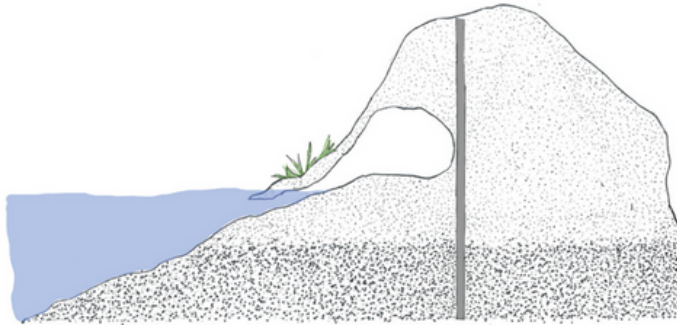


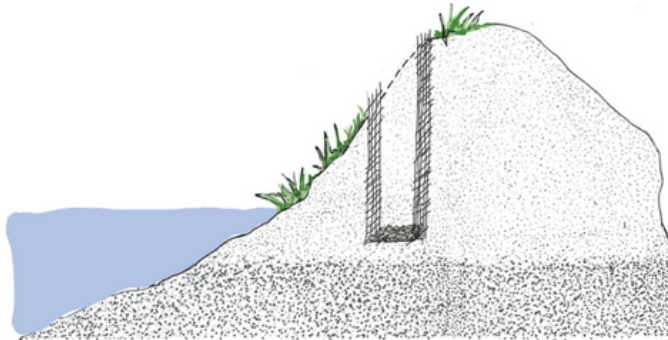
# Discouraging Burrowing

Where old flood walls are already in place, the installation of effective mitigation is frequently physically difficult and expensive. When new flood walls are being constructed, the insertion of anti-burrowing mitigation can be incorporated as a standard feature. A number of effective anti-burrowing techniques are employed across Europe.



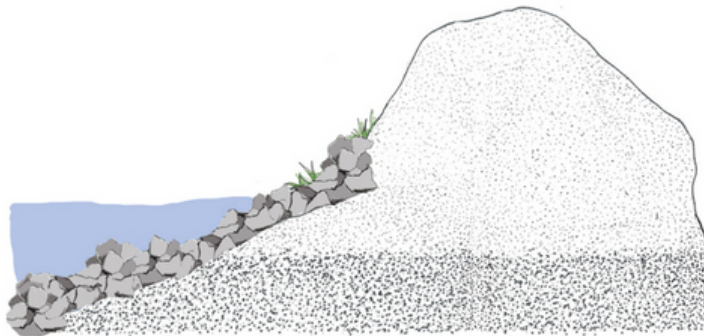
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Sheet-metal plates or heavy-duty wire mesh inserted into the centre of a flood bank. Isolating of visible lodges on the river bank with sheet piling to prevent their extension can be undertaken; but this is only temporary 'fix' for individual nuisance structures, and cannot be applied as a mitigation strategy along extensive lengths of watercourse.



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Heavy-duty wire-mesh-lined trench, filled with gravel, to discourage burrowing.



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Stone facing of river, canal or flood banks to discourage burrowing.