

**Title: 2008 Wales BAP Report Interpretation of Data**

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***Background/Progress***

In 2008 Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnerships, statutory country agencies and UK Lead Partners reported on the Biodiversity Action Plan including status and trend of priority species and habitats, main threats to biodiversity and constraints to delivery. In addition LBAP partnerships reported on links to local strategies and plans and success stories. The UK Report is almost ready for publication and a link will be circulated as soon as possible. In order to assess the situation in Wales, the data reported in 2008 has been analysed at a country level by contractors, and a report written using the format of the 2005 Wales report. Additional data has been analysed by CCW and will be provided alongside the report (Draft report available to view as annex 1).

***Plan/Proposals***

WBP Steering Group will be using the data at the WBP SG meeting to inform discussion on the post 2010 target and action required in Wales. The text within the report, however, still needs considerable work including updating, interpretation and the inclusion of case studies and conclusions. This work should be done in partnership to ensure that the final report reflects how WBP partners interpret and understand the data, and to make sure the report is useful in terms of identifying reasons for failing to meet the 2010 targets and informing future biodiversity priorities and action. To fulfil this commitment, it is necessary to set up a WBP Task and Finish group to develop the report and agree to the text and interpretation. Once agreement has been reached by this Task and Finish group, Natur Cymru will proof read and finalise the report, include pictures and other design aspects. The Task and Finish group will operate via e-mail within a short agreed timeframe and will sign off the final report once completed by Natur Cymru. The report will then be published on the WBP website.

***Action Requested***

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| • Form a task and finish team to carry out next step | YES |
| • Approve us to carry on as suggested above          | YES |