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KEY ISSUES AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

PROJECT TITLE

HOW ACTION FOR BIODIVERSITY DELIVERS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS: A STUDY OF GOOD AND BAD PRACTICE FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NATIONAL PARKS IN NORTH WALES.

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Abstract

Local Biodiversity Action Plans are an important means of ensuring that the national strategy presented in the United Kingdom Biodiversity Action Plan is translated into effective action at the local level.

This study determines via a semi structured questionnaire/interview whether implementation of Local Biodiversity Action Plans, and projects derived from Local Biodiversity Action can deliver not only environmental but also socio-economic benefits within the plan area.

Using three case studies based in North Wales, the perceived and actual benefits of Local Biodiversity Actions were assessed. Future recommendations set out areas where further work to involve key sectors such as local business is essential is required.