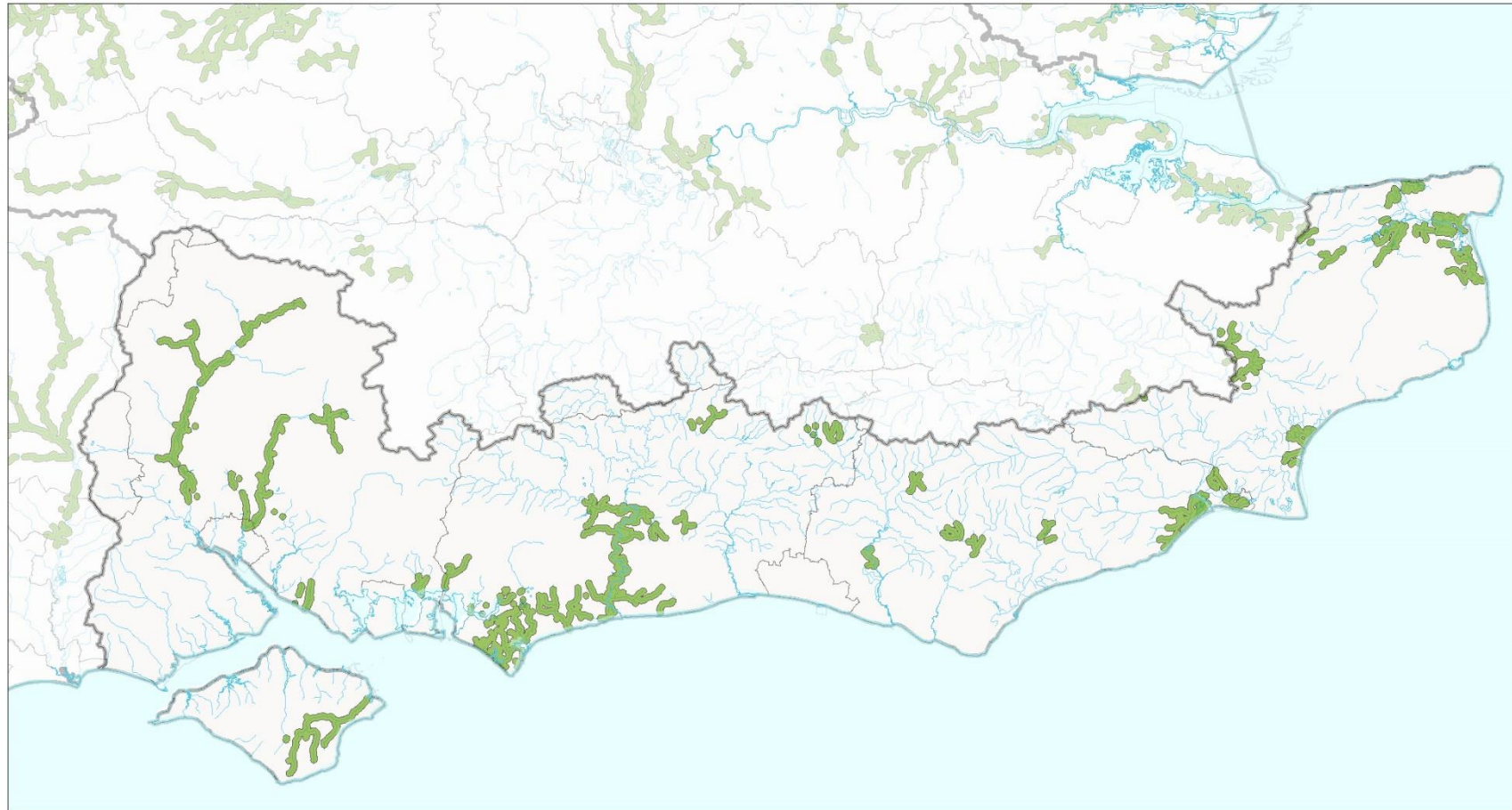
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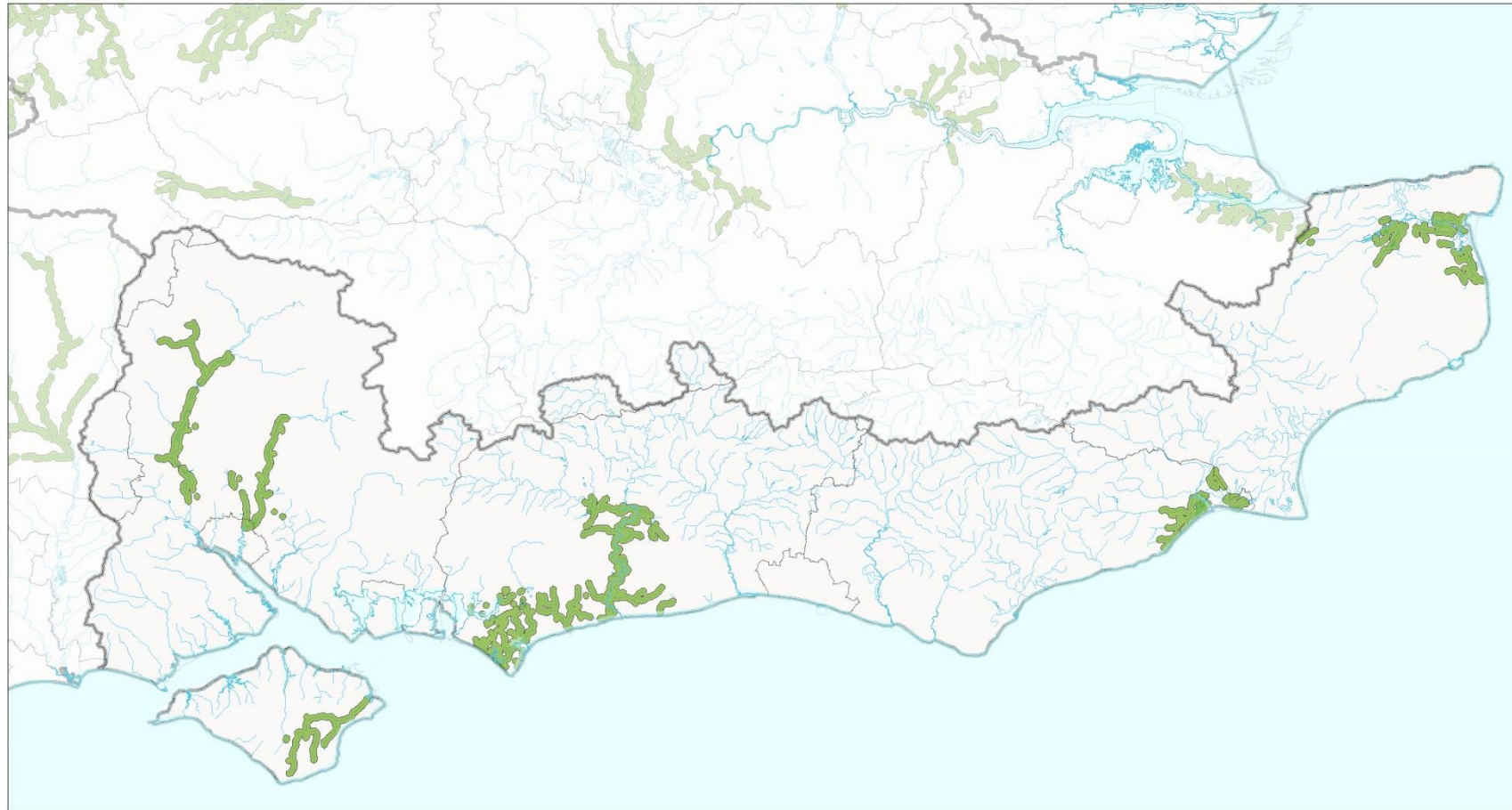
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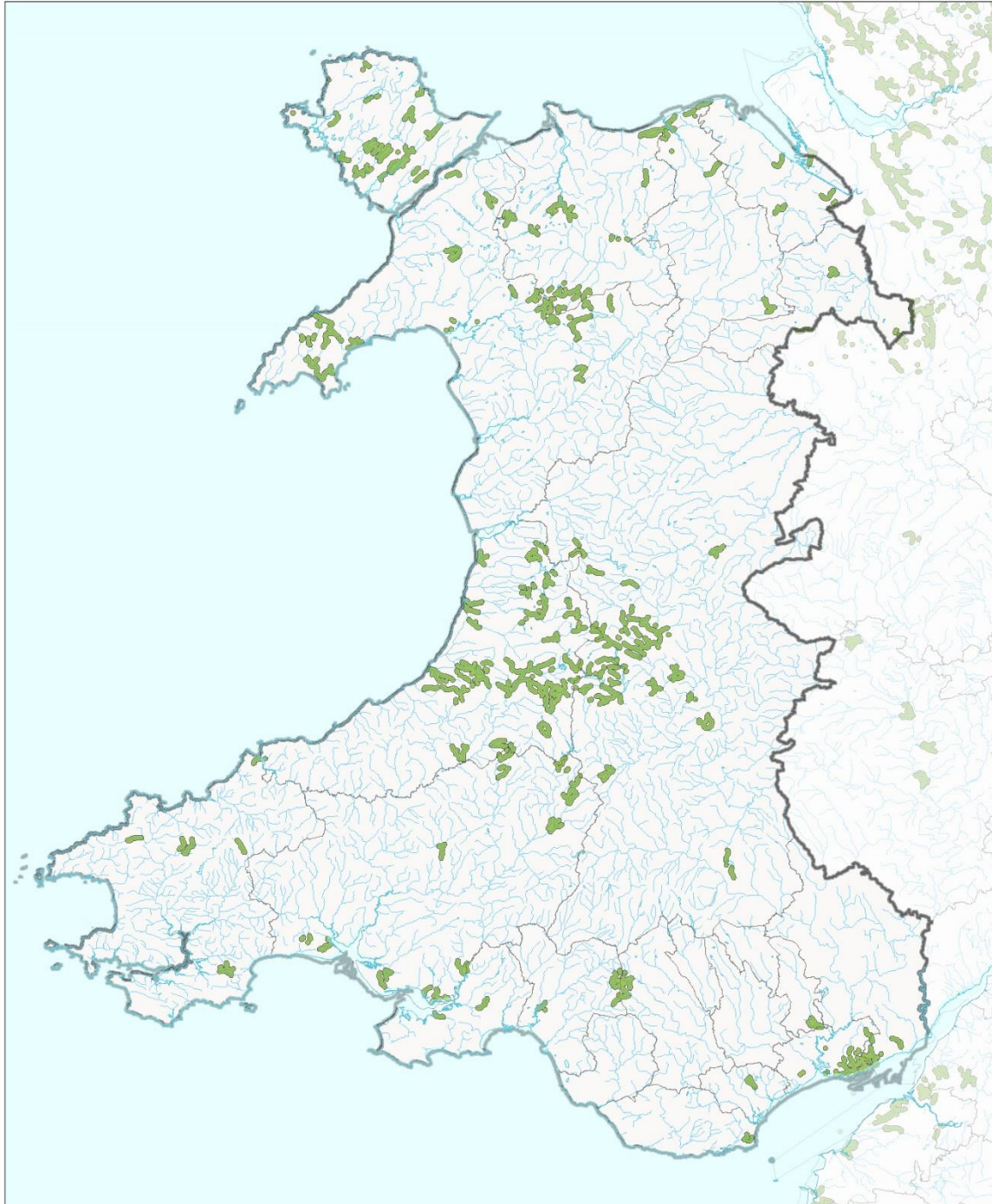
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**Water Vole Alert Map: Wales**

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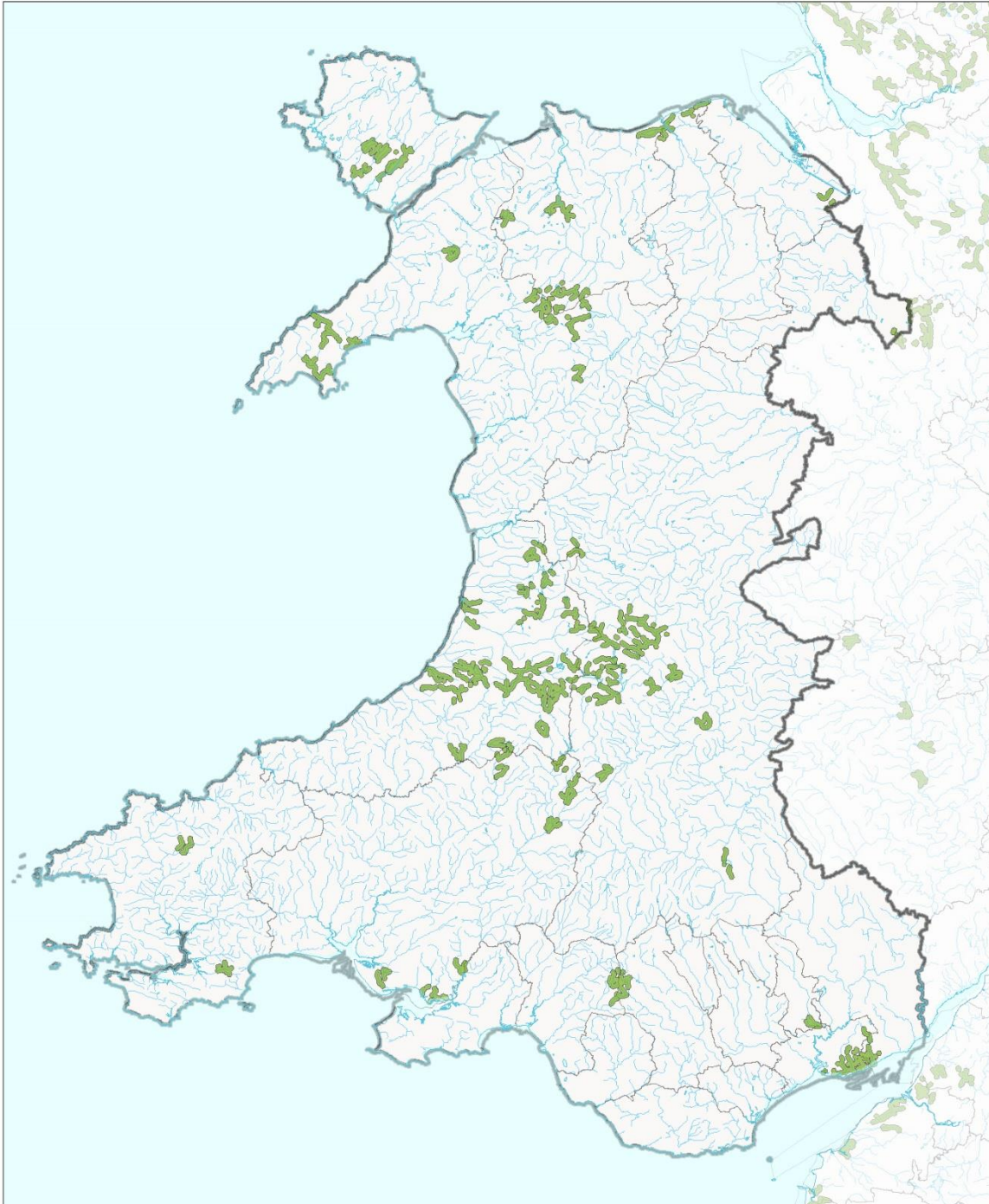
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**Water Vole Local Key Areas (>6sq.km): Wales**

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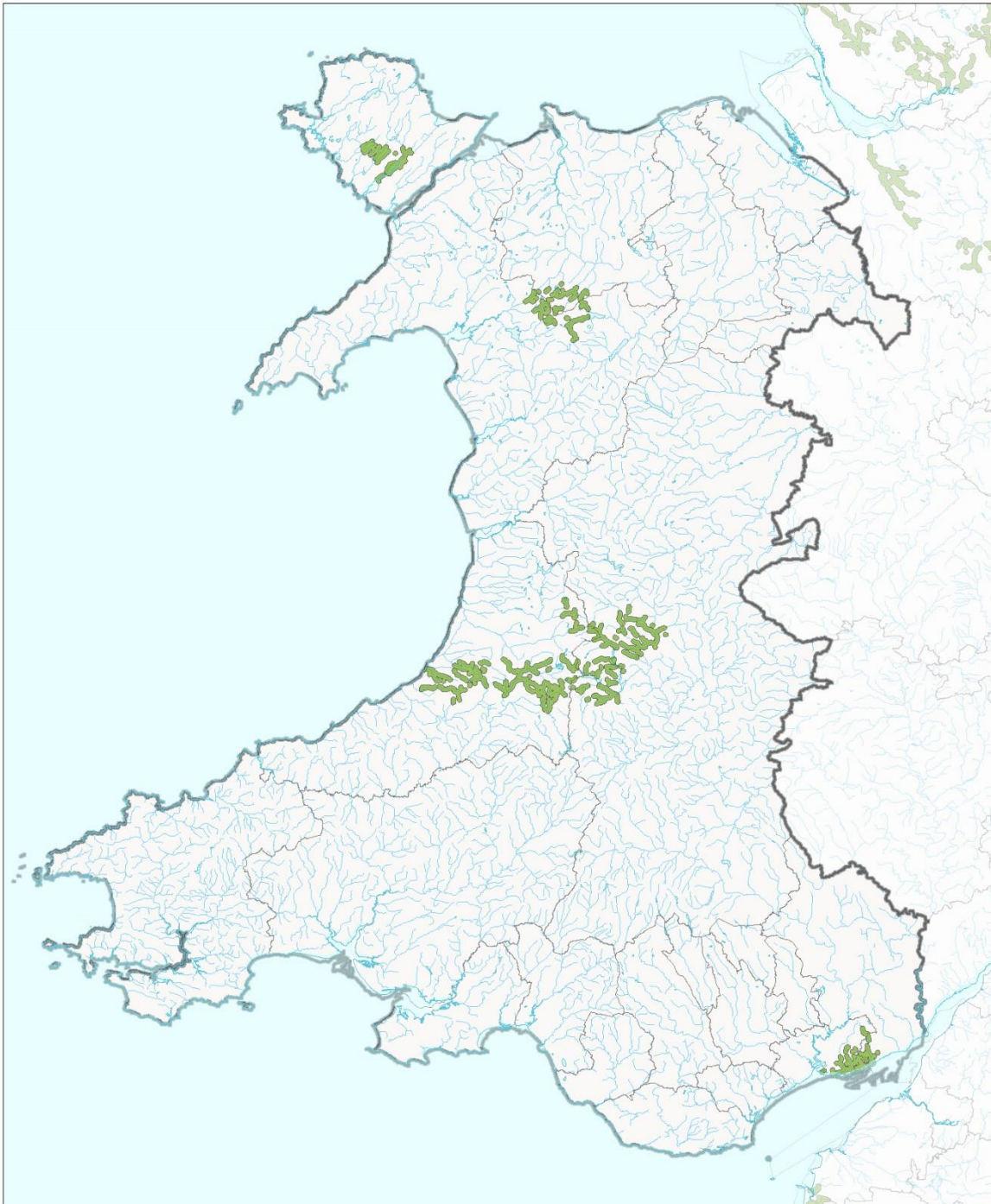
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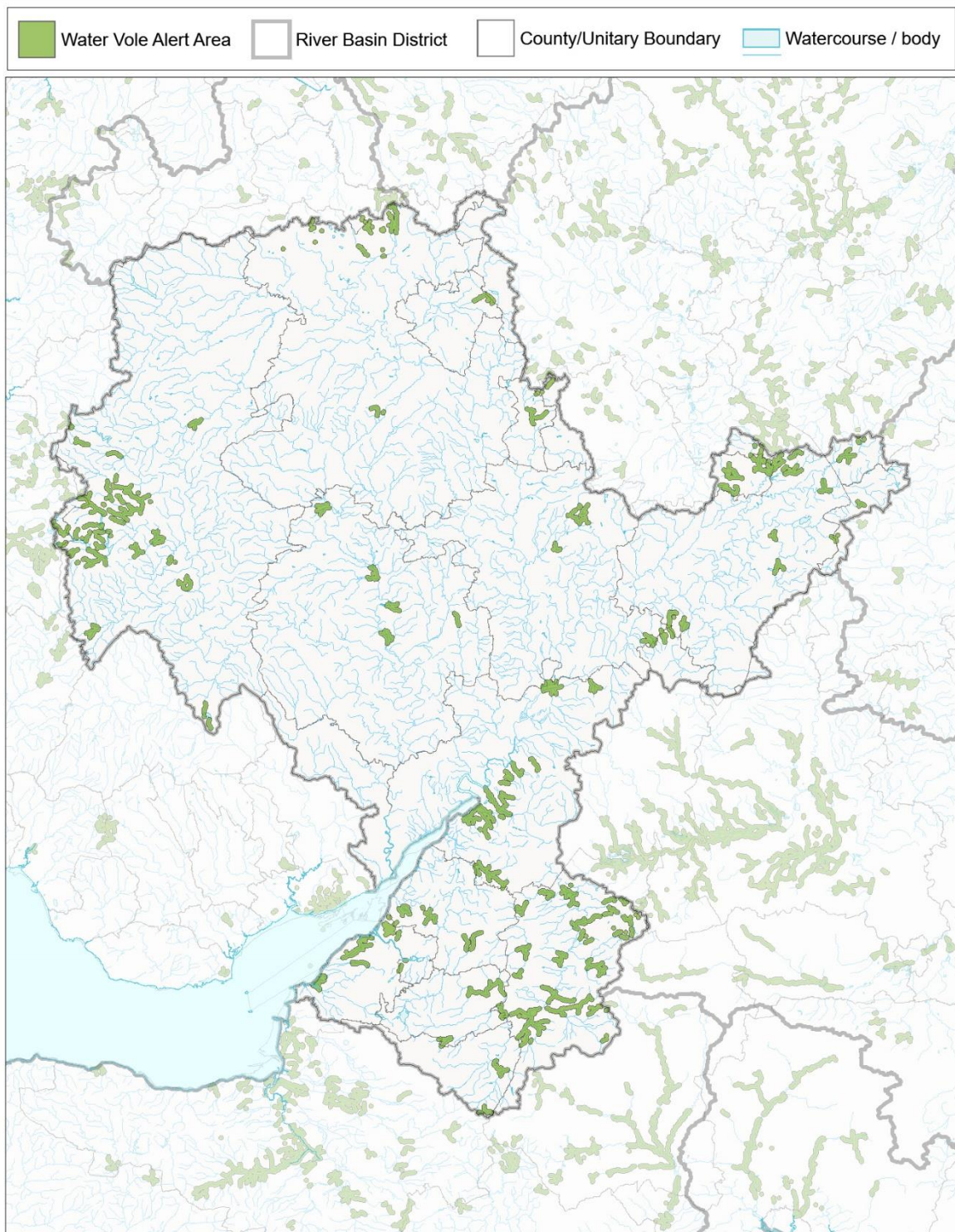
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**Water Vole Alert Map: Severn RBD**

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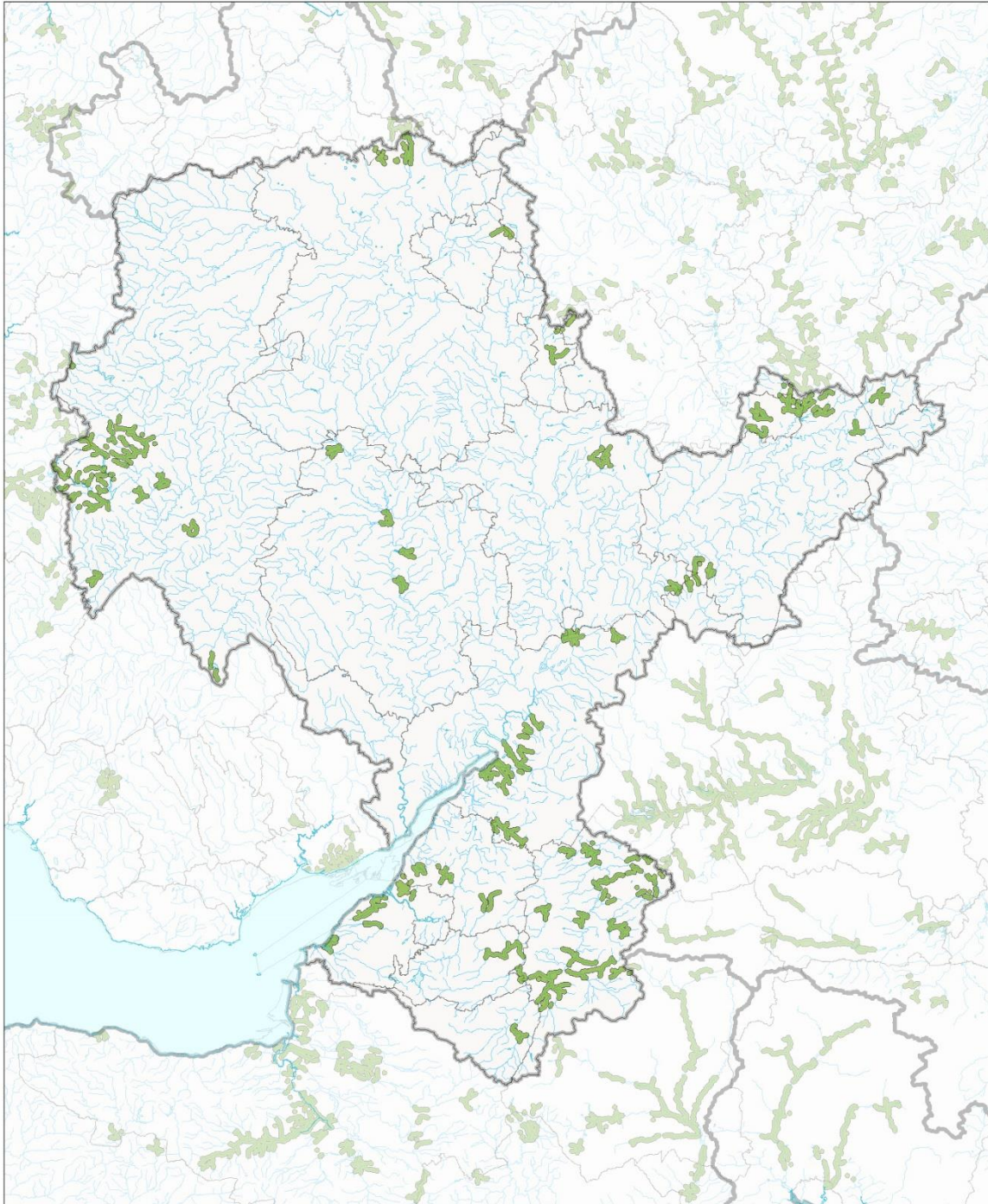
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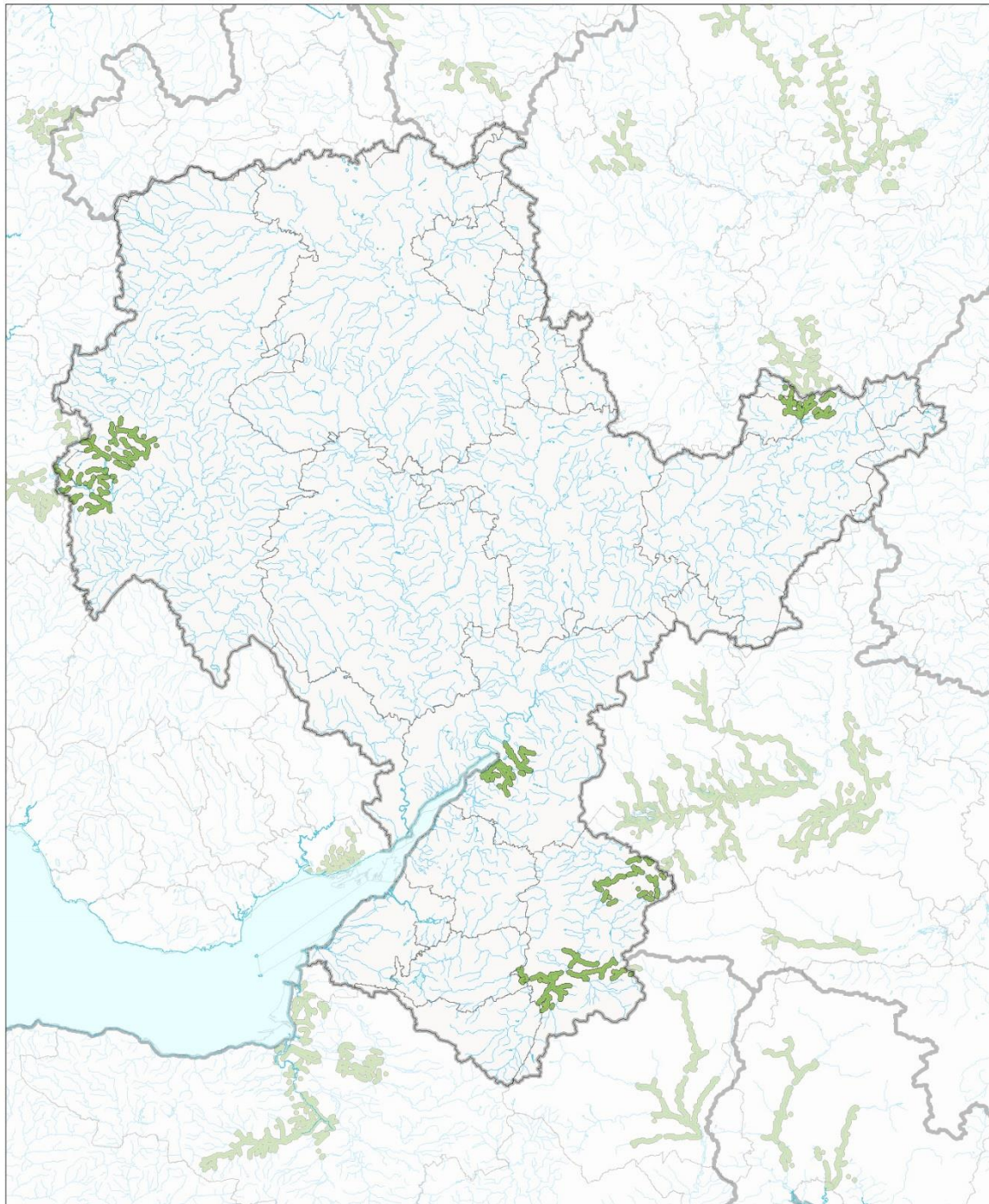
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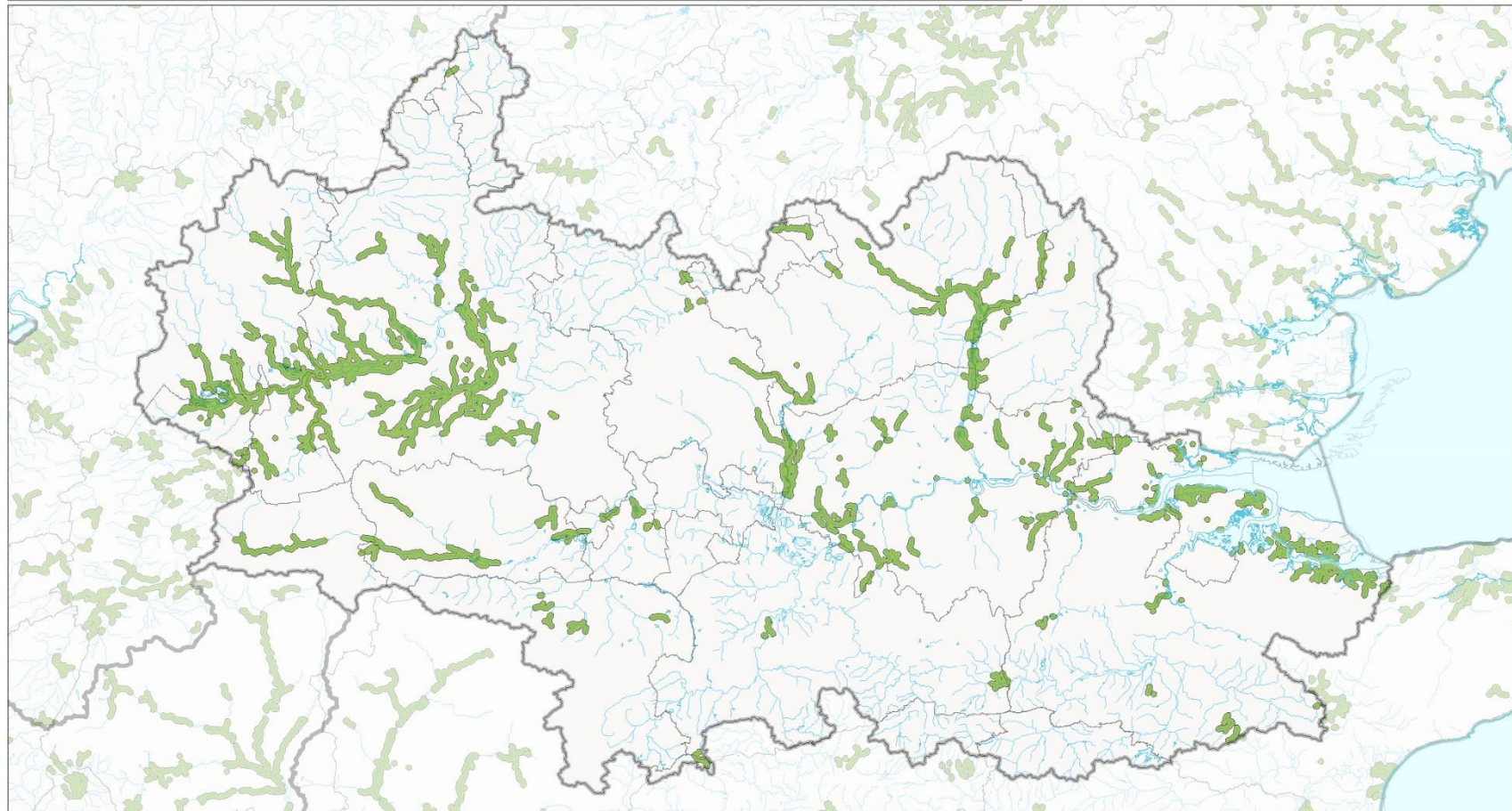
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5.5 THAMES RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

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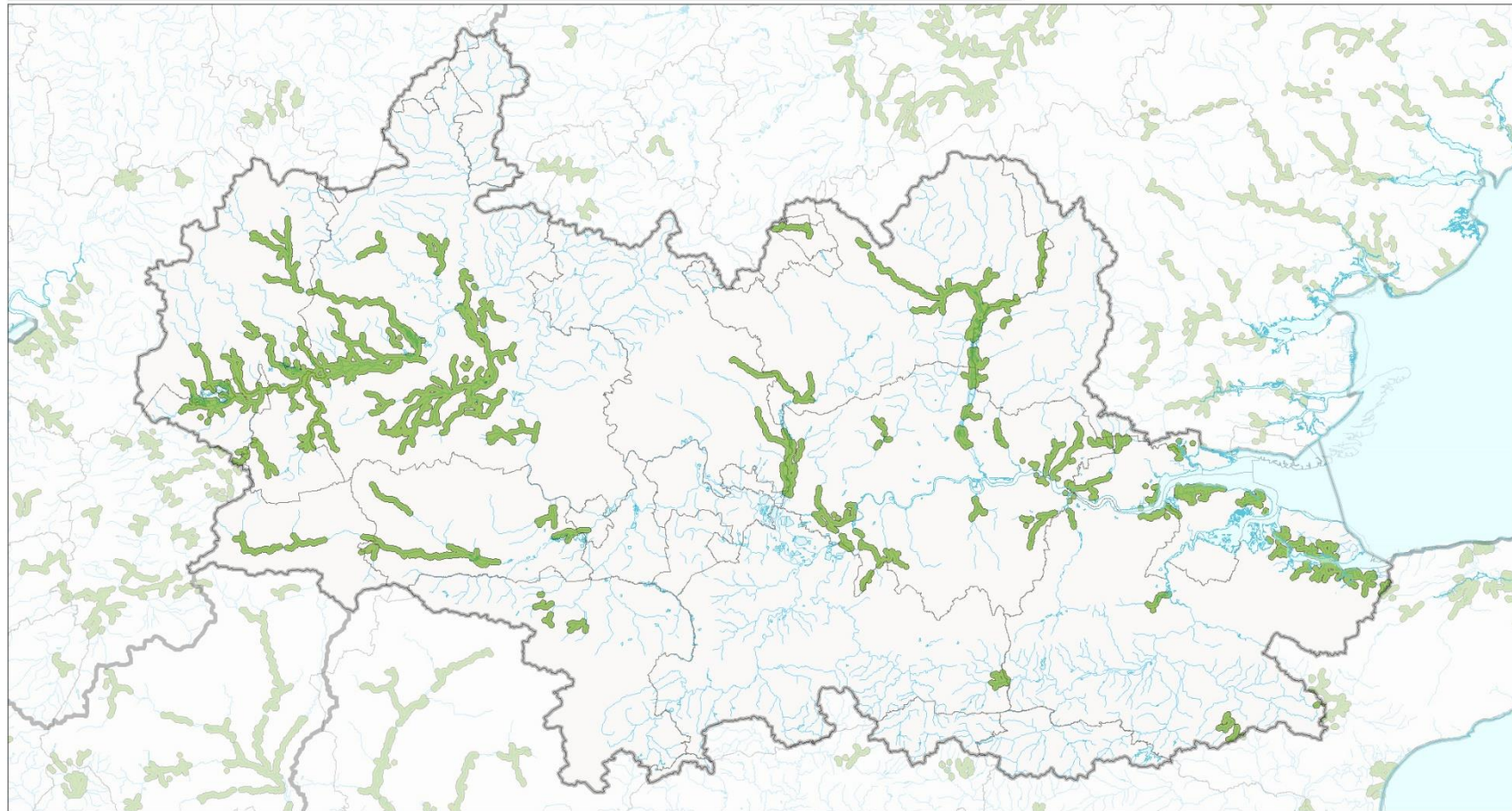
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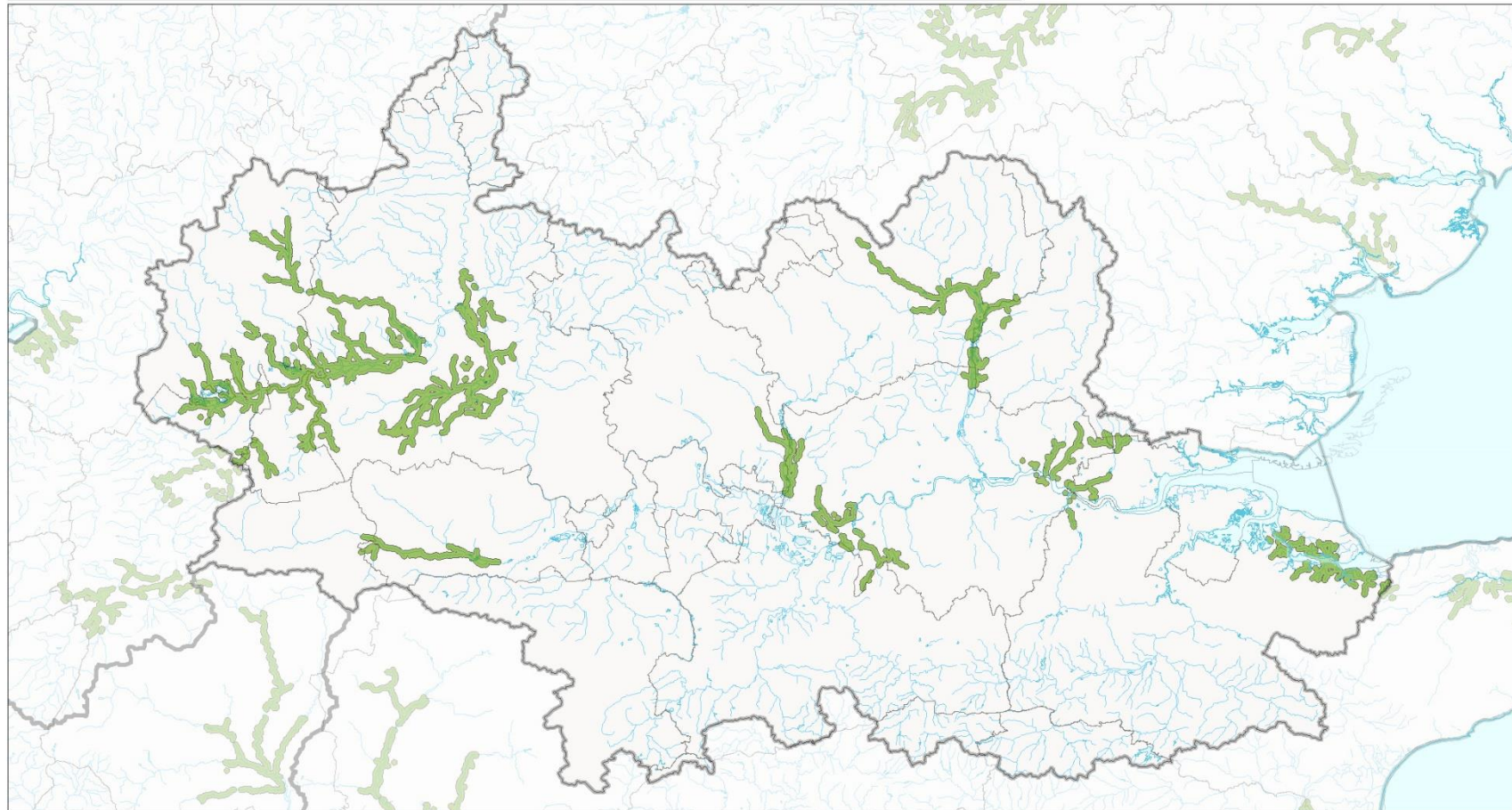
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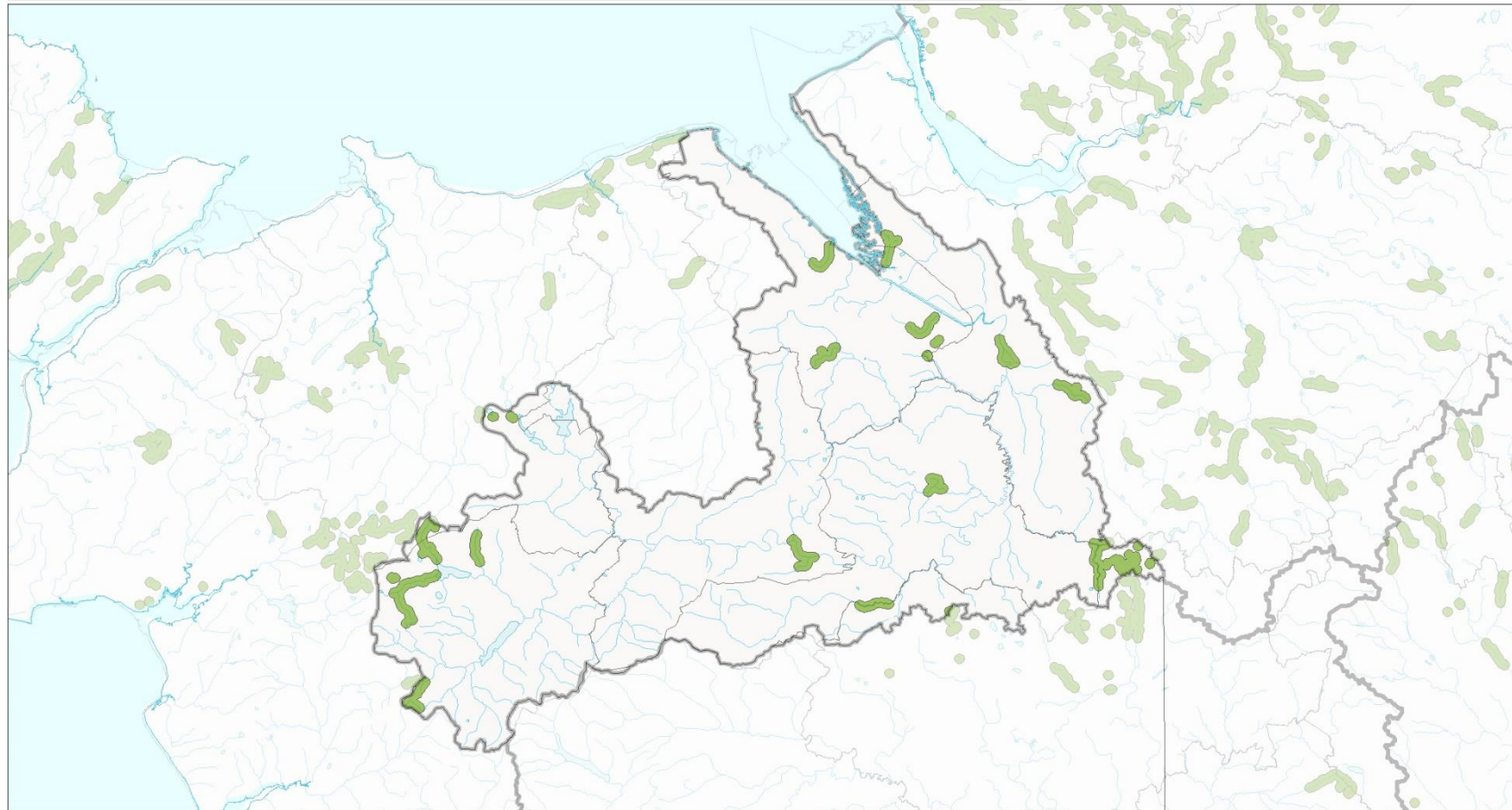


5.7 DEE RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

**Water Vole Alert Map: Dee RDB**

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**Water Vole Local Key Areas (>6sq.km): Dee RDB**

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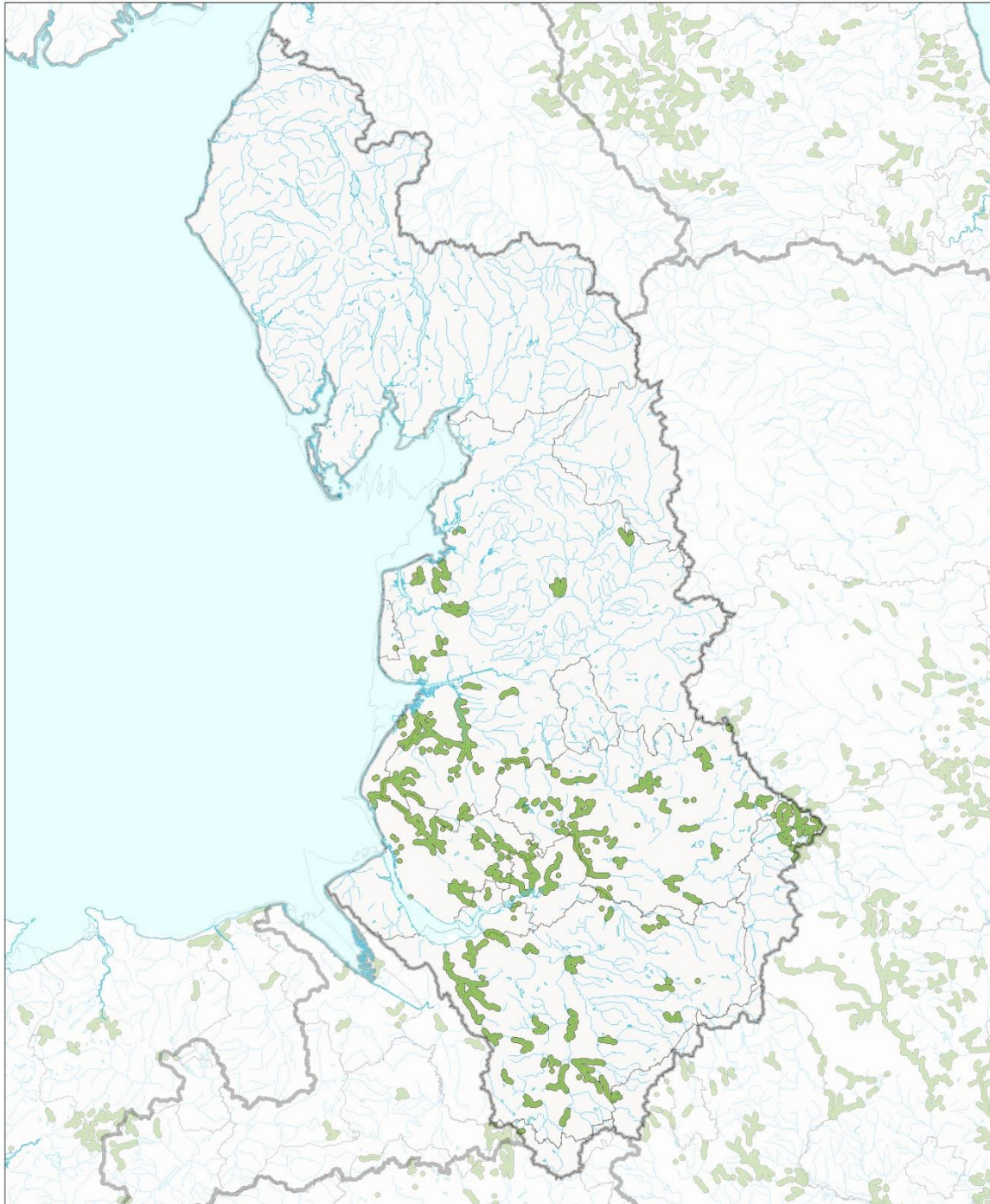
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### 5.8 NORTH WEST RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

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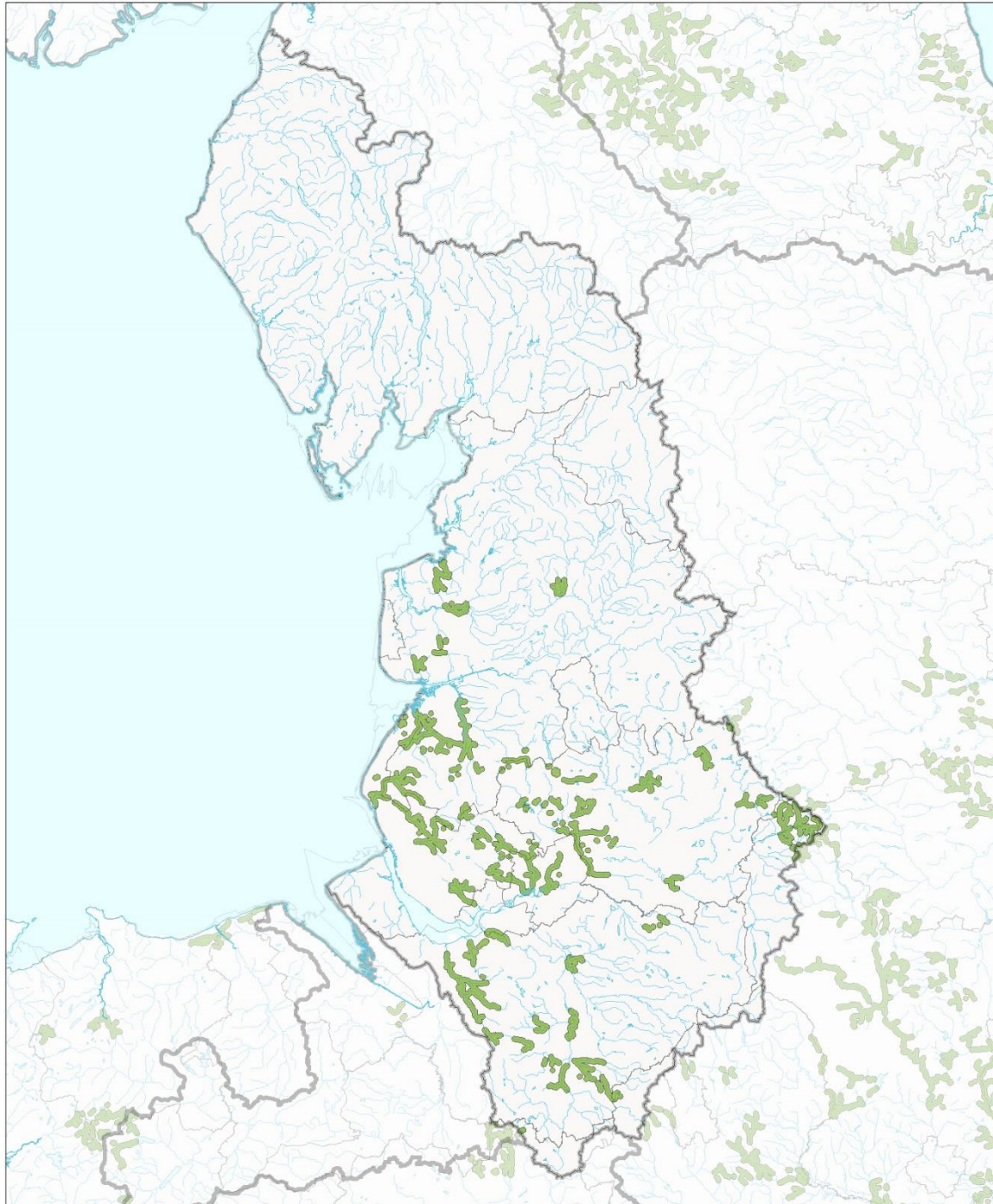
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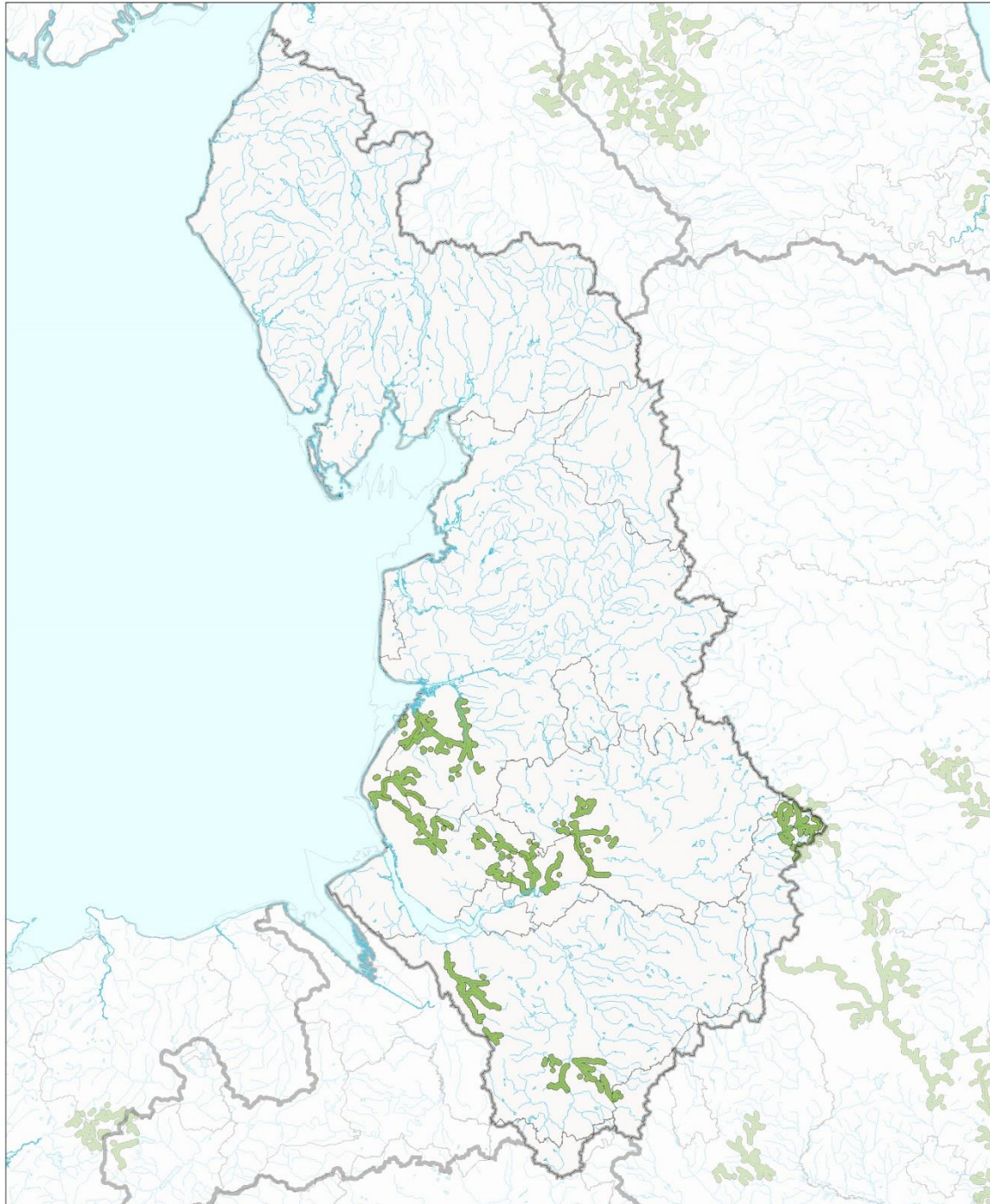
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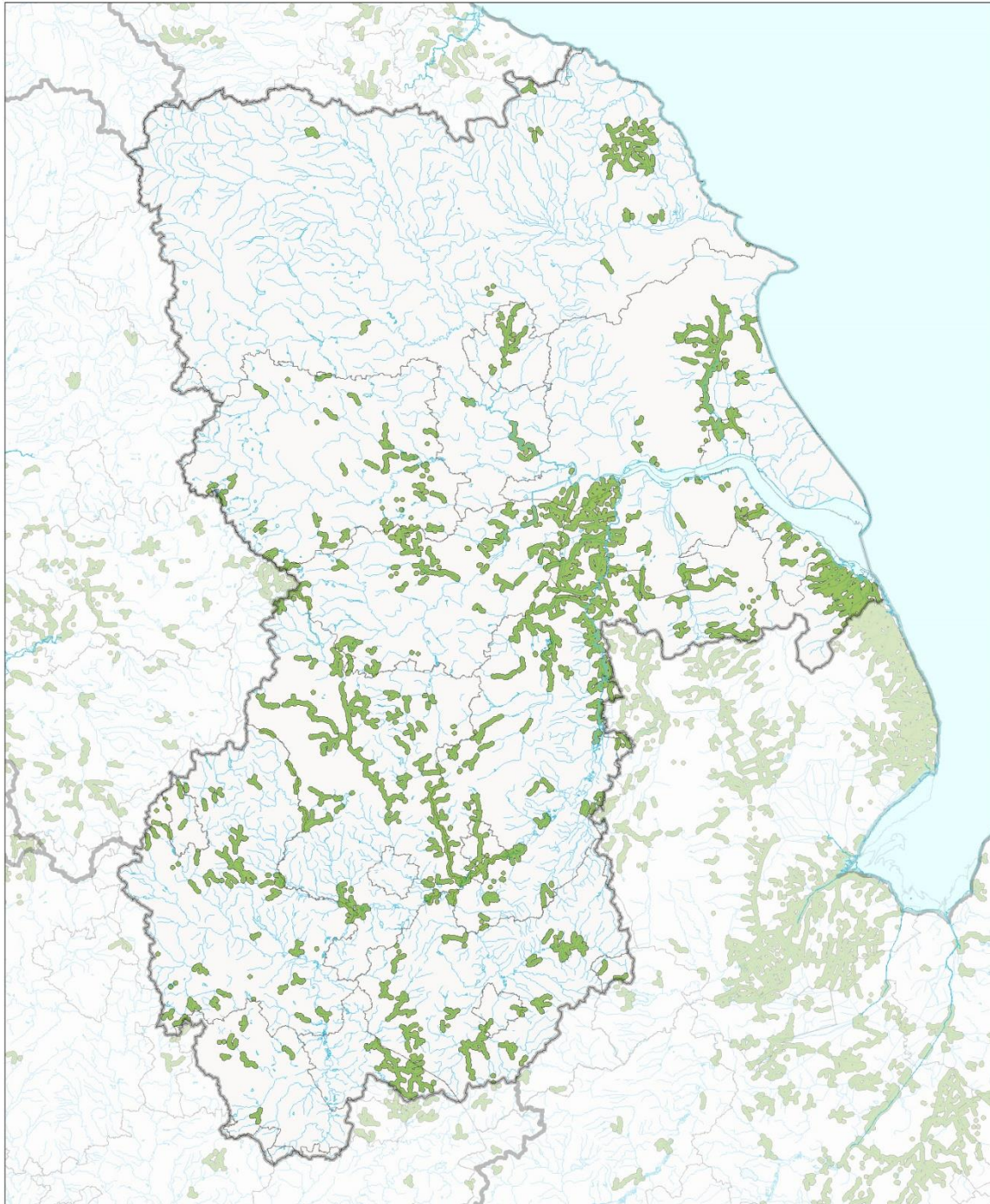


### 5.9 HUMBER RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

#### Water Vole Alert Map: Humber RBD

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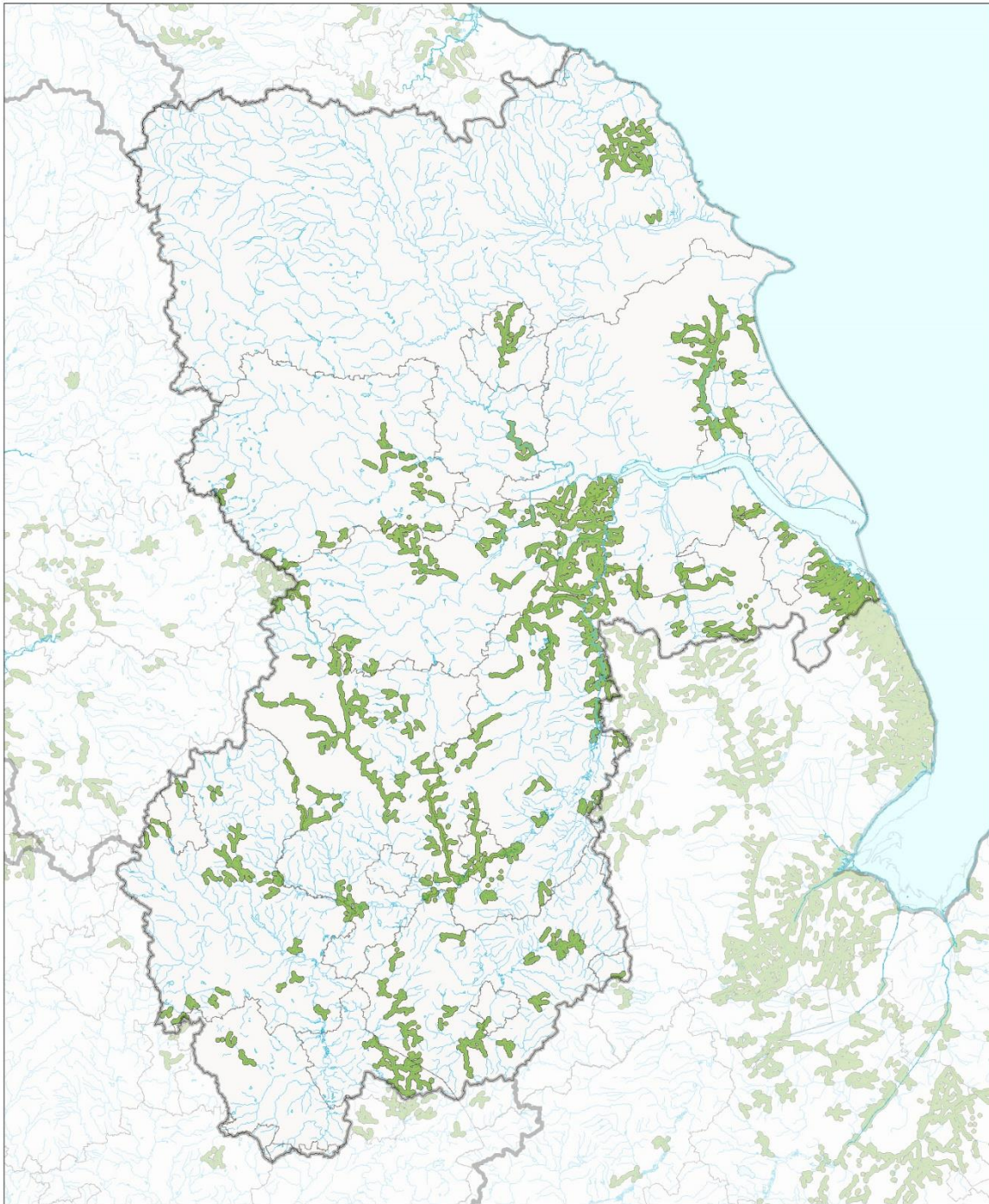




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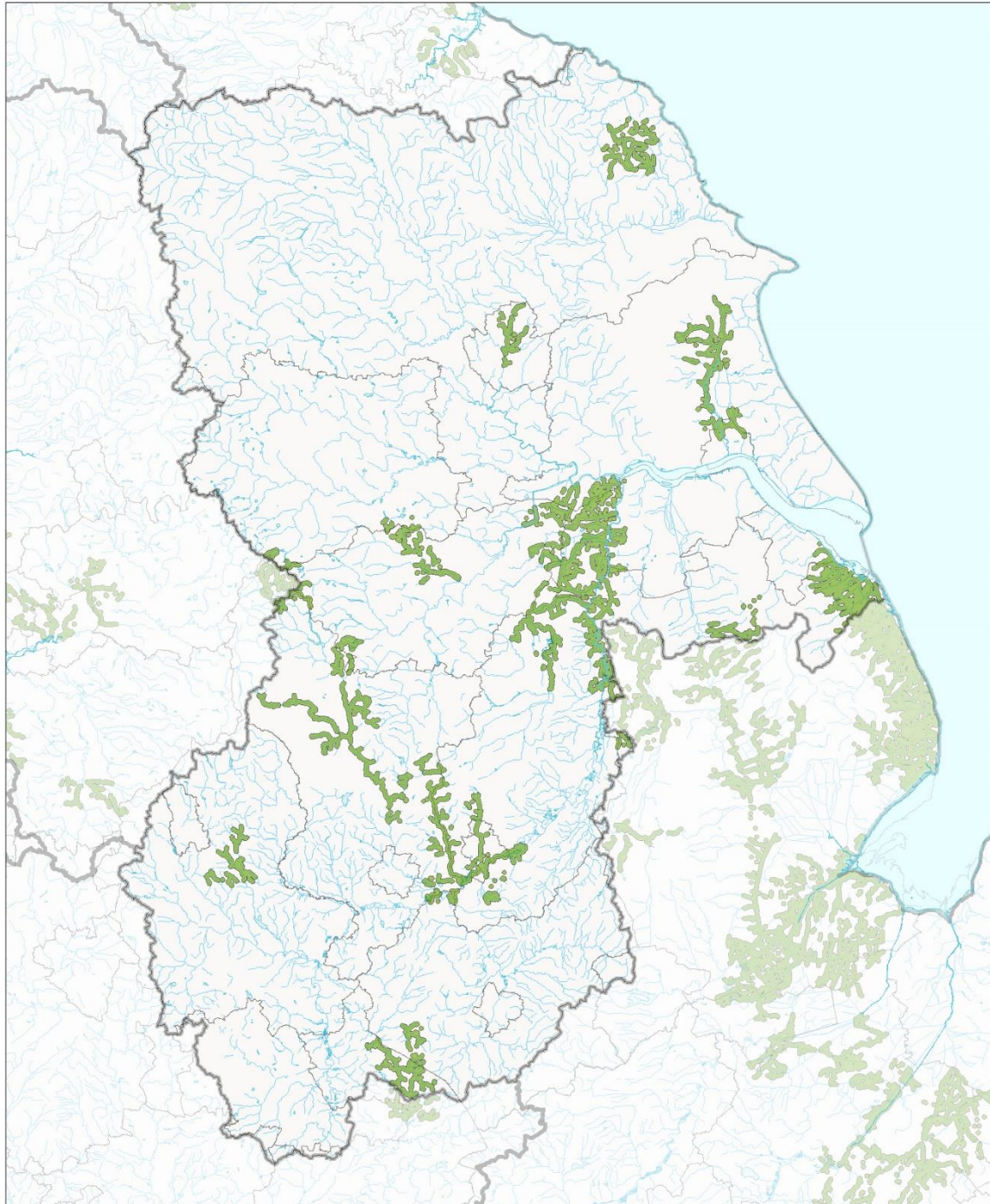
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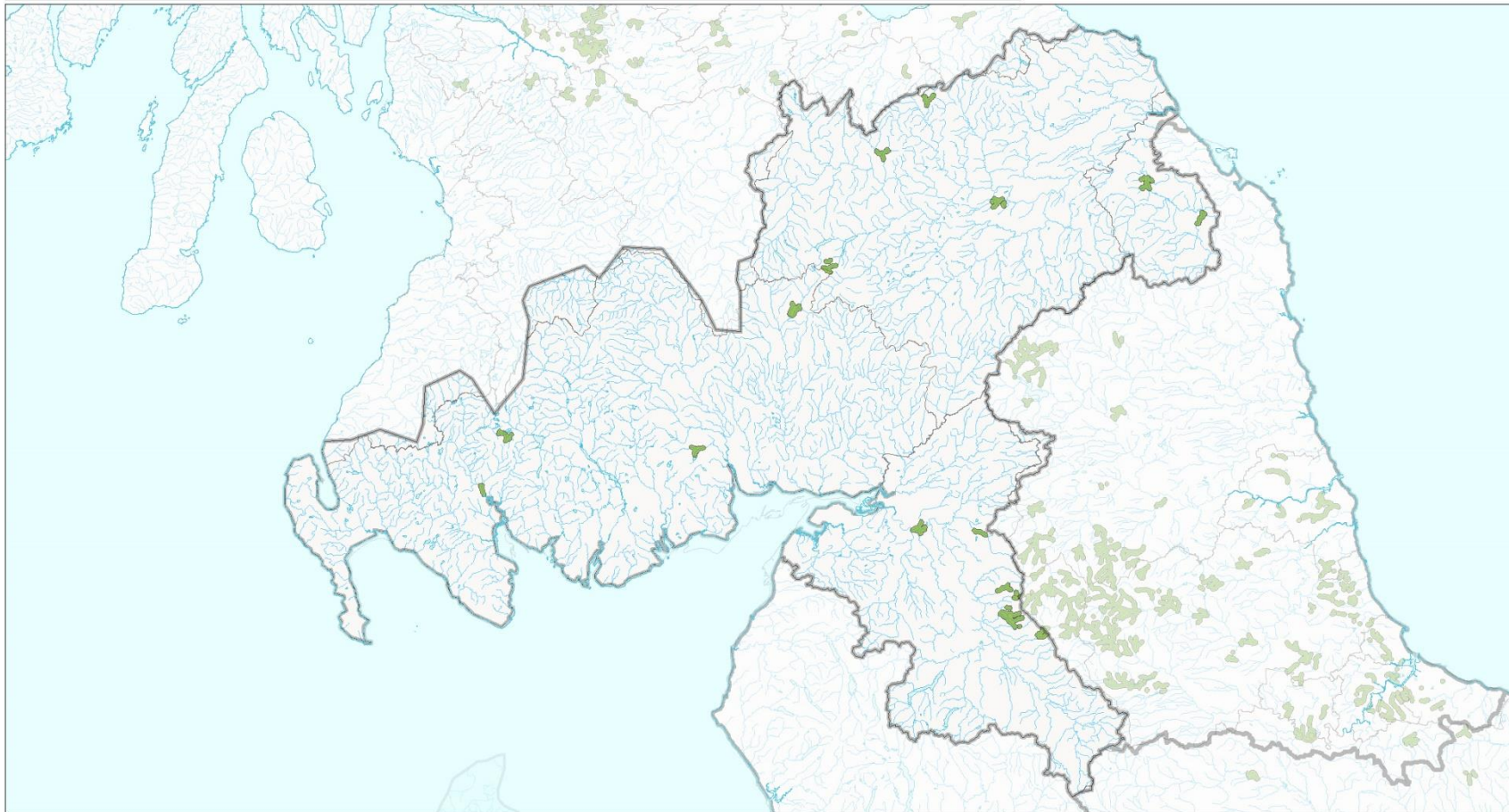
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5.10 SOLWAY TWEED RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

**Water Vole Alert Map: Solway Tweed RDB**

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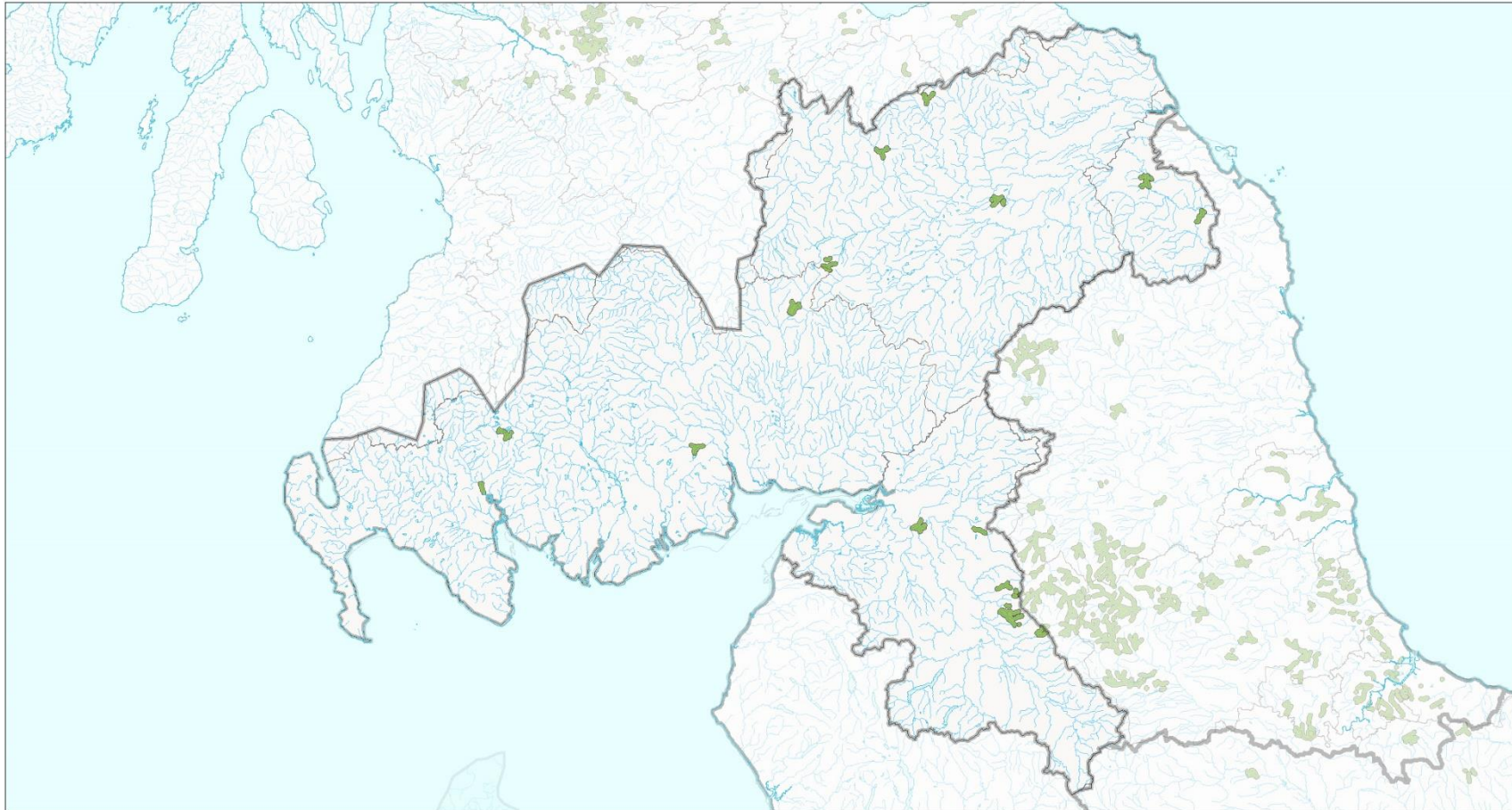
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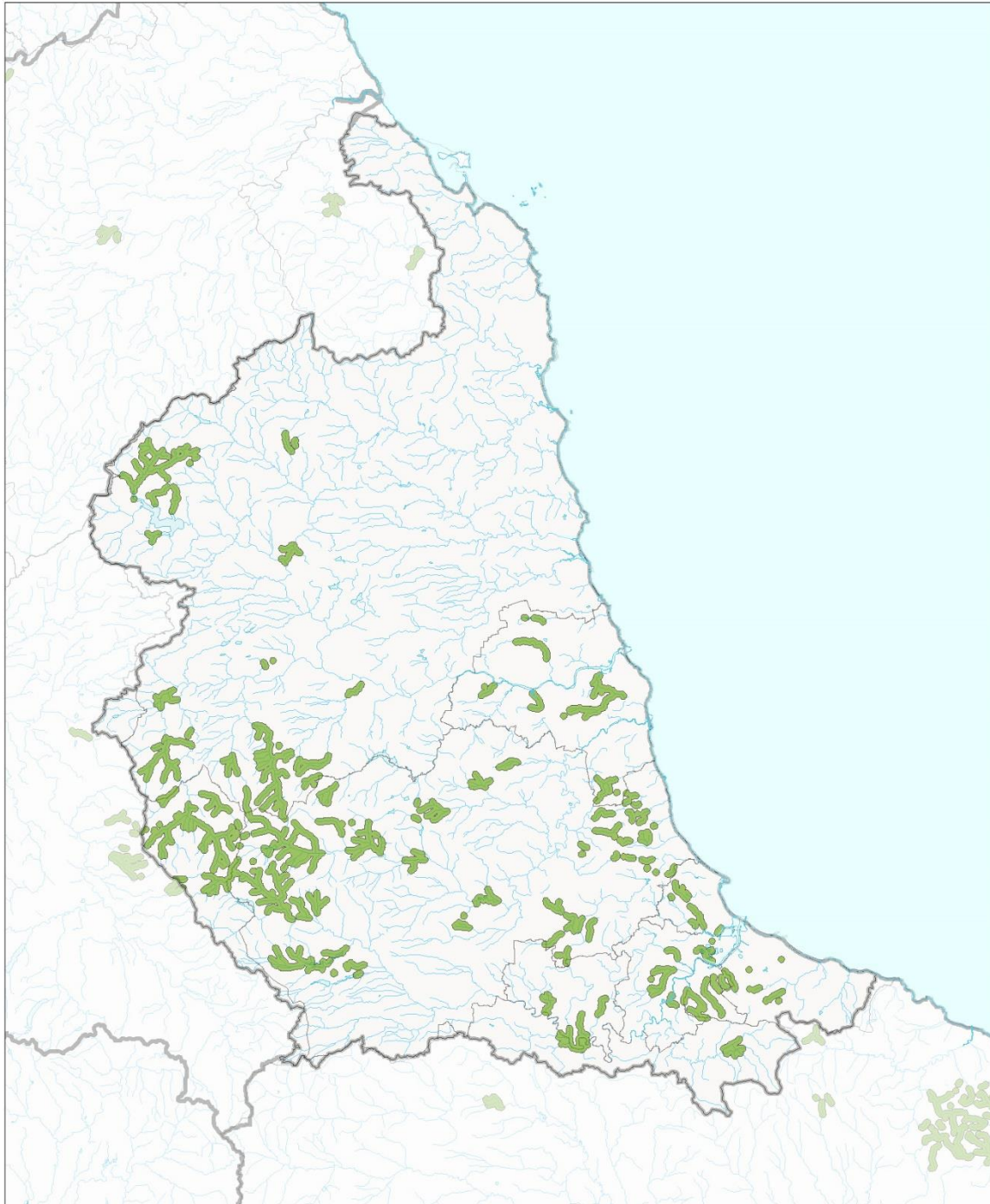


5.11 NORTHUMBRIA RIVER BASIN DISTRICT

**Water Vole Alert Map: Northumbria RBD**

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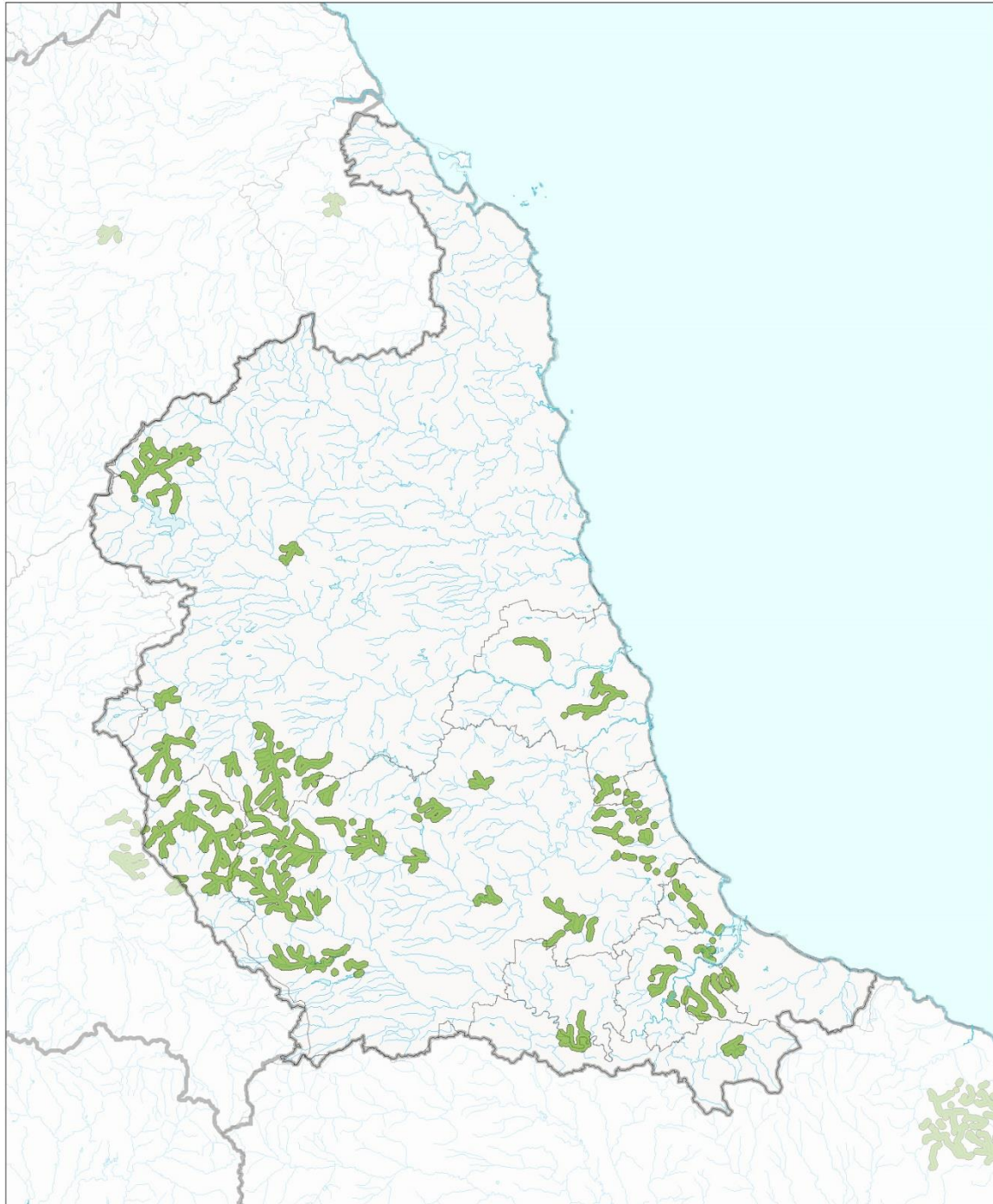
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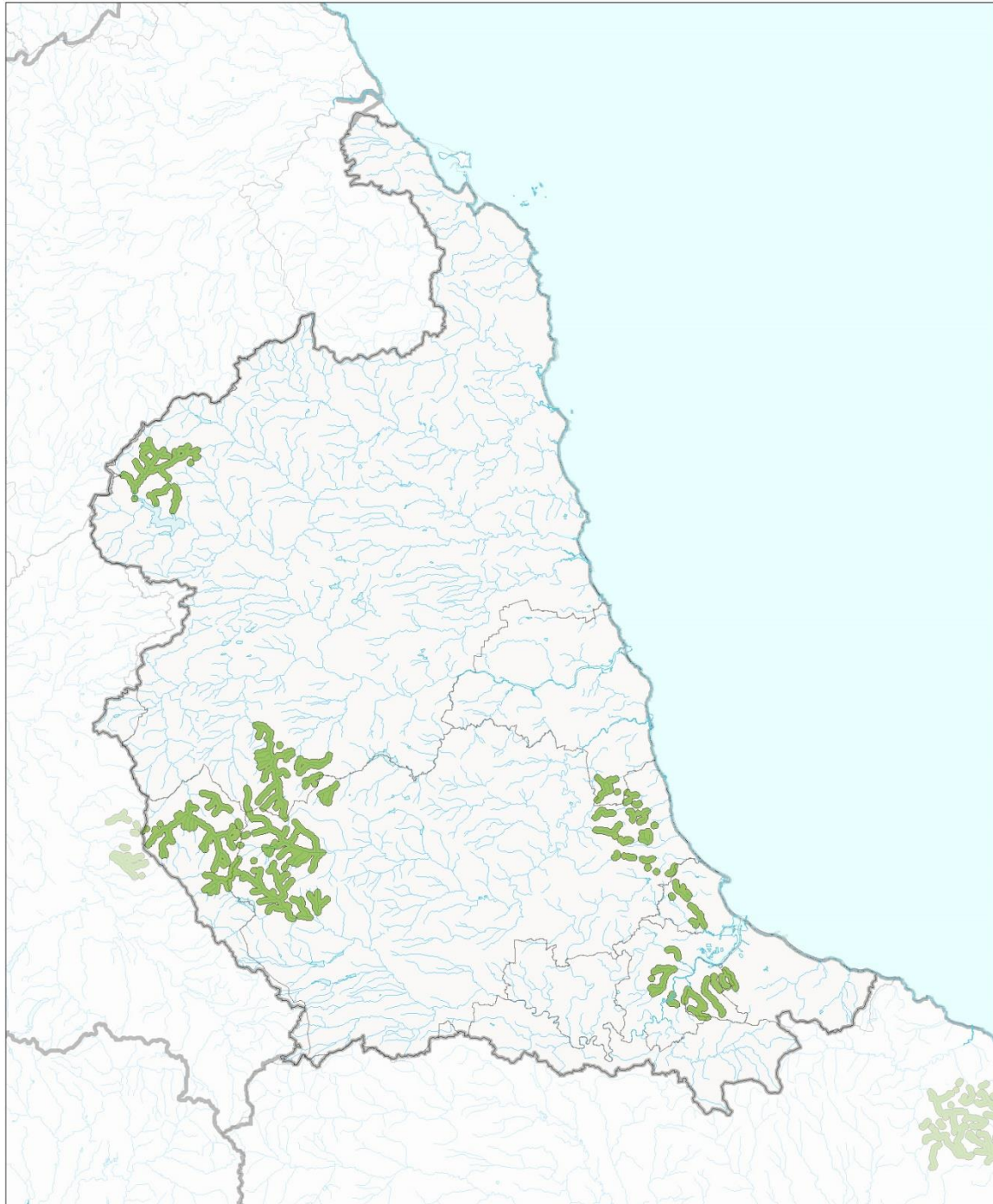
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**Water Vole Regional Key Areas (>35sq.km): Northumbria RBD**

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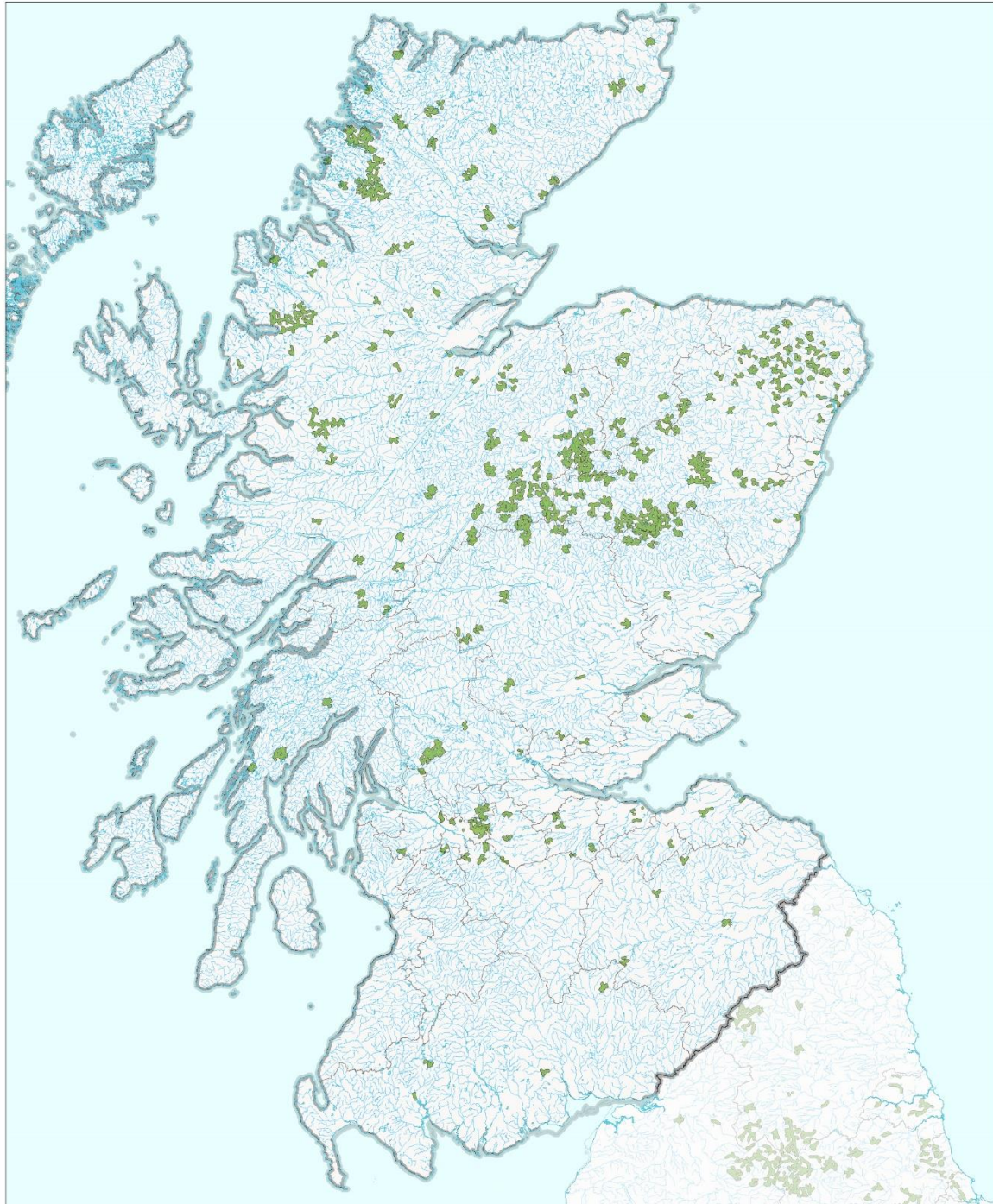



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**Water Vole Alert Map: Scotland**

Water Vole Presence Jan 2009 - Dec 2018

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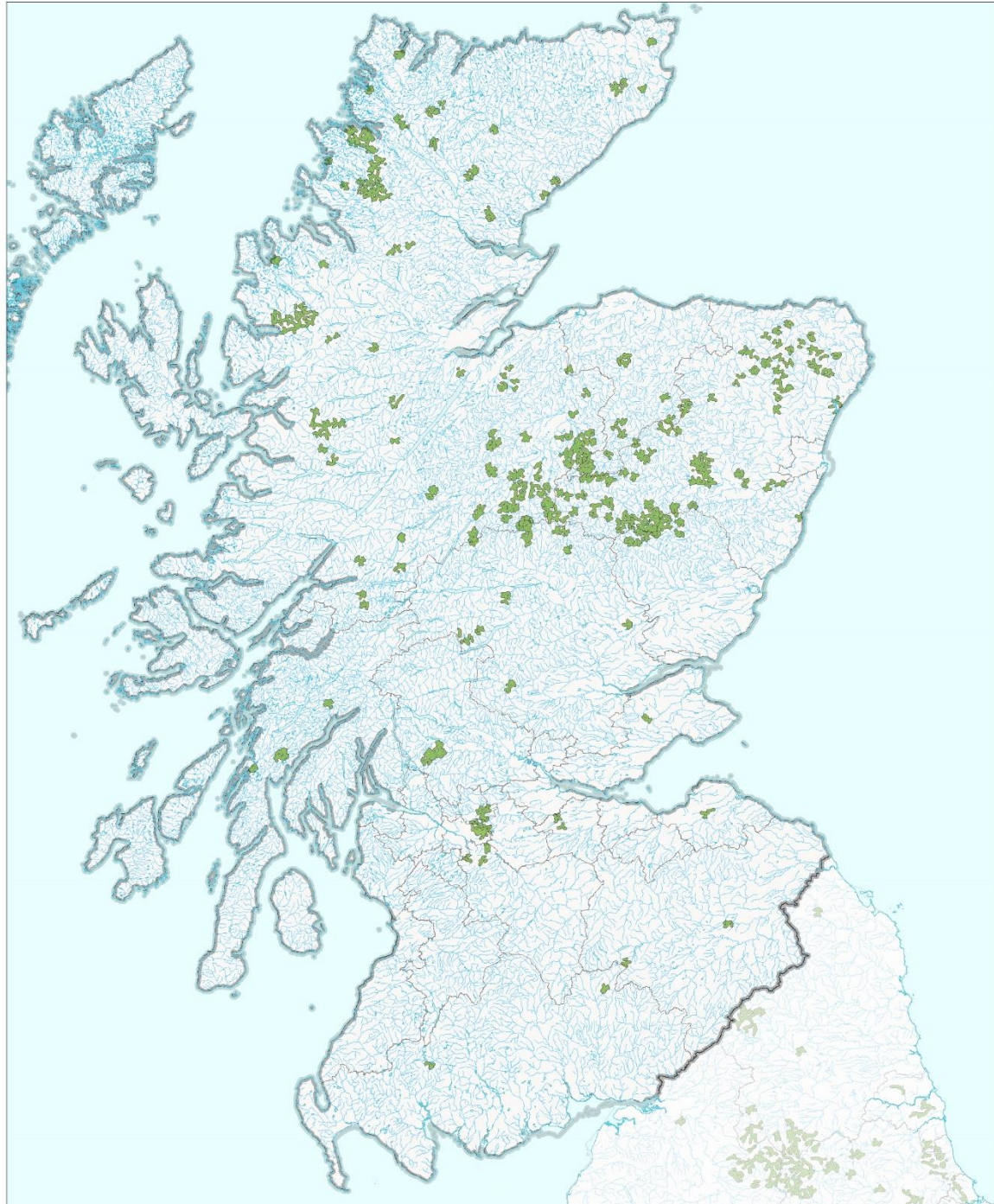
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**Water Vole Local Key Areas (>6sq.km): Scotland**

Water Vole Presence Jan 2009 - Dec 2018

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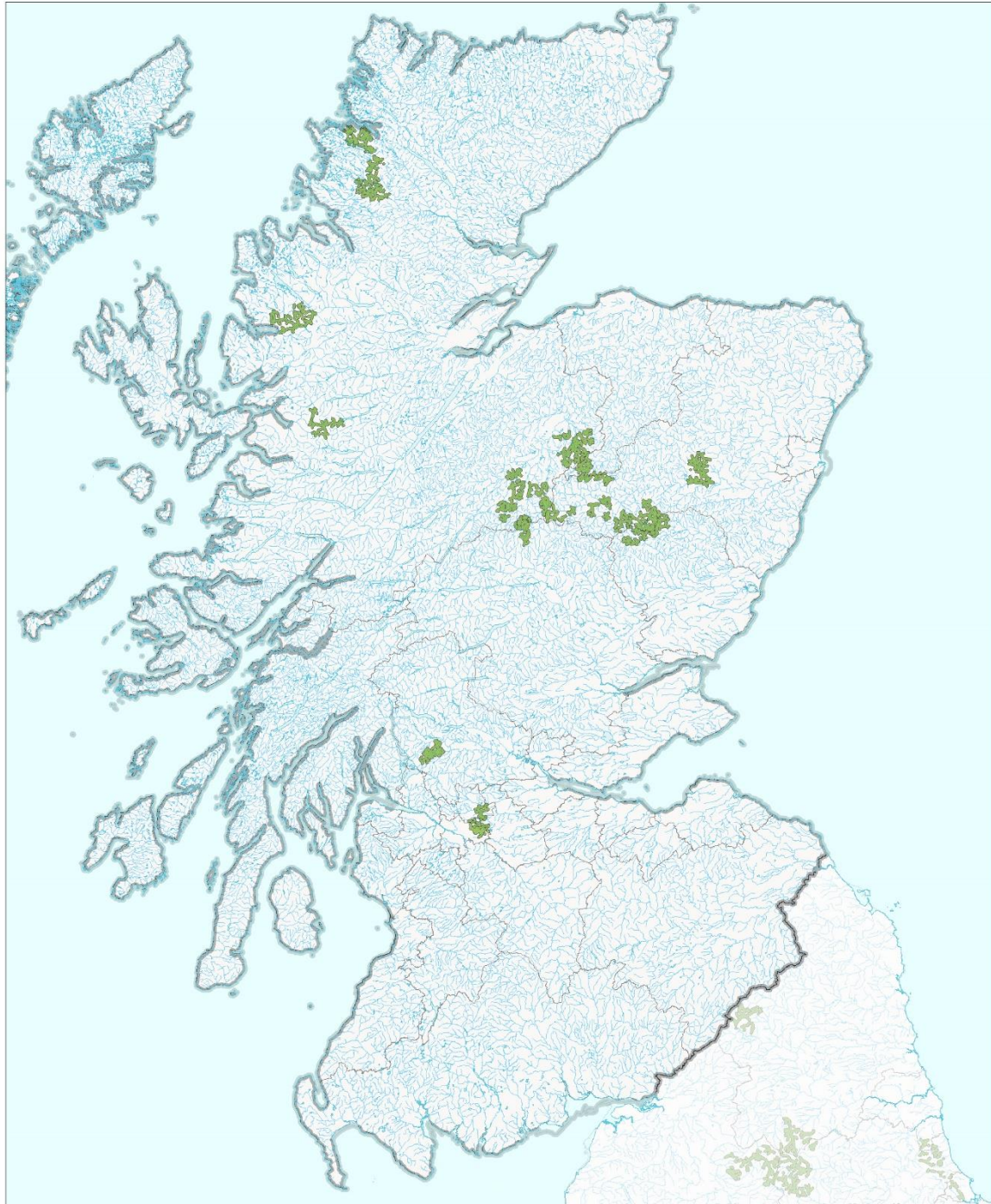
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5.13 GREAT BRITAIN WATER VOLE REGIONAL KEY AREAS MAP



## 6. HISTORIC DATA WATER VOLE ALERT MAPS

**Water Vole Alert Map: South West RDB**

Historic and Modern Water Vole Presence 1958 - 2008 and 2009 - 2018

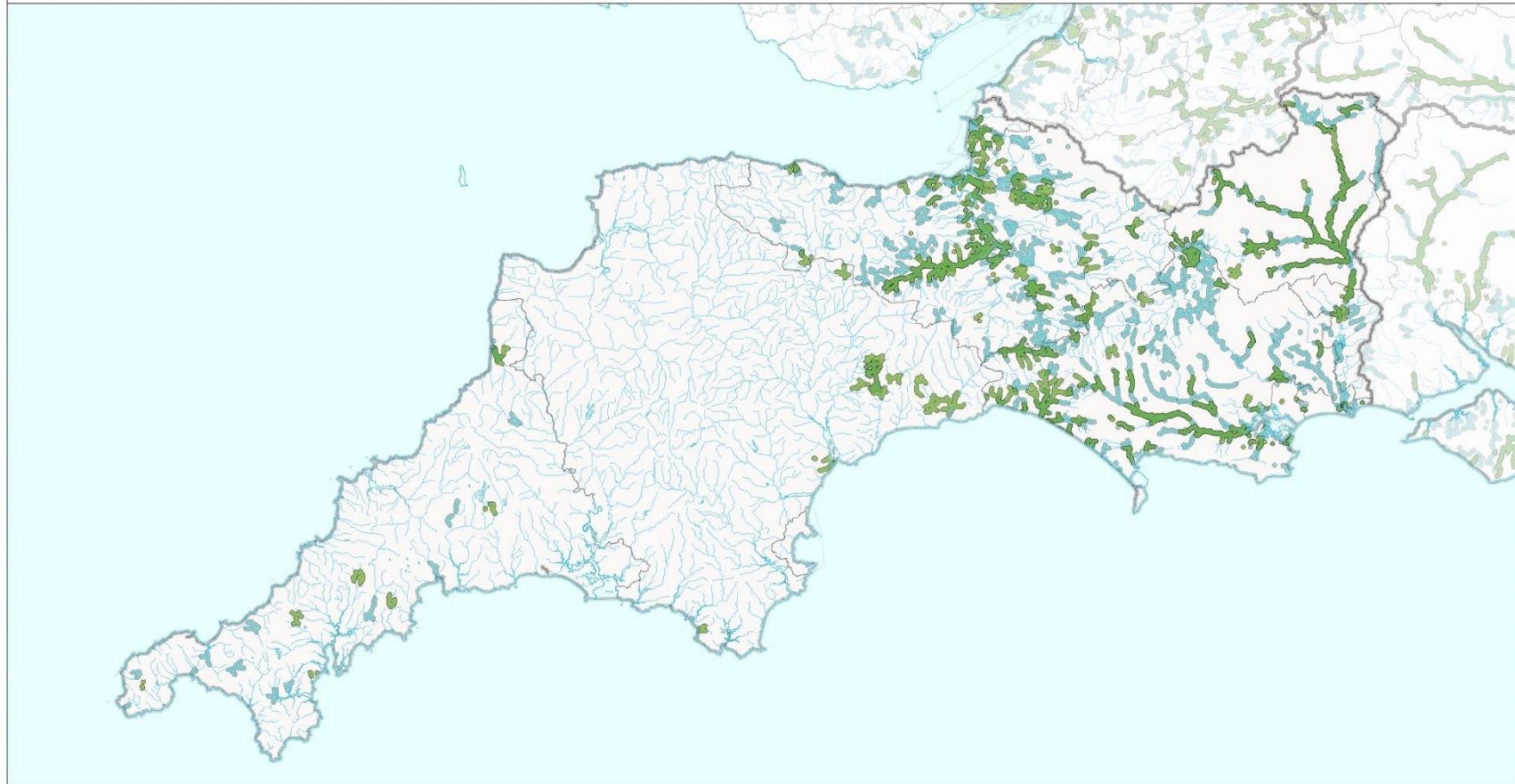
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**Water Vole Alert Area**

- 2009-2018 data
- 1958-2008 data

- River Basin District
- County/Unitary Boundary
- Watercourse / body



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**Water Vole Alert Map: South East RDB**

Historic and Modern Water Vole Presence 1958 - 2008 and 2009 - 2018

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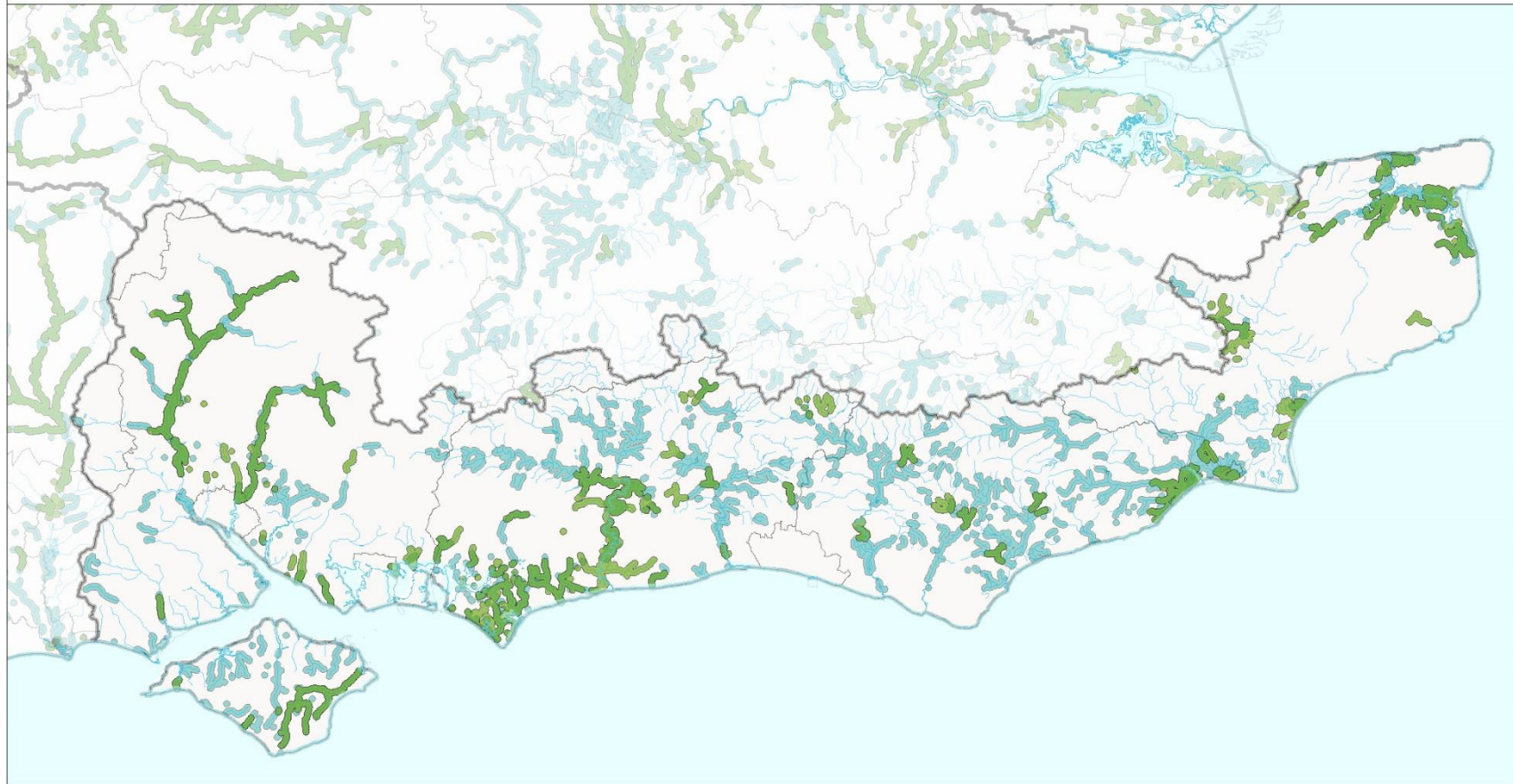
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Watercourse / body



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### Water Vole Alert Map: Wales

Historic and Modern Water Vole Presence  
1958-2008 and 2009-2018

Scale 1:1,130,000 (A4)



#### Water Vole Alert Area

2009-2018 data

1958-2008 data



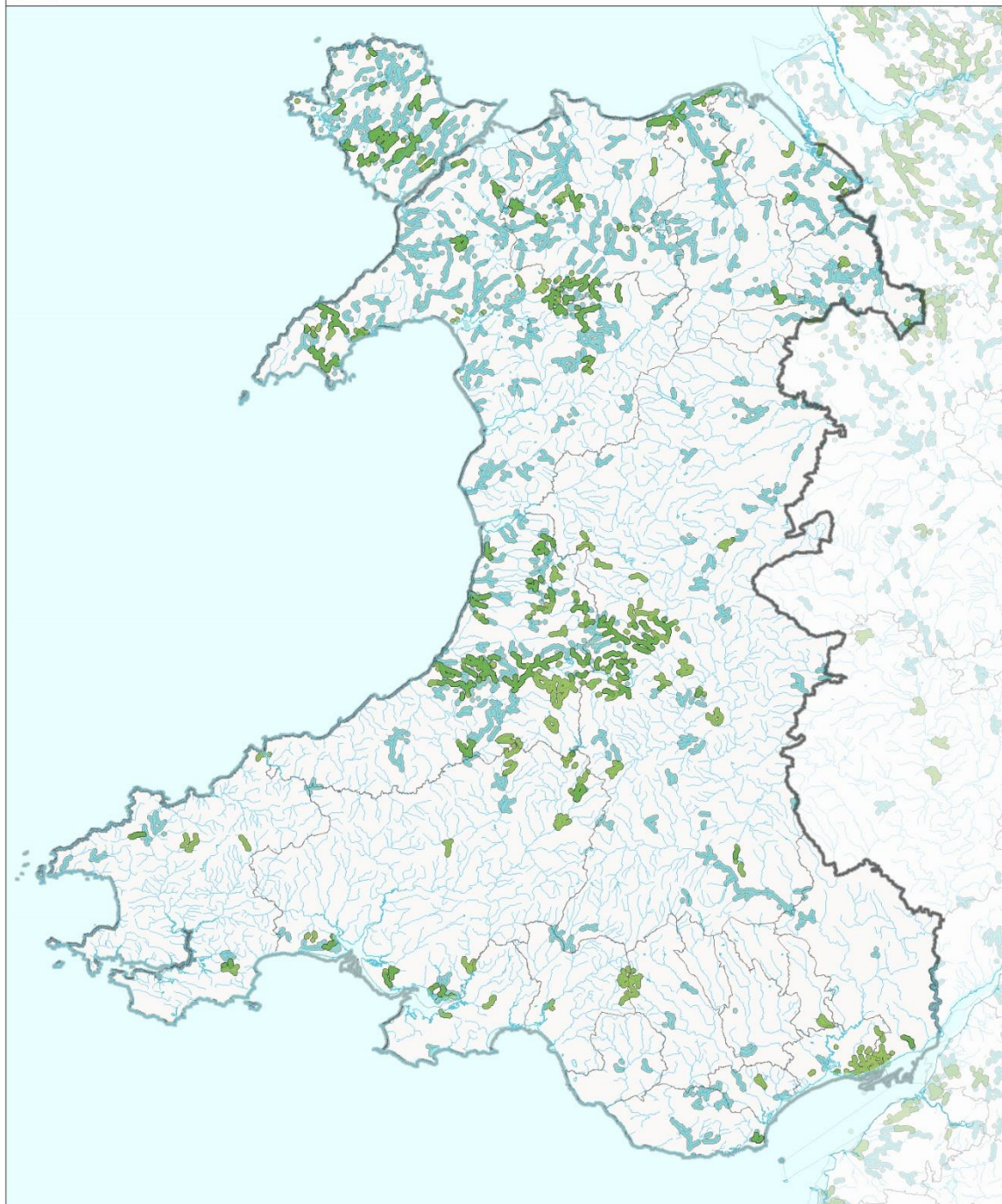
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County/Unitary Boundary



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**Water Vole Alert Map: Severn RBD**

Historic and Modern Water Vole Presence  
1958-2008 and 2009-2018

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**Water Vole Alert Area**

2009-2018 data

1958-2008 data



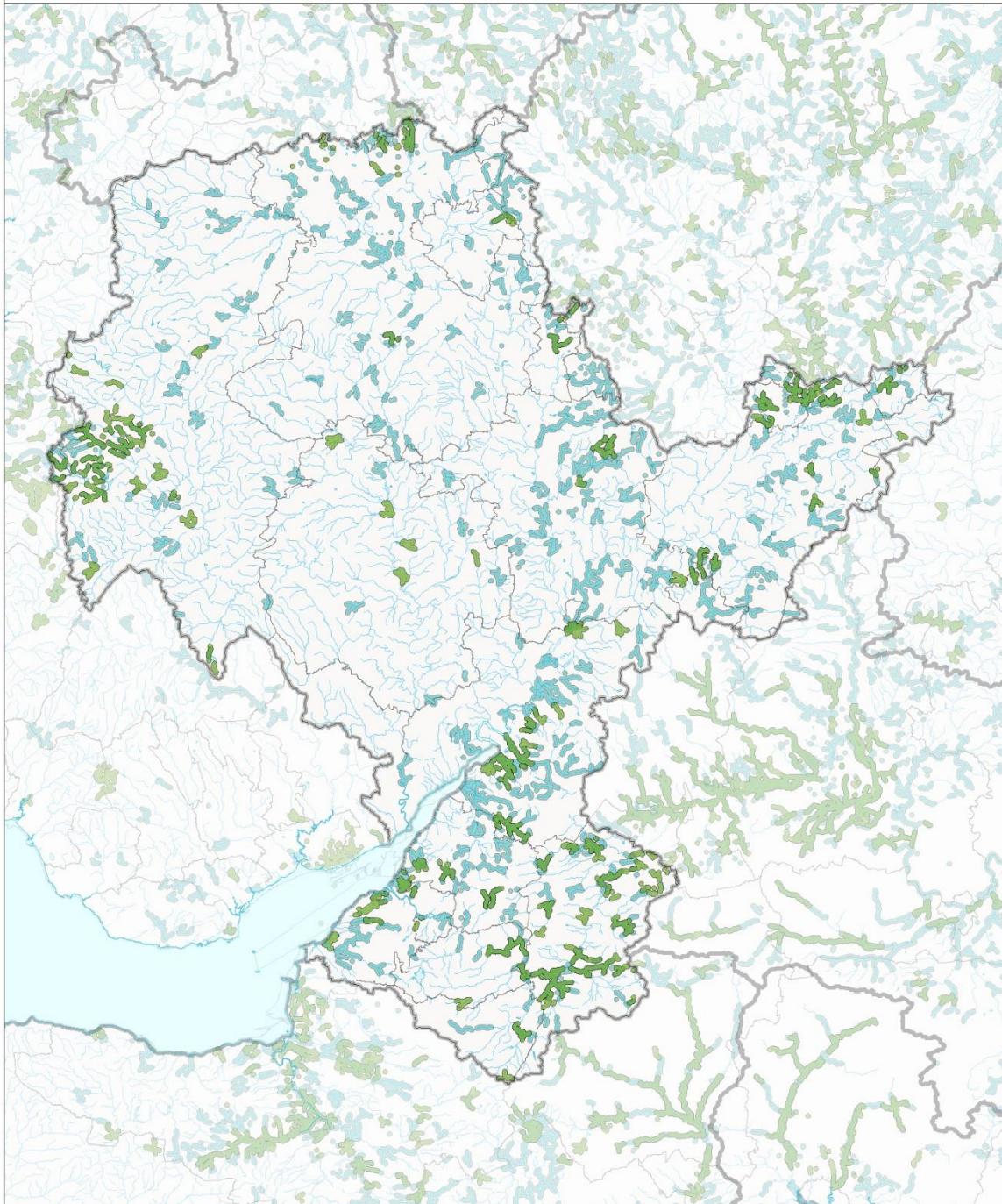
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**Water Vole Alert Map: Thames RDB**

Historic and Modern Water Vole Presence 1958 - 2008 and 2009 - 2018

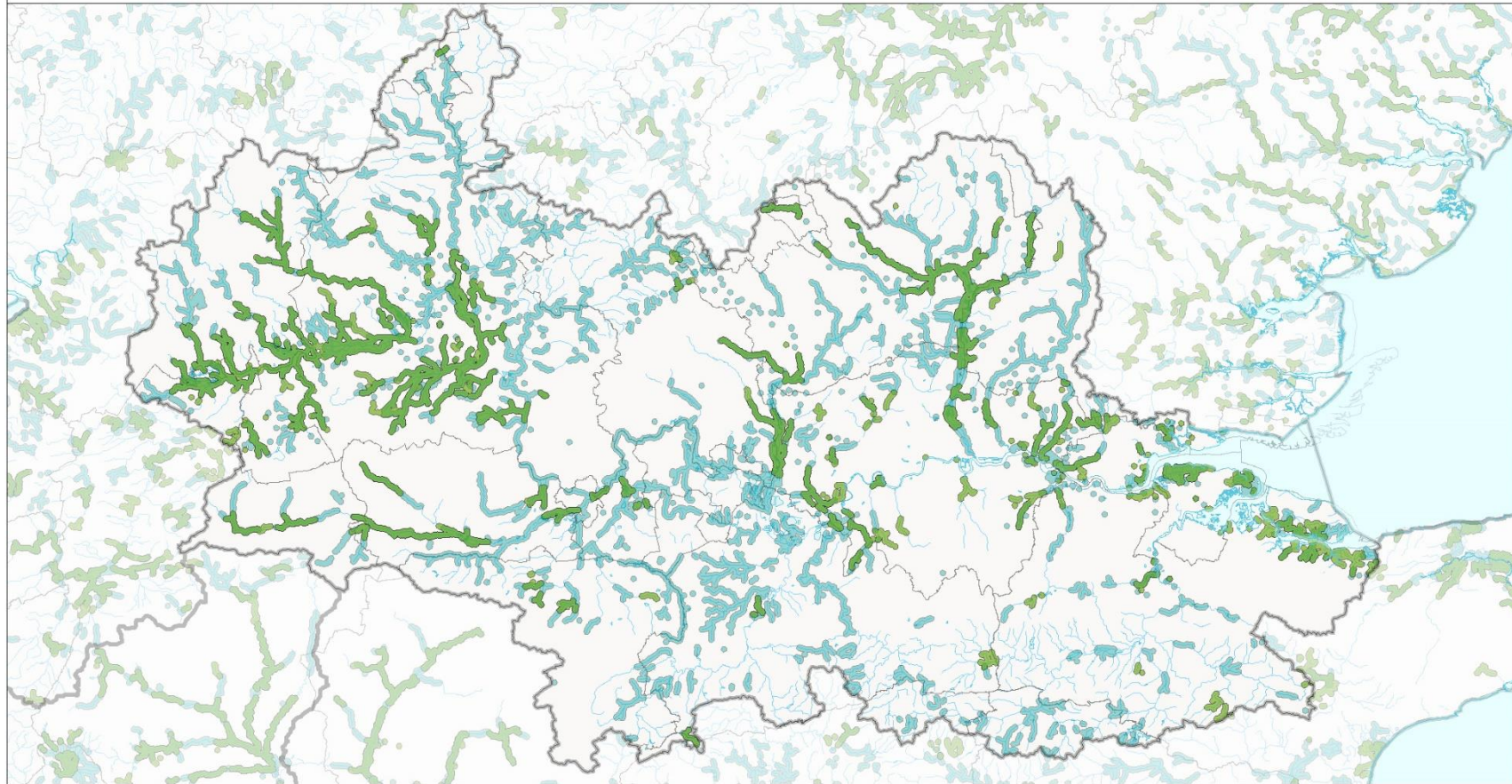
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**Water Vole Alert Area**

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- River Basin District
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**Water Vole Alert Map: Anglian RBD**  
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 1958-2008 and 2009-2018  
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**Water Vole Alert Map: Dee RDB**

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**Water Vole Alert Area**

- 2009-2018 data
- 1958-2008 data



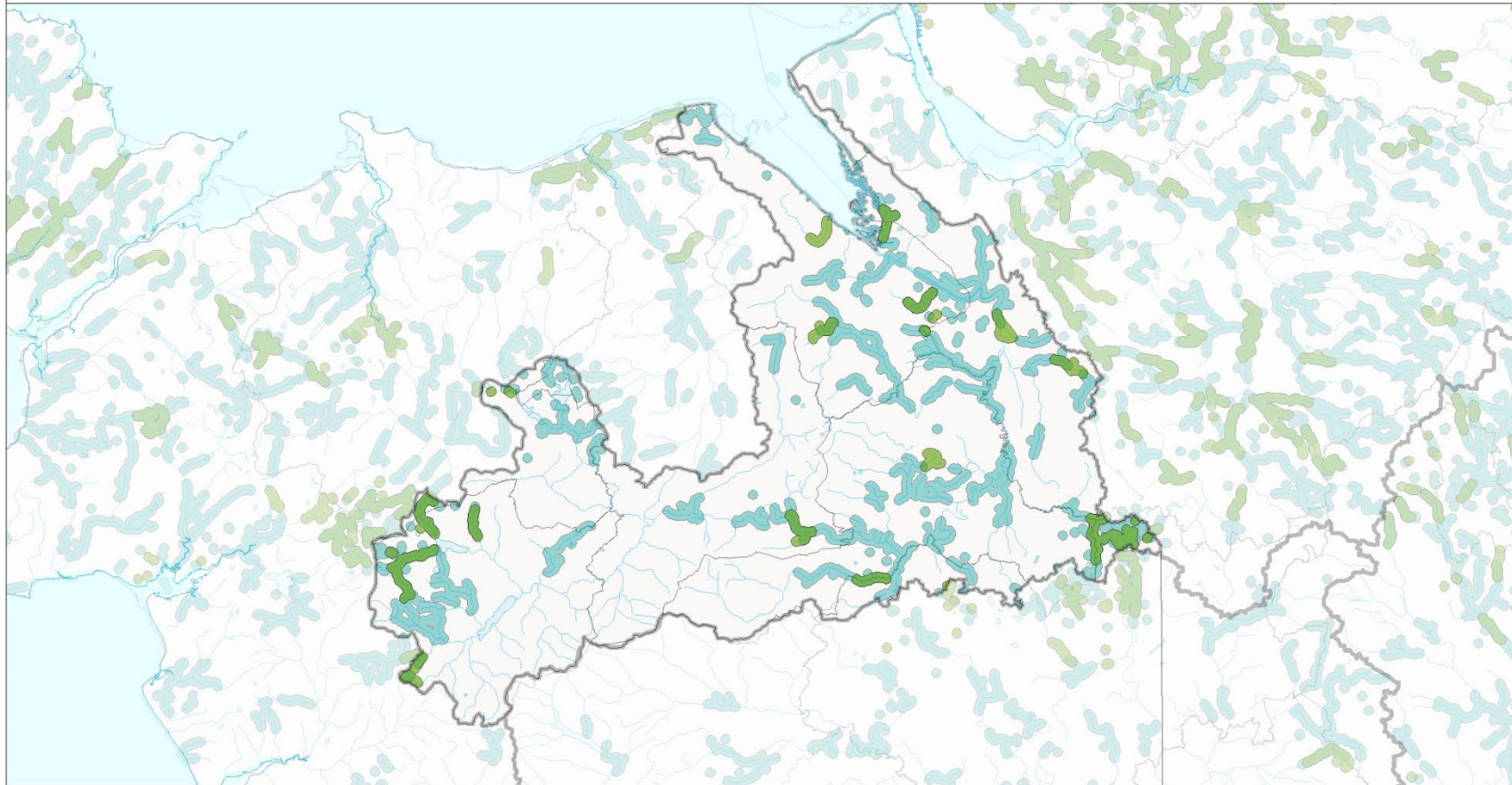
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**Water Vole Alert Map: North West RBD**

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**Water Vole Alert Area**

2009-2018 data

1958-2008 data



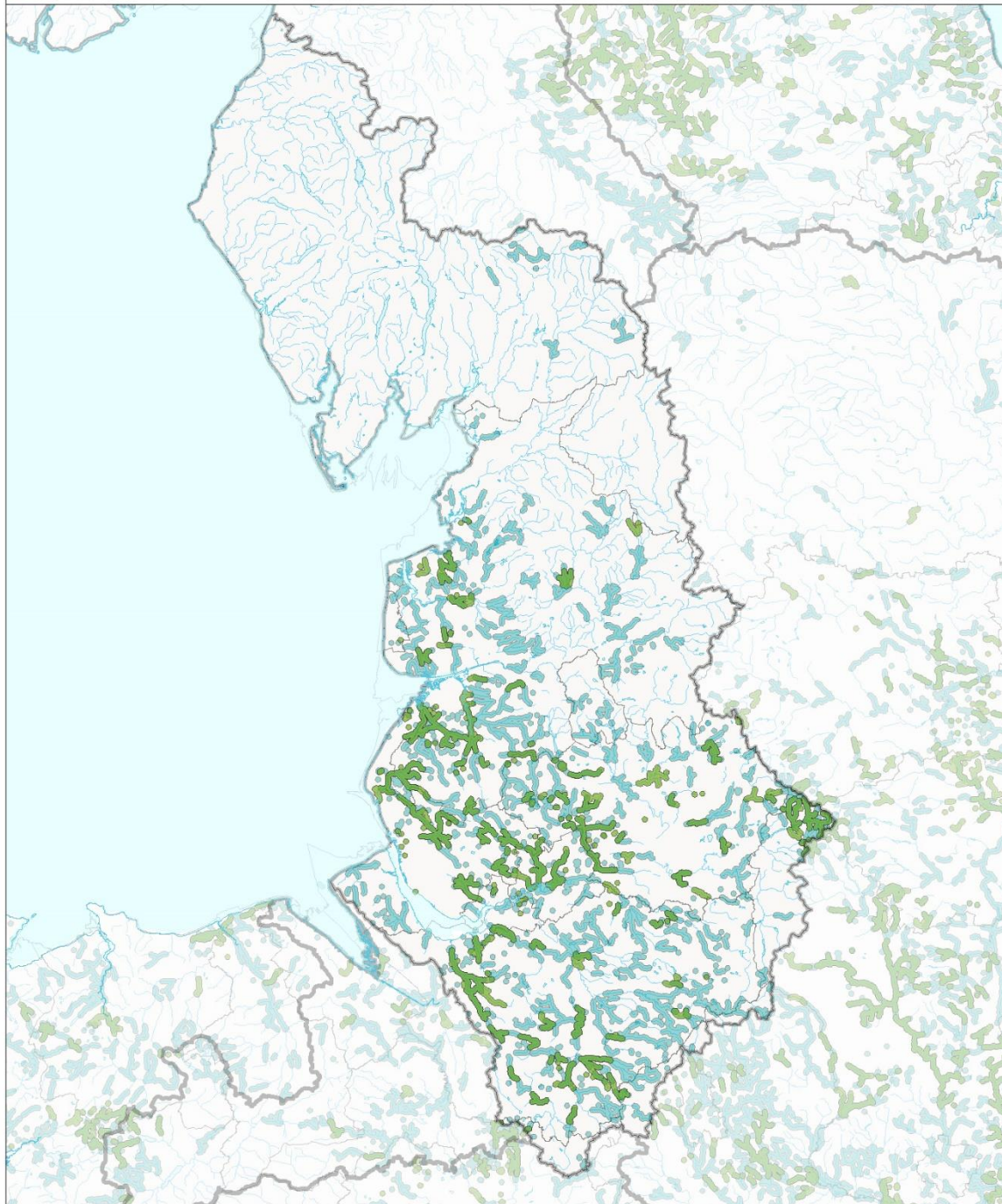
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County/Unitary Boundary



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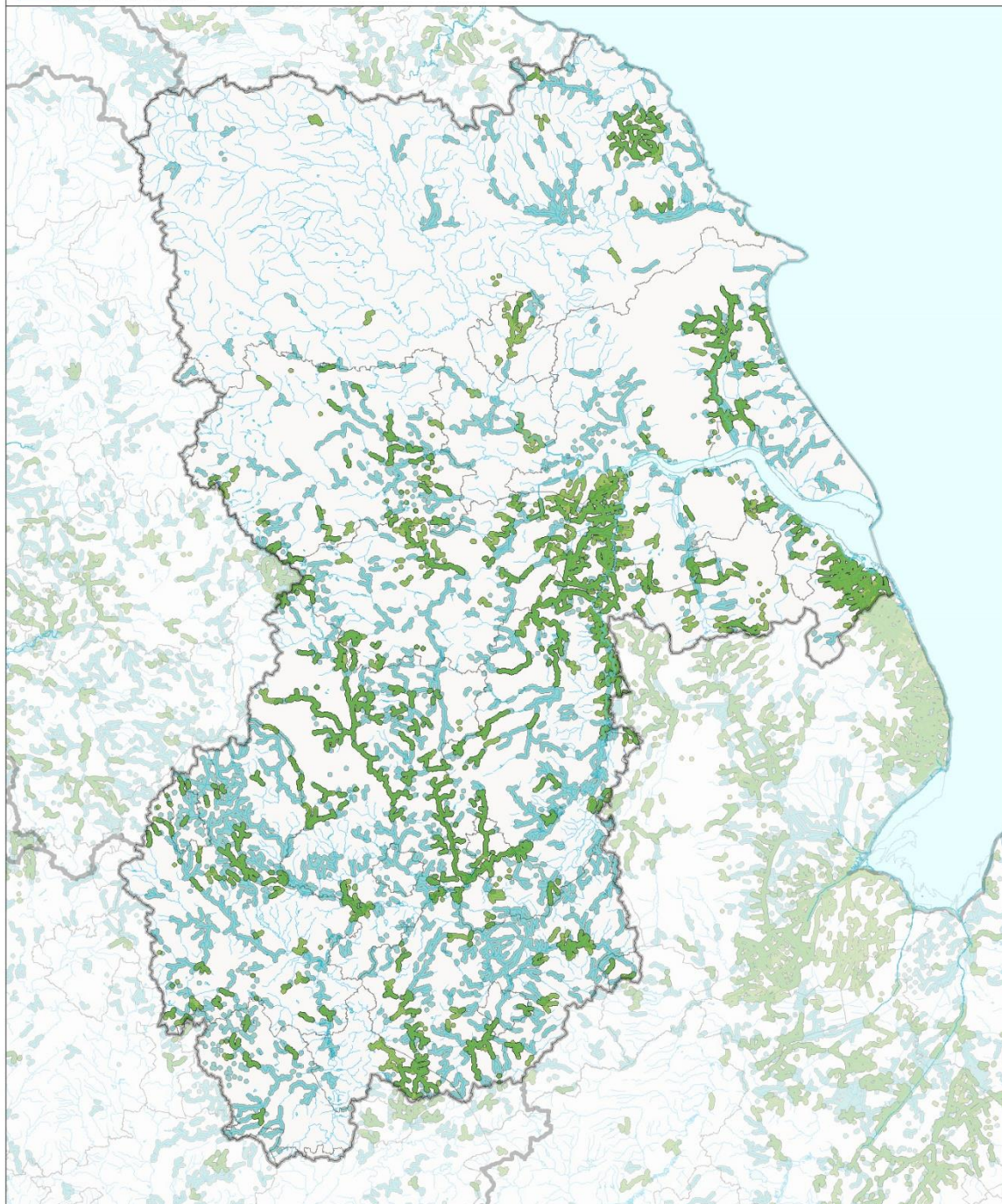


**Water Vole Alert Map: Humber RBD**  
 Historic and Modern Water Vole Presence  
 1958-2008 and 2009-2018  
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**Water Vole Alert Area**  
 2009-2018 data  
 1958-2008 data

River Basin District   
  County/Unitary Boundary   
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**Water Vole Alert Area**

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- 1958-2008 data



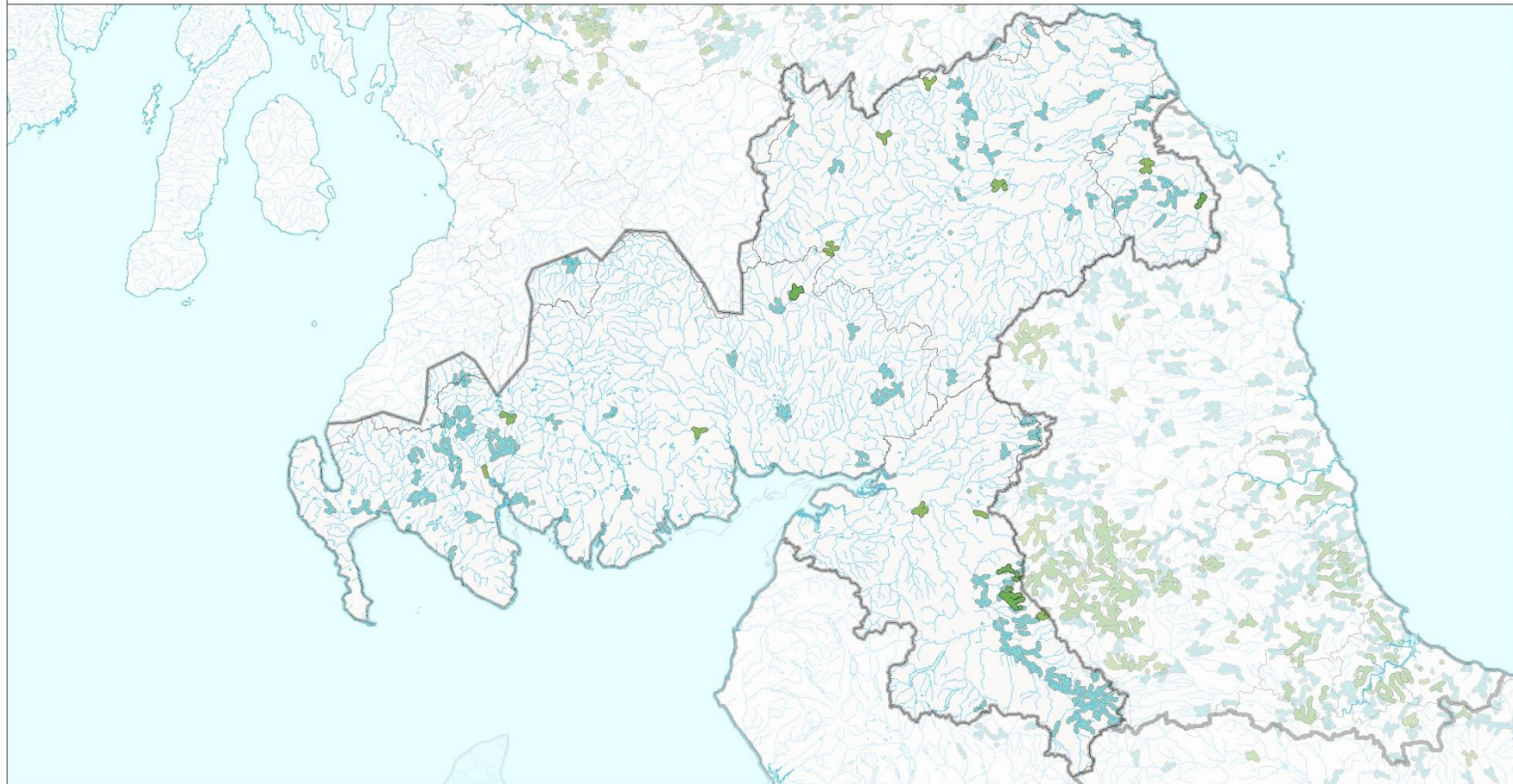
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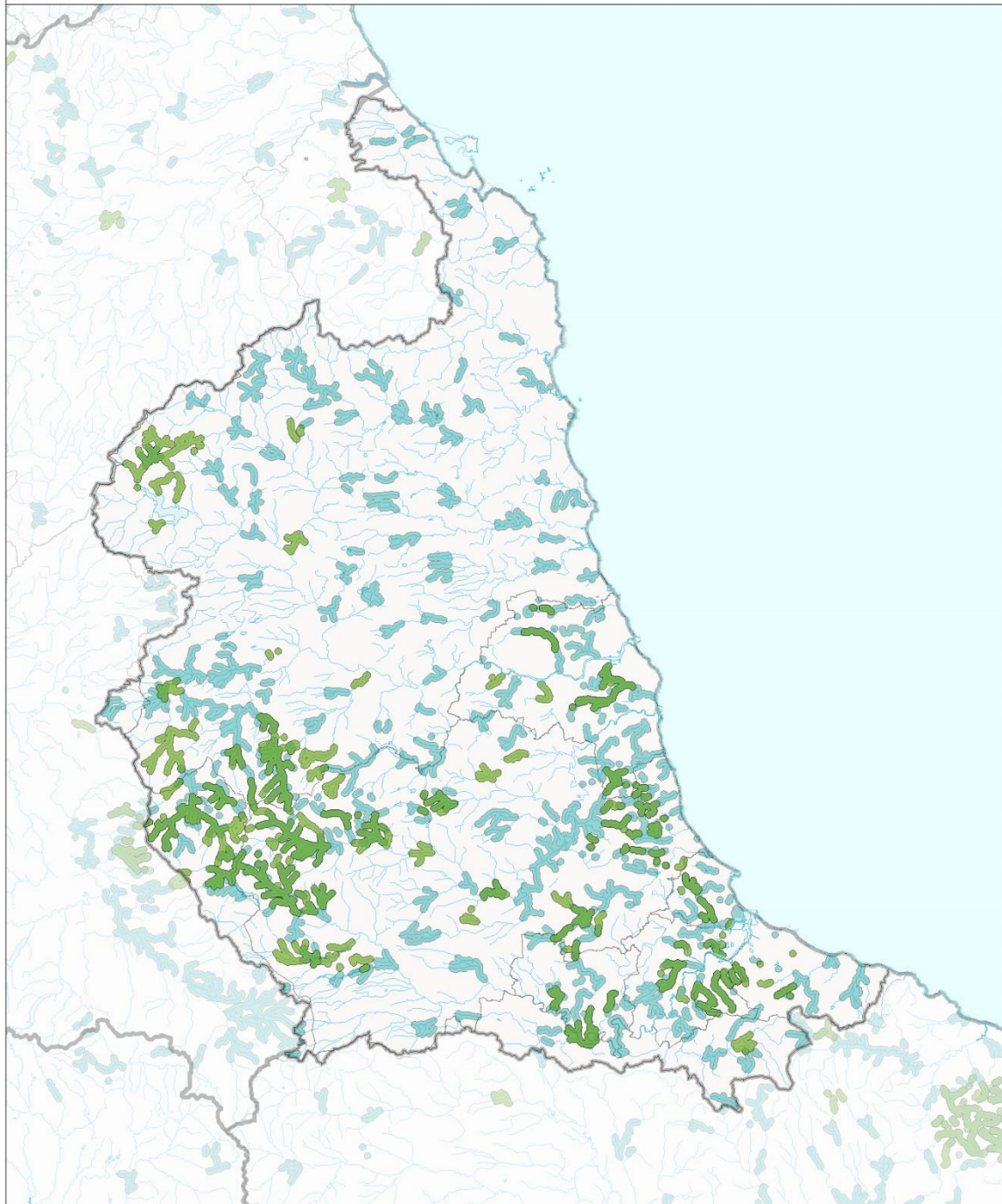
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**Water Vole Alert Area**

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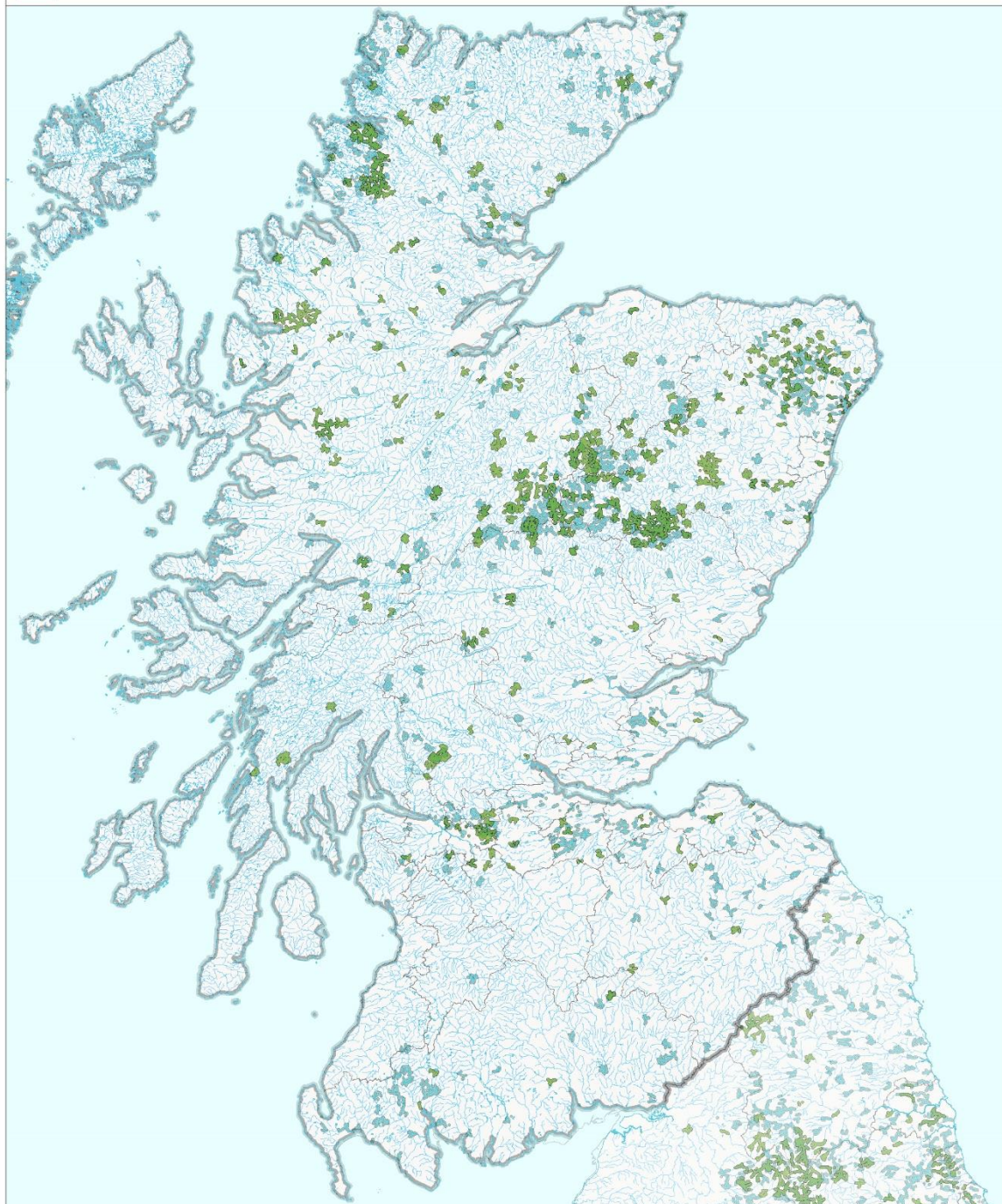
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## 7. WATER VOLE REINTRODUCTIONS

The map of water vole reintroductions has been updated to September 2019, with data supplied by a number of Wildlife Trusts, South Downs National Park Authority and Derek Gow Consultancy.

Key to numbered sites:

ID	Location
1	Llangors
2	River Dore
3	Queen Elizabeth Forest Park - Aberfoyle
4	Brandon Marsh, Kirkby in Ashfield
5	Netheridge Nature Reserve
6	Arundel
7	Barn Elms Reservoir
8	River Colne
9	Dartford Park
10	West Malling
11	Rainham Marsh
12	Pagham Harbour
13	Upper Thames
14	River Tale
15	River Axe
16	Ruxley Gravel Pits
17	Alver Valley
18	Foxglove Covert
19	Rutland Water
20	Ayreshire - Darley Burn, Troon
21	Ayreshire - Slaphouse Burn, Ayr
22	Moors Valley
23	Portbury Docks
24	Alston, Cumbria
25	Bedfont Lakes Country Park
26a	R Meon, Hants: Upper Titchfield Haven
26b	R Meon, Hants: Abbey Meadows, Titchfield
26c	R Meon, Hants: Fontley
26d	R Meon, Hants: Warnford
26e	R Meon, Hants: Mayles Lane, Wickham
26f	R Meon, Hants: Kingsmead
26g	R Meon, Hants: Mislingford, Kingsmead
26h	R Meon, Hants: Holywell
26i	R Meon, Hants: St Clairs, Soberton
26j	R Meon, Hants: Brockwood House Meadow
26k	R Meon, Hants: Exton
26l	R Meon, Hants: Midlington
26m	River Meon: East Meon

ID	Location
26n	River Meon: Frogmore
26o	River Meon Meon: Drayton
26p	River Meon Meon: Meonstoke
26q	River Meon: West Meon
27	Bude
28	Magor Marsh
29	Ffrwd Farm Mire, Pembrey
30	Carmarthen
31	Thurlestone
32	Thorley Wash
33	Cosmeston Country Park, Penarth
34a	Ouse 1
34b	Ouse 2
35b	Lower Windrush 2
35a	Lower Windrush 1
36a	Thame 1
36b	Thame 2
37	Swere
38	Evenlode
39a	Glyme 1
39b	Glyme 2
40	Kirkby in Ashfield
41	Kingsnorth
42	Malham Tarn
43a	Kielder Water and Forest Park
43b	Kielder Water and Forest Park
43c	Kielder Water and Forest Park
44	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve
45	Sandford Mire, Warcop
46	Warcop Training Area
47	Holnicote
48a	Seaton Marshes
48b	Seaton Marshes
49	Hemel Hempstead
50	Holnicote
51	Cholmondley Estate
52	Cosmeston Lakes

**Great Britain: Water Vole Reintroductions**

Known Water Vole Reintroductions up to September 2019



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## 8. REGIONAL KEY AREAS: CHANGE OVER TIME

**Great Britain: Water Vole Regional Key Areas**  
**Change since last report: 2008-2017 to 2009-2018**  
 with River Basin Districts



**Change since last report**

- New RKA
- Area increased
- No change or +/- <1sqkm change
- Area decreased
- Area decreased to below RKA threshold
- River Basin District

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