

FORWARD PROCESS FOR THE UK LIST OF PRIORITY SPECIES AND HABITATS

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1 YEAR ON

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Country Biodiversity Partnerships

- Essential to give the UK BAP its deserved attention and importance.
- Country activity has hugely increased.
- UK level work needs to be minimised:
 - Meeting UK reporting obligations.
 - Coordinating country cooperation e.g. Target Setting; Species Expertise.
- ‘Coordination’ is not ‘Standardising’, but ways of working together efficiently and effectively.

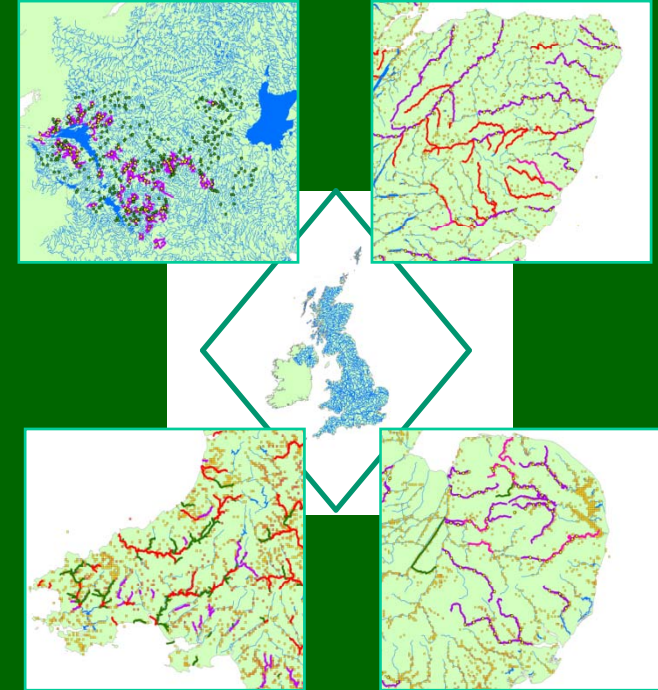


Progress of UK forward process key elements

Brigading Habitats into Groups.	
Wider actions.	
Survey, Monitoring and Research Actions .	
Provision of species advice.	
Role of Lead partners.	
Targets.	
Reporting: 2008 Reporting.	
Future reporting.	
Delisting criteria.	
International ?	

Brigading Habitats into Groups

- Country Groups are established.
- UK groups are established:
 - Coastal, Freshwater, Lowland Farmland, Uplands, Urban & Brownfields, Wetlands, Woodlands.
 - One has met (Freshwater).
- UK group functions:
 - Aid aggregation / reporting of targets / objectives from country to UK level.
 - Provide species advice to habitat planning?



Survey, Monitoring & Research: Actions

- Requirements workshop held.
Results published and distributed.
- BRAG sub-group established .
Identifying requirements within its remit.
- BRIG to review collective activity.
Identify and fill in any gaps.
- Defra research specification put out to tender.



Species requiring specific management

- Availability of species management information.

Discussed by BRIG / Standing Committee.

- Lots of activity underway at different levels:

Forestry Commission, Buglife, Countries.

- Considerations include:



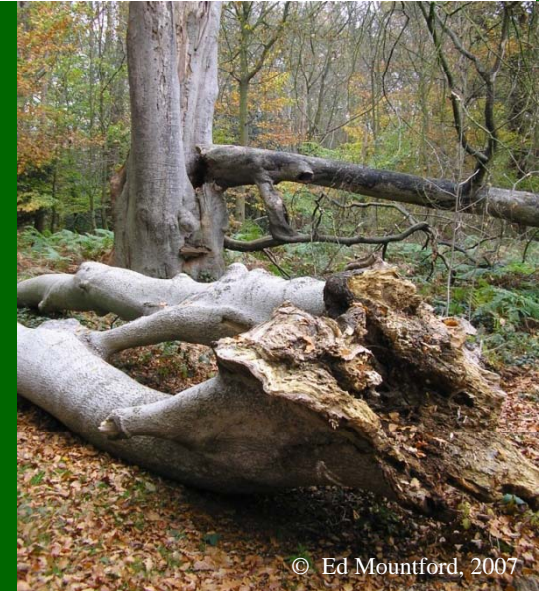
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- BARS to deliver and maintain information.

Targets

- Preliminary principles agreed:
 - Based on 2006 guidance.
 - To be dynamically improved as Best Practices arise.
- UK Habitat groups to focus on coherent UK-level aggregation of country targets.
- Countries are deliberating on species targets, or equivalents.
- Strong links are required between Habitats Directive conservation status reporting, and BAP.



Delisting

- Mid year work to develop criteria for delisting species.
- Developed and agreed by Standing Committee.

International

- Sharing best practice in Europe and beyond.
- Influencing European policy drivers.
- Tackling global pressures relating to UK biodiversity.
- Access/contribution to wider thinking.



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