

Burhinus oedicnemus (Stone Curlew)

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1. Status of the habitat / species

Please give your most accurate assessment of the status of your species or habitat for the UK and for each country. Leave the row blank where the species or habitat does not occur in that country.

	Amount:	Units:	Year:	Accuracy:	Reference for data:
UK	254	Breeding pairs/units	2000	Full survey	RSPB co-ordinated survey (this is the most recent full survey, in the last two seasons full survey has not been achieved particularly in Breckland)
E	254	Breeding pairs/units	2000	Full survey	Green R E and Wynde R M (2000) Report on the 2000 stone-curlew breeding season - October 2000. Unpublished report to UK BAP stone-curlew steering group
NI					
S					

W	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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2. Trend in Biological Status

Please give your best estimate of the current trend for your species or habitat for the UK, and each appropriate country, using the following categories. Please give an estimate unless there is absolutely no information on which to assess status.

	Trend:	Accuracy:	Reference for data:
UK	Increasing <input type="text"/>	Full survey <input type="text"/>	RSPB 2000 survey <input type="text"/>
E	Increasing <input type="text"/>	Full survey <input type="text"/>	RSPB 2000 survey (Green R E and Wynde R M 2000. Report on the 2000 stone-curlew breeding season. Unpublished report to the UK stone-curlew BAP steering group, October 2000)
NI	Not applicable (does not occur in this country) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
S	Not applicable (does not occur in this country) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
W	Not applicable (does not occur in this country) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>


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3. Status of knowledge

To what extent is our scientific knowledge of the habitat / species (e.g research information, autecological knowledge, knowledge for effective re-introduction or habitat restoration/re-creation) sufficient to deliver the plan targets?

Please give an assessment for the UK overall but if there is significant difference in knowledge between different countries this should be noted.

Status of knowledge:	Know ledge sufficient to effectively deliver the plan targets. 
Notes:	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"><p>Know ledge of the ecology of this species, the factors causing its decline and appropriate management requirements for arable farmland and dowlnd/heathland habitats are good. How ever, more research is needed on mitigating the effects of roads, assessing the impacts of disturbance/access and achieving the most beneficial land management (including management under agri-environment schemes) if progress on targets is to be fully realised.</p></div>

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4. Progress on targets

Each of the revised targets from the 2001 Targets Review is listed below.

For each one please give a qualitative assessment of progress for the UK and each country. You can also enter quantitative information on progress by entering data in each of the target boxes and entering the current amount in the amount box. For more information see Help.

T1: Increase the breeding population in the present UK range to 200 pairs by the year 2000.

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	2000
Target units:	Breeding pairs/units ▼

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target exceeded (plan progress) ▼	200	254	Full survey ▼	Under active development ▼
E	Target exceeded (plan progress) ▼	200	254	Full survey ▼	Under active development ▼
NI	Not applicable ▼				
S	Not applicable ▼				
W	Not applicable ▼				

T2: Increase the population of stone-curlews breeding in England to 300 pairs by 2010.

Target start date: 1995

Target end date: 2010

Target units: Breeding pairs/units

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Some progress (on schedule)	300	254	Full survey	Under active development
E	Some progress (on schedule)	300	254	Full survey	Under active development
NI	Not applicable				
S	Not applicable				
W	Not applicable				

T3: Encourage re-colonisation of the past breeding range in England.

Target start date: 1995

Target end date: ongoing

Target units:

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	No progress	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Full survey	Under active development
E	No progress	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Full survey	Under active development
NI	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
S	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
W	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

T4: Increase the population breeding on semi-natural grassland to 120 pairs by the year 2000.

Target start date: 1995

Target end date: 2000

Target units: Breeding pairs/units

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	No progress	120	79	Full survey	Under active development
E	No progress	120	79	Full survey	Under active development
NI					
S					
W					

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5. Current factors affecting the habitat

When your plan was published the factors (threats) that were thought to be causing loss or decline were listed (in section 2). Re-assessing the current situation may help prioritise actions for your species or habitat. In addition, this enables identification of the main threats to biodiversity across all plans. It is useful to assess whether the importance of different factors is changing and whether there are new issues emerging.

The threat section from the original plan is duplicated below, and a first attempt at categorising the threats has been made. Please confirm that you agree with the categorisation of the original threats identified in the plan (by deleting any wrongly categorised threats and adding the correct category). Please also add to the list any significant threats that have emerged recently, being mindful of environmental issues that have increased in profile or been recognised since plan publication (e.g. climate change). Once you are happy that the list contains all the threats identified in the published plan together with any new ones, please rank them in order of severity (1= highest threat). If the situation has changed and one of the published threats is no longer significant, please leave this in the list but give this rank = 0.

Current factors affecting the habitat from the original publication:

2.1 Loss of semi-natural grasslands to arable farming, and reduced grazing by livestock and rabbits on the remaining grasslands.

2.2 Nest destruction in arable crops due to farming operations, such as mechanical hoeing.

2.3 Predation by foxes in semi-natural habitats.

2.4 Changes in agricultural practices resulting in fewer crops retaining an open structure until June or July.

2.5 Egg collecting.

2.6 Collisions with utility lines and fences.

2.7 Shooting in European countries while on migration.

Keyworded factors:

To add factors click the add button, to delete factors check the delete box and then click the delete button.

Delete:	Rank:	Keyword:
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Accidental mortality Pylon / building / fence collision
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Changes in native species dynamics Predation
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Inappropriate grazing (due to timing or livestock type)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Intensive crop regimes

- Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture | Loss of mixed farming
- Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture | Undergrazing
- Habitat loss / degradation - infrastructure development | Transport infrastructure
- Harvesting | Hunting (outside UK)
- Human disturbance | Interference / displacement

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6. Constraints (optional)

Select the three most significant constraints to achieving the targets of the plan, and indicate the order of priority (1-3 with 1 being the most significant constraint). Only include constraints that are acting as a real blockage to delivering the plan targets or leading to a substantial delay in their delivery. For each constraint, please indicate whether you feel that it is within the ability of the lead partner or steering group to resolve the constraint.

Constraint 1:	
Constraint keyword:	Country:
Species and habitat management Habitat creation / restoration - not achieved	<input type="checkbox"/> UK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W

Solution:

The constraint is limited progress on the restoration and re-creation of semi-natural habitats for this species (downland, lowland heathland and acid grassland). The solution is 'More effective incentives for the re-creation and restoration of these habitats on privately owned land and more re-creation, restoration and effective management on publicly owned land. It is recognised that the re-creation of semi-natural habitat can take a considerable time.

Solution type:

Funding and incentive schemes

Able to resolve:

Constraint 2:**Constraint keyword:**

Species and habitat management | Grazing regime - causing problems

Country:

UK
 E
 NI
 S

 W

Solution:

the constraint is 'Limited progress in securing adequate grazing of semi-natural habitats'. The solution may ultimately require CAP reform, including the phasing out of all livestock quota and supply control measures to be replaced by positive enhancements under the Rural Development Regulation. This should be coupled with the development of an agriculture vision document at the UK level that provides encouragement for mixed farming. Increasing rabbit grazing is also desirable and this is outside the scope of CAP reform.

Solution type:

Legislation and policies

Able to resolve:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constraint 3:	
Constraint keyword:	Country:
Funding and incentives Agricultural schemes - changes needed to structure / payments	<input type="checkbox"/> UK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:	Solution type:
<p>The Constraint is 'Limited take up of agri-environment schemes that will benefit this species'. The solution is 'The extended provision of schemes that are; tailored to the needs of the stone-curlew, targeted to areas of existing and former range; easy to promote and administer; and attractive to farmers and landowners.'</p>	Funding and incentive schemes
Able to resolve:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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7. Steering Group

Please list all organisations that are represented on the steering group for your species/habitat (include all organisations that have contributed either directly or by correspondence within the last 3 years). Where a steering group does not exist please leave this form blank.

To add organisations click the add button, to delete organisations check the delete box and then click the delete button.

Delete:	Organisation:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Country Landowners and Business Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defence Estates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual farmers/landowners
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Farmers Union
<input type="checkbox"/>	Norfolk Wildlife Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Development Service

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8. Other Groups/Organisations

Please list any additional groups/organisations that are actively involved in implementing your action plan. (This is to try to assess which groups are involved where there is no steering group and any additional contributors). If you do not have any other organisations involved, click here.

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Delete:	Organisation:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest Enterprise

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9. Linkages to LBAPs

a) Which of the following most accurately describes your interaction with LBAPs, up to now?

Little or no contact with LBAPs. ▼

b) If you have been in contact with LBAPs how was it initiated?

By Lead Partner ▼

c) Irrespective of current contact, how important do you consider LBAP co-ordinated action will be in achieving the targets of the plan? Select from category:

Slightly important ▼

d) If you consider LBAP action to be anything other than unimportant, which of the following forms of engagement do you think would be appropriate? (Note, you may tick more than one category.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Indirect contact (e.g. posting information on UKBAP website, sharing work programmes, meeting schedules, articles in Biodiversity News, newsletter)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provision of generic information on habitat and/or species (e.g. advice and guidance on habitat/species ecology and management)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct provision of advice (e.g. proactive approach to LBAP, response to consultations from LBAPs, advice on LBAP target setting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reciprocal attendance at meetings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Development of collaborative projects

Other (please specify):

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10. Successes (optional)

Have there been key successes in the implementation of your plan that should be drawn to the attention of government, the wider BAP partnership, or the public? Please give a brief description (i.e. 2-3 sentences) of up to three successes and allocate a topic area to each of them:

Success 1:	
Description:	Country:

Continued enhancement of stone-curlew breeding success through partnership between ENRSPB fieldworkers and farmers.

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Partnership | Other

Success 2:

Description:

Availability of stone-curlew prescriptions in agri-environment schemes and flexible management of set aside backed up by detailed, targeted advice to land managers.

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Funding and incentives | Agricultural schemes - delivering wildlife gains

Success 3:

Description:

Country:

Forest Enterprise re-creation of heathland by clearfelling plantations in Thetford Forest.

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Species and habitat management | Habitat creation / restoration - achieved

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Thank you for answering the questions. You have not yet completed all of the questions. You can go back and answer the additional ones or edit the ones you have already answered whenever you want.

Sign-off:

When you have completed all of the questions that you are able to, you must sign off your reporting.

I agree that the steering group (if present) have agreed the information in this report and that the following contact point has also signed it off:

Contact point: Ann Davies, **email:** ann.davies@d

Your name: Robin Wynde

Date: 19 December
