

Wales Biodiversity Partnership (WBP) Work Plan 2010

	Action	Target Date	Progress	Lead	Contact
CONSULTATIONS					
1.	Contribute to consultations	Aug 2009 - 2010	ESG and SEGs official consultees for Biod on WAG consultations as required	WBP	
		Aug 2009 - 2010	Glastir – ESGs and SEG involved in various processes and developments on Glastir		
		During 2010	Severn Tidal Power Feasibility Study Phase 2. Phase 1 of the study was launched in Jan 2008 by BERR and WAG and you can view progress reports and updates on the study from the Welsh Assembly Government website. The public consultation on the results of the first phase resulted in a shortlist of 5 options. Phase 2 will examine the short list of three barrages and two lagoons in more detail followed by a second public consultation, later in 2010.		http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/energy/severntidal/?lang=en
2.	Attending events				

TASK & FINISH/WORKING GROUPS				
3.	<p>Environment Strategy for Wales Outcome 21 (Action 32) (“favourable condition”)</p> <p>Task & Finish Group Purpose: Develop delivery plan and monitor actions and commitments made, advise and make recommendations, develop collaborative approaches to increasing favourable condition</p>	On-going	<p>Action Points available on WBP website at:- http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/English/Library/default.aspx?pid=2</p>	<p>WBP</p> <p>Chair: Diana Reynolds (WAG) Diana.Reynolds@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK Tel 0300 062 2254) Andrew Peterken A.Peterken@ccw.gov.uk Tel 02920 772420) Christine Edwards C.Todd@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385561) Hazel Drewett (h.drewett@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385569) Communications issues - Meinir Wigley m.wigley@ccw.gov.uk) Bob Vaughan bob.vaughan@environment-agency.wales.gov.uk Tel 02920 466129) Jennifer Dack jennifer.dack@environment-agency.wales.gov.uk) Chris Tucker (chris.tucker@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) Michelle Bromley michelle.bromley@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) Emyr Williams - Representing the National Parks Emyr.Williams@eryri-npa.gov.uk Tel 01766 772205) Helen Buckingham Helen.Buckingham@nationaltrust.org.uk Tel 01690 713315) Wildlife Trusts - Nigel Ajax Lewis n.ajaxlewis@welshwildlife.org) Reg Thorpe (reg.thorpe@rspb.org.uk) Tim Peppin (tim.peppin@WLGa.GOV.UK) Craig Mitchell (craig.mitchell@WLGa.GOV.UK)</p>

4.	Future of BAP in Wales Task and Finish Group Purpose: To establish new structures and processes for BAP in Wales	Completed (loose ends to be tidied up)	BAP framework and mechanism document completed. Minutes posted on the WBP website: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/bap_in_wales-27.aspx	WBP	
	WBP Ecosystem Groups	Ongoing	Woodland; Marine; Wetland; Lowland Grassland & Heathland; Urban & Brownfield; Upland; Freshwater; Enclosed Farmland; Coastal Groups have all met; minutes from all group meetings posted on the WBP website: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/bap_in_wales-27.aspx Chairs of these groups and the Species Expert group, Policy group, Invasive non native species group and Wales Environment Information Forum to meet twice a year	WBP	Main contact: Julia Korn (j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385793)
	WBP Species Expert Group	Ongoing	Remaining 1st tranche of species targets & actions of all species actions/targets to be released Minutes posted on the WBP website: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/bap_in_wales-27.aspx	WBP	Chair Stephen Bladwell (stephen.bladwell@rspb.org.uk) Main contact: Julia Korn (j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385793)
	WBP Policy Group	Ongoing	Minutes posted on the WBP website: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/bap_in_wales-27.aspx	WBP	Chair: Diana Reynolds (Diana.Reynolds@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK Tel 0300 062 2254) Main contact: Julia Korn

		March 2010	<p>ESGs and SEG recognised by WAG as formal consultees on Biodiversity issues</p> <p>Freshwater, Woodland & Coastal policy issues to be discussed and actions arising</p> <p>Statement on Ecosystems, the Ecosystem Approach and Ecosystem goods and services in production for agreement/use by WBP and WAG</p> <p>BARS friendly work programme in production</p> <p>Various NERC Act Biodiversity Duty checklists in production</p>		(j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385793)
5.	<p>WBP Business Membership</p> <p>Task and Finish Group Purpose: To establish a simple mechanisms by which businesses can be encouraged to take/fund/assist with biodiversity action</p>	Ongoing	<p>First stage action plan complete. Updates available on the WBP website: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/sg_meetings-130.aspx</p> <p>Business & Biodiversity plan to be produced in 2010</p>	WBP	<p>Amy Mulkern –main contact (AmyMulkern@wildlifetrustswales.org Tel 02920 480 070/ 07824 483 237)</p> <p>David Jenkins (davidj@coedcymru.org.uk Tel 01686 650777)</p> <p>Jonathan Coldman (j.a.coldman@dowcorning.com Tel 01446 723876)</p> <p>Malcolm McGee (info@shared-earth-trust.org.uk Tel 01570 493358)</p> <p>Nick Bialynicki-Birula (nick.birula@environment-agency.wales.gov.uk Tel 02920 466144/07770846163)</p> <p>Richard Thomas (r.thomas@bangor.ac.uk Tel 01248 382605)</p> <p>Robin Woodyatt (woodyr@caerphilly.gov.uk Tel 01443 815259)</p> <p>Sean McHugh</p>

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6.	<p>Non-Native Invasive Species</p> <p>Task & Finish Group Purpose: To implement the GB Non-Native Species Framework Strategy in Wales.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Wales Risk Assessment list almost complete</p> <p>Action plan in development</p> <p>Minutes and actions of meetings: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/sg_meetings-130.aspx</p>	WBP	<p>Chair: William Somerfield, WAG (william.somerfield@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel 0300 062 2260) Vice Chair: Niall Moore GB Non-native species secretariat team (n.moore@csl.gov.uk Tel 01904 462062) Secretariat: Juliet Hynes WBP Tel 01600 740358 j.hynes@welshwildlife.org</p> <p>For full list of members see: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/content/uploads/documents/SG%20Meetings/TaskFinish/NNSCombinedSept08comb_opt.pdf</p>
7.	<p>Wales Environment Information Forum</p> <p>Task & Finish Group Purpose: to agree data standards and protocols for managing Wales' biodiversity data/information, agreeing priority data sets for dissemination and establishing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Small working group looking at roles and responsibilities of all partners involved in data flow</p> <p>Develop a data sharing Charter for Wales by Feb 2010</p>	WBP	<p>Chair: Martin Parkinson, CCW (m.parkinson@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 387340) Helen Wilkinson, CCW (h.wilkinson@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 387344) Julia Korn WBP (j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385793) Bill Somerfield, WAG (william.somerfield@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel 0300 062 2260) Colin Russell, WWBIC (colin@westwalesbiodiversity.org.uk Tel 01994 241468)</p>

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	dynamic flow of data to partners.	On-going	Development of taxonomic skills base in Wales		Janet Imlach, BIS (janet@b-i-s.org Tel 01874 610881) Roy Tapping, Cofnod (roy.tapping@cofnod.org.uk Tel 01248 672603) Adam Rowe, SEWBRcC (adam.rowe@sewbrec.org.uk Tel 02920 641110) Steve Moon, Bridgend CBC (moonsj@bridgend.gov.uk Tel 01656 743386) Shaun Russell, WERH (s.russell@bangor.ac.uk Tel 01248 382234) Stephen Bladwell, RSPB (Stephen.bladwell@rspb.org.uk Tel 01248 363800) Ray Woods, BSBI & Plantlife (r.woodsadvisor@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01597 827401) Pete Wells, ARUP (pete.wells@arup.com Tel 02920 473727) Richard Birch, Capita Symonds (Richard.birch@capita.co.uk Tel 01492 539200) Cliff Benson, Sea Trust (fred@sjacob.fsnet.co.uk Tel 01348 874507) Sarah Perry, Cardigan Bay Wildlife Centre (info@cbmwc.org Tel 01545 560032)
		2009-2010	All notes etc sent to WBP for dissemination or publication on WBP website: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/s_g_meetings-130.aspx#TaskGroupsEng BARS 2008 Reporting Round from Wales. Report due in April 2010		
8.	Connect for Cymru Biodiversity Group Task & Finish Group Purpose: Initially provide input to the WAG Sustainable Development Scheme on behalf of WBP	Ongoing	The group will meet again in January 2010	WBP	Julia Korn –Main contact (j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385793) Stephen Bladwell RSPB Cymru Nick Birula Environment Agency Wales Michelle Bromley Forestry Commission Wales Laura Palmer Cardiff LA/LBAP Isabel Macho Carmarthenshire LBAP/LA Liz Dean

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9.	Ecological networking and opportunity mapping	scoping	Investigate the need for and feasibility of a task and finish group to coordinate the disparate work going on ecological networking, opportunity mapping (including work in rest of the UK) etc which will feed into spatial strategies and Opportunity mapping for expansion of BAP habitats to meet Wales targets.		Juliet Hynes, WBP (j.hynes@welshwildlife.org Tel: 01600 740358)
NERC DUTY					
10.	Assist Welsh Assembly Government in implementing NERC Biodiversity Duty across local government in Wales	Ongoing Feb 2010	Annual reviews with local authorities initiated and visits to all Local Authorities to be completed by Feb 2010 N Wales workshop to take place on 25 th Feb 2010 Biodiversity checklists & workshop packs available on WBP website http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/legislation__guidance-20.aspx	ST/BT/WBP ST/BT	Main Contact: Bill Somerfield, WAG (william.somerfield@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel 0300 062 2260) Tim Peppin, WLGA (Tim.Peppin@wlga.gov.uk Tel: 02920 468669) Sean McHugh, WBP (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070) Juliet Hynes, WBP (j.hynes@welshwildlife.org Tel: 01600 740358) Julia Korn –Main contact (j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel 01248 385793)

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11.	Implement NERC Biodiversity Duty across the Assembly	On-going	Follow up on progress initiated including biodiversity audit, Heads of Division briefings, Policy Gateway work, guidance in grant applications & policy documents	BT	Bill Somerfield, WAG (william.somerfield@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel 0300 062 2260) Delcie Simkin (delcie.simkin@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel: 0300 062 2255)
12.	Assist Welsh Assembly Government in implementing NERC Biodiversity Duty across the public sector in Wales	2010	Consider extending the concept of Biodiversity Champions to other public sector bodies. Support team to put these in place, once Local Authority Champions working well.	ST	Diana Reynolds, WAG (diana.reynolds@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel: 0300 062 2254)
	LBAP ISSUES				
13.	Direct Support for Welsh LBAP Partnerships	On-going	Attend meetings, share information, listen and respond to issues and concerns raised. Work to ensure long term sustainability of LBAP Partnerships and their ability to deliver biodiversity action in line with the new approach to BAP as set out in the BAP Mechanism Document and the revised Wales Biodiversity Framework	ST ST	Sean McHugh, WBP (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070) Juliet Hynes, WBP (j.hynes@welshwildlife.org Tel: 01600 7403587) Julia Korn WBP (j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel: 01248 385793)

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14.	BARS/LBAP/LRC support for key central organisations	Ongoing	<p>Develop BARS in the context of the New Approach to BAP and organise the provision of Support/training/documentation focusing on organisations and other LBAP partners e.g. BASC/Wildlife trusts/KWT etc</p> <p>Represent WBP on the UK BARS Steering Group</p> <p>Continue BARS support to CCW, FCW & EAW Work with CCW on ongoing to get special sites database to feed into BARS and to establish direct reporting through BARS on CCW grants.</p> <p>Glastir – ensure that recording of biodiversity action, on BARS, carried out through Glastir is built in to the scheme from the start</p> <p>Support ESGs and SEG to enter the Wales habitat and species targets onto BARS, establish the system for gathering our progress towards the Wales BAP targets</p>	ST	<p>Juliet Hynes (j.hynes@welshwildlife.org Tel: 01600 740358)</p> <p>Bill Somerfield (william.somerfield@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel: 0300 062 2260)</p>
EVENTS PLANNING					
15.	WBP Conference, North Wales	Sept 2010	<p>Organise Conference</p> <p>2010 Conference proceedings to</p>	ST	<p>Sean McHugh (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070 /07817 148524)</p>

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			be posted on WBP website		
16.	UK BAP Conference , Scotland	Oct 2010	Memembr of conference steering group	ST	Sean McHugh (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070 /07817 148524)
	International Biodiversity Year 2010	2010	WBP signed up as IYB-UK partner Events to be coordinated by WBP & held throughout Wales and posted on WBP website. http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/whats_on-4.aspx	ST	Sean McHugh (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070 4/07817 148524)
	Wales Biodiversity Week 2010	5 th – 13 th June 2010	Events & merchandise to be coordinated by WBP & held throughout Wales and posted on WBP website. http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/whats_on-4.aspx	ST	Sean McHugh (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070 4/07817 148524)
	3 x Regional BAP Seminars	Mat 5 th North Wales TBC May 12 th Penallta May 13 th Swansea	Planned for Spring 2010 to bring together Wales level and local level BAP practitioners	ST	Sean McHugh, WBP (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070) Juliet Hynes, WBP (j.hynes@welshwildlife.org Tel: 01600 7403587) Julia Korn WBP (j.korn@ccw.gov.uk Tel: 01248 385793)
FUNDING ISSUES					
17.	EU Funding RDP		WBP are providing input to the Axis II Review via the Species Group.	WBP	Stephen Bladwell, RSPB (Stephen.bladwell@rspb.org.uk Tel: 01248363800)

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	<p>Convergence</p> <p>Life+</p> <p>WREN</p> <p>GRANTSCAPE</p> <p>HLF</p> <p>WAG EG Funding</p>		<p>CCW have received approval for a convergence funding stream called CAN (Communities and Nature).</p> <p>CCW have received approval for their LIFE + bid and are actively encouraging further bids from Wales</p> <p>Biodiversity fund for which parts of Wales are eligible; Wales panel will meet in Feb 2010. WBP involved.</p> <p>Continuing availability of their biodiversity funds throughout Wales.</p> <p>Continuing availability of their biodiversity funds throughout Wales</p> <p>Complete funding review and monitor implementation</p>		<p>Emyr Thomas, CCW (e.thomas@ccw.gov.uk) Helga Dixon, CCW (h.dixon@ccw.gov.uk)</p> <p>Helga Dixon, CCW (h.dixon@ccw.gov.uk)</p> <p>Jan Sherry (j.sherry@ccw.gov.uk)</p> <p>Hazel Drewett to nominate replacement for Joanna Robertson</p> <p>Gareth Davies, Coed Cymru (garethd@coedcymru.org.uk Tel 01686 650777)</p> <p>WAG/WBP/BT/ST</p>
18.	<p>Wales Funding Investigate mechanisms by which WBP could assist in prioritising CCW grant areas and adding biodiversity value to all funding streams.</p> <p>Taxonomic Group presentations – all presentations to be provided with an amount up to £2000 to fund direct biodiversity action coming out of their presentation</p>	Ongoing	<p>Funding Report completed & submitted to WAG & posted on WBP website link: http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/funding-39.aspx</p> <p>Support team have put administration in place to enable this. Projects pending:</p> <p>Flora Locale: Wild Meadows creation</p>	WBP	<p>Julia Korn j.korn@ccw.gov.uk</p>
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	Funds to BSBI recorders		Seasearch/ MCS: Marine Crawfish Recording	ST	
	LRC data mobilisation & Wildlife Training days		Bumblebee Trust: TBA	ST	
	Elm & Aspen Project		Administer fund	ST	
			Continue working with LRC's to complete the process	ST	
			Finalise fund with Coed Cymru	ST	
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT					
19.		Ongoing	2010 training TBC	ST	Juliet Hynes (j.hynes@welshwildlife.org Tel: 01600 740358) Sean McHugh (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070 4/07817 148524)
COMMUNICATIONS/IT					
20.	Website/ biodiversity framework	Ongoing	Keep website (documents, links, events and format) up-to-date. Ensure Ecosystem Groups, T&F groups and other working group minutes are posted on website.	ST	Sean McHugh (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070 /07817 148524)
21.	Communications	Ongoing	Continue to develop & strengthen links with organisations to maximise biodiversity buy in.	WBP	
22.	Budget	Ongoing	Administer support for taxonomic funds, conference, WBW, Regional workshops & support team overheads	ST	Sean McHugh (s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org Tel: 02920 480 070 /07817 148524)
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INTERVENTIONS: feedback from WBP 'traffic lights' exercise					
23.	Marine	Ongoing	<p>Start doing: Identifying & implementation of Marine Protected Areas</p> <p>Progress: The Marine and Coastal Access Bill incorporates a new power to establish Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs). It's the intention in Wales to use this power to designate a small number of MCZs that will be afforded a high level of protection – where all damaging and disturbing activities are excluded. The process of agreeing these zones will commence in 2010 and will have a high level of stakeholder participation.</p>	WBP	<p>Bill Somerfield william.somerfield@wales.gsi.gov.uk Tel: 0300 062 2260)</p>
24.	Estuarine	ongoing	<p>Start doing: Increase habitat to cope with rising sea level (e.g. saltmarsh and mudflat)</p> <p>Progress: Possibilities within Axis II and/or Flood Risk Management?</p>		
25.	Freshwater	ongoing	<p>Start doing: Catchment wide projects to deal with diffuse pollution</p> <p>Progress: The higher level scheme will encourage catchment scale projects for water and carbon and WBP are asked to help provide indications of suitable locations to maximise benefits to biodiversity.</p>		
26.	Terrestrial	ongoing	<p>Start doing: Massive push to stop declines in Wales' priority</p>		

			<p>biodiversity. Need less talk and more money!</p> <p>Progress: Work on a new funding mechanism from CCW is taking place in parallel to attempts to identify new funds e.g. by linking Community Benefit Agreements directly to biodiversity benefits (building on lessons learned from FCW Landbank and SEMP).</p>		
27.	All habitats	ongoing	<p>Start doing: Get B.A.P. positive actions in all major planning applications and decisions - not just those affecting designated habitats or species- even if it's a panel or a hedgerow or some trees rather than save dead grass as public green space</p> <p>Progress: The s42 guidance approved at WBP SG 7 and by Minister aims to fill this gap. A reference will be included in the new TAN 5</p>		