“The finest river in England is nearly ruined by building walls across it, sufficient to stop everything except a large and powerful animal... yet notwithstanding there is no river affords more hope than the Severn were its restoration properly taken up.”

Government Inspector of Fisheries 1862
The future: Unlocking the Severn

- Re-opening 250km spawning habitats
- State-of-the-art engineering works on 6 weirs – 2 on the river Teme and 4 navigation weirs on the main Severn
- Benefits for all fish species
- Lots of opportunities for people to get involved….
Unlocking the Severn Aims...

1. Bring back the shad!
   This important rare fish will reach its former freshwater habitats and all fish will have improved access in the River Severn.

2. Our Severn
   More people and different people will care about, visit and enjoy the River Severn making it a vibrant and exciting place to be.

3. Deepen connections
   The River Severn will become an engaging route to learning that enriches people’s lives.

4. Volunteers at the heart of heritage and science
   Together we will discover, share and celebrate the stories of the River Severn, and create an amazing legacy for the future.
Diglis fish pass ‘deep vertical slot pass’ – Aerial view
Community involvement in Shad Monitoring
- People Powered Science!

“Whole thing is very pleasurable. I liked the education side of it, I’ve learnt a lot. Also very Zen”