

Title: WBP Planning

Background/Progress

WBP Biodiversity Conference 2010

This year's WBP conference takes place on the 15th and 16th September at Bangor University. In terms of the conference theme, suggestions are requested, one idea offered as a primer is: "Future-proofing biodiversity - 2010 and beyond: *Practical and Policy actions to secure and enhance Biodiversity in Wales*". The conference could also focus on drawing in other audiences/sectors that are loosely or not currently engaged with biodiversity initiatives and develop mechanisms for engagement.

Action Requested

1. To agree this year's WBP conference theme
2. To circulate the WBP conference date & location to your contacts
3. To suggest/volunteer a presentation or workshop theme

UK BAP Conference 2010

The conference takes place in Stirling, Scotland on Nov 23rd & 24th. The conference will focus on the outcomes of the CBD Conference in Nagoya, Japan as its broad theme, particularly the post 2010 target.

Action Requested

4. To note the date at this stage. Conference details will be circulated when available.

Wales Biodiversity Week 2010 & IYB 2010

Wales Biodiversity Week (WBW) takes place between 5th -13th June and will form part of the activities for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB-2010). Details of how partners can get involved with the IYB-2010 campaign are set out in SG9 PTN D. The National Museum Wales will be heavily involved with IYB-2010 coordination in Wales and organisations are encouraged to make contact with the Communications Officer Catrin Mears (Catrin.Mears@museumwales.ac.uk) for advice and support.

The purpose of WBW & IYB-2010 is to raise awareness with all audiences of the importance of biodiversity and the consequences of its loss. The WBP support team will coordinate WBW events, merchandise and an on-line pledge system on behalf of LBAPs and the intention is to co-brand WBW events with IYB-2010. Note: The International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) on 22nd May will also be celebrated this year and events to celebrate IDB are required.

Action Requested

5. To agree to circulate WBW date (5th - 13th June) to your contacts
6. To agree to host WBW/IYB events and/or coordinate with LBAPs in hosting events

7. To agree to send WBW/IYB event details to LBAPs/WBP secretariat (Sean McHugh) for publicity purposes