

WBP Priority Habitat Mapping Initiative

Biodiversity Action Planning in Wales is coordinated and delivered by the Wales Biodiversity Partnership. The work of the ecosystem and species expert groups is vital in this respect and statutory organisations, voluntary sector organisations, Local Authorities and LBAP Partnerships, recorders and individuals all contribute to this effort.

The production of Priority Biodiversity Habitats Action Area maps are part of the BAP process and will be completed for all terrestrial ecosystems namely: Uplands; Lowland Grassland and Heathland; Coastal; Enclosed Farmland; Woodland; Urban; Wetland; Freshwater. The Marine ecosystem will also produce a priority assessment of marine habitats and species. The maps will be used to inform and plan biodiversity action across Wales and will assist in identifying partnership projects, target funding and identify priorities.

WBP partners will now have access to GIS-compatible maps relating to priority habitats in their area. **Please contact your LBAP partnership to review the maps.**

The first batch of Priority Biodiversity Habitats Action Area maps has been produced by the WBP ecosystem groups following work coordinated by CCW and with the input of habitat and species experts drawn for the biodiversity community at national and local level. A synopsis of each habitat and the associated priority species is also available with the maps.

1. Upland Ecosystem Group
2. Lowland Grassland and Heathland Ecosystem Group
3. Coastal Group
4. Enclosed Farmland Group

The second batch will cover the following priorities;

1. Woodland Ecosystem Group
2. Urban Ecosystem Group
3. Wetland Ecosystem Group

Species

A number of species surveys will be included in the priority maps and the WBP Species Expert Group will produce actions for those species not covered in the priority habitat mapping exercise.

Further Information

You can view progress of the WBP Biodiversity Action Planning process and progress to date on all Ecosystem Groups on the Wales Biodiversity Partnership website:

www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/bap_in_wales-27.aspx