



Species and Habitat Action Plan Assessment Form

Please refer to the accompanying guidance for information about how to complete this form and an explanation of terms used

Field 1: Action Plan details

Species/Habitat Action Plan	<i>Bombylus minor</i> - heath bee fly
Lead Partner/Agency	British Entomological & Natural History Society (BENHS) (Contact Point - EN)
Steering Group/Other organisations	Yes - Heathland Flies Species Steering Group BENHS, English Nature
Work programme in existence?	Yes

Field 2: Objectives and targets overview

Please list the targets for the action plan, indicating in which country/region the target is applicable, and additional comments including the rationale for new targets. For each new target please add new sequential paragraph numbers and target text. Please provide information about progress and country disaggregation in Table A for all targets.

Number and text	UK	E	NI	S	W	Comments
4.1 Maintain populations at all known sites.		✓				
4.2 Extend current range, by appropriate management of five sites adjacent to existing sites by 2010.		✓				

Field 3: Proposed actions overview

Please list the proposed actions for the action plan, indicating in which country/region the action is applicable. For each new action please add new sequential paragraph numbers and action text. If the action is regarded as significant (please see guidance) indicate this in the box and provide further details in Table B. For actions not regarded as significant simply state if the action is ongoing or complete. Remember any action which is being dropped from the workplan will be regarded as significant for the first round of reporting.

Number and text	UK	E	NI	S	W	Action significant?	Action complete or ongoing? (Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)
5.1.1 Where appropriate, include the requirements of the species when preparing or revising prescriptions for agri-environment schemes.		✓				No	Not started
5.2.1 Where possible, ensure that		✓				No	Started but not completed

	occupied sites are appropriately managed, including the maintenance and creation of vertical sandy banks, by 2005. Appropriate management could be achieved through SSSI or agri-environment scheme management agreements.						
5.2.2	Where possible, increase the available habitat at known sites and in adjacent areas, and attempt to link up existing fragments of habitat.		✓			No	Not started (premature until biology and habitat needs fully determined)
5.2.3	Ensure that the habitat requirements of the heath bee-fly are taken into account in any relevant development policies, plans and poposals.		✓			No	No action
5.2.4	Ensure that the heath bee-fly is listed in site management documents for all relevant SSSIs		✓			No	Not started (Premature until all potential sites fully surveyed)
5.4.1	Advise landowners and managers of the presence of the species and the importance of beneficial management for its conservation.		✓			No	Not started
5.4.2	As far as possible, ensure that all relevant agri-environment project officers, and members of regional agri-environment consultation groups, are advised of locations of this species, its importance, and the management needed for its conservation.		✓			No	Not started
5.5.1	Undertake further surveys to determine the status of the species.		✓			Yes	Started but not completed (a five year research project commenced in May 1999)
5.5.2	Conduct targeted autecological research to inform habitat management.		✓			No	Not started (This will not be fully achieved until 2003/4 when project is complete).
5.5.3	Establish regular monitoring programme for the heath bee-fly and its host.		✓			No	Started but not completed (a five year research project commenced in May 1999)
5.5.4	Encourage research on the ecology and status of this species in Europe and use this information gained towards its conservation in the UK	✓				No	Not started
5.5.5	Pass information gathered during survey and monitoring of this species to JNCC or BRC so that it can be incorporated in national databases.		✓			No	Ongoing (submission of annual project report each December)
5.5.6	Provide opportunities for the appreciation of this species and the conservation issues associated with its habitat.		✓			No	Not started

Field 4: Assessment of status

Please tick the appropriate category to indicate the assessment of status of the species or habitat, for each country/region where appropriate, and provide a statement supporting the category selected.

	<i>Not appropriate</i>	<i>Recovered</i>	<i>Signs of recovery</i>	<i>No change</i>	<i>Declining</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Insufficient information</i>
<i>UK</i>							
<i>England</i>							X
<i>Northern Ireland</i>							
<i>Scotland</i>							
<i>Wales</i>							X
<p><i>Brief text description justifying assessment of status: (~ no more than 100 words for each country/region)</i></p> <p>Survey has been designed to take place over several years, undertaken by volunteers. Current results do not allow status to be assessed for England.</p> <p>The single old Welsh record is thought to be a misidentification.</p>							

Field 5: Summary statement

Please provide an overview of plan implementation, including new factors affecting the species or habitat which will accelerate or constrain progress towards meeting of the targets. Where a factor results in new action(s) please cross-reference back to the relevant numbers under Field 3 and Table B.

A five year work programme was started in May 1999, undertaken by volunteers. Survey will occupy the first 2-3 years, together with observational studies on host preference, and more detailed autecological work will follow in 2002-3. No major constraints are foreseen but working with volunteers is a reason for the long time period allocated to each element of the work.

Field 6: Signing off

Please 'sign off' the form below to confirm that steering group members or key contacts have been consulted and agreed the information provided.

Contact details	Lead Partner	Contact Point
Name	Stephen Miles/John Muggleton	Martin Drake
Organisation	BENHS	English Nature
Assessment date (dd/mm/yy)	30/08/1999	30/09/1999

Completed forms should be submitted to JNCC

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Table A: Action Plan objectives and targets (Copiable table)

For each target please state how, if applicable, it has been disaggregated to the country level. Please insert the paragraph number, UK target and country-specific disaggregated target(s) into the table. Please tick the appropriate category to indicate progress against published and disaggregated targets. For each target please copy the table and detail the (existing or new [new paragraph numbers should run sequentially, under relevant headings in the published volumes]) paragraph number, target text and an assessment of progress.

Objective/target <i>(For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)</i>		4.1 Maintain populations at all known sites.			
Country	Not appropriate	Target achieved	Some progress	No progress	Insufficient information
<i>UK</i>					
<i>England</i>			X		
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	X				
<i>Scotland</i>	X				
<i>Wales</i>	X				
Once we have some understanding of this species biology and habitat requirements, all former and known sites will be visited to assess population levels until the information is insufficient. Some populations have been reported from the same sites on successive years.					

Objective/target <i>(For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)</i>		4.2 Extend current range, by appropriate management of fives sites adjacent to existing sites by 2010.			
Country	Not appropriate	Target achieved	Some progress	No progress	Insufficient information
<i>UK</i>					
<i>England</i>				X	
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	X				
<i>Scotland</i>	X				
<i>Wales</i>	X				
No action can be undertaken until the fly's biology is understood.					

Table B: Proposed actions (Copiable table)

Published action/organisation(s) responsible	5.5.1 Undertake further surveys to determine the status of the species	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible	Organise team of BENHS volunteers to undertake surveys of target sites.	
Action/workplan undertaken?	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible.	<p>Training day organised by BENHS (May 1999) - Observational skills, recording methods, passing on good practice/expertise</p> <p>Gathering of existing records has commenced and a bibliography of relevant literature has been undertaken - ongoing</p> <p>Some survey undertaken.</p>	
Output and timescale	Survey continues for a further 3 years.	Action by BENHS,
Constraints to action	<p>Survey may be limited on some sites by military use.</p> <p>The published action plan stipulates that surveys of all present and past sites should be completed to establish current status by 2000. As volunteers are undertaking this work, a realistic timescale is completion by 2002 or even later.</p>	
Action complete or ongoing?	Ongoing	
Next steps	BENHS meetings to be held in 2000-2002 to survey for this species at its main sites.	
Output and timescale	c. 2002	Action by BENHS