

# The development of the Irish Vegetation Classification (IVC)



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## The IVC has been developed in a series of phases

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| ▪ Phase 1 (Jul-Dec 2015)   | Grasslands division, development of ERICA & website       |
| ▪ Phase 2 (Mar-Dec 2016)   | Woodland and saltmarsh divisions added                    |
| ▪ Phase 3 (Apr-Nov 2017)   | Heaths, bogs and rocky habitats divisions added           |
| ▪ Phase 4 (Aug-Nov 2018)   | Fen and mire, freshwater and saline water divisions added |
| ▪ Phase 5 (Aug – Nov 2019) | Duneland, strandline, weed and scrub divisions            |
| ▪ Phase 6 (Apr – Nov 2021) | Revisions, development of ERICOID and keys                |

## Updates to ERICA

- Release of ERICA v1.0 (14th December 2015)
- Release of ERICA v2.0 (12th January 2017)
- Release of ERICA v3.0 (20th August 2018)
- Release of ERICA v3.1 (14th September 2018)
- Release of ERICA v4.0 (28th November 2018)
- Release of ERICA v5.0 (3rd December 2019)
- Release of ERICA v5.1 (30th March 2020)
- Release of ERICA v6.1 (1<sup>st</sup> October 2021)

## Technical Progress Reports

- [IVC Technical Progress Report No.1](#)
- [IVC Technical Progress Report No.2](#)
- [IVC Technical Progress Report No.3](#)
- [IVC Technical Progress Report No.4](#)
- [IVC Technical Progress Report No.5](#)
- [IVC Technical Progress Report No.6](#)
- [IVC Technical Progress Report No.7](#)