

## 2. Sample risk assessment form for pond-dipping:

DATE OF PRE-VISIT TO POND:

UNDERTAKEN BY:



Hazard	Nature of Risk	Degr ee of Risk	Prevention/control measure	Adju sted risk
<b>1) Hazards to children from pond-dipping</b>				
a) Biohazards associated with pond water	Tetanus / Lyme	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Advise against hand-to-mouth contact after handling animals and/or after pond-dipping.</li> <li>i. As far as possible watch that pupil's hands are kept out of the pond water.</li> <li>ii. Provide antiseptic wipes for use by pupils if contact with water occurs.</li> <li>iii. Ensure that teachers / TAs ensure children's hands are cleaned after each session.</li> </ul>	Very low
	Biting animals (e.g. water boatmen).	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ensure that pond invertebrates remain in water and are not held in hands or poked by fingers.</li> <li>ii. Use hand-lenses and inspection tubes if close-up inspection is required.</li> </ul>	Very low
b) Falling into pond	Tripping	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ensure that children and adults do not get too close to the pond unaccompanied.</li> <li>ii. Use one-way system near pond, between pond and pond-dip trays study area.</li> <li>iii. If using white plastic trays, keep these raised (e.g. on picnic bench)</li> </ul>	Very low
	Unsupervised play	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Never allow unsupervised play near pond.</li> </ul>	Very low
c) Pupil/s become lost / disorientated	Pupil gets lost / moves away from group	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i Ensure adequate ratio of adults to pupils.</li> <li>ii. Brief pupils beforehand.</li> </ul>	Very low