

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	COLLETES FLORALIS (THE NORTHERN COLLETES)
Lead Partner/Agency	RSPB/Bombus Working Group
Steering Group/Other organisations	Steering group in existence? Please state yes or no. Please list the organisations represented. NO
Work programme in existence?	Please state yes or no. If in existence, please use the agreed work programme to update Field 3 and Table B. NO

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.	*	*	*	*		Scotland is the only country where we know the current status of any populations.

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 Northern Colletes when preparing or revising prescriptions for agri-environment schemes, especially ESAs covering machair in Scotland. (ACTION: DANI, EHS, EN, MAFF, SNH, SERAD)		*	*	*		Y	NOT STARTED
5.2.1 Ensure that the species is included in site management documents for all relevant SSSIs/ASSIs. (ACTION: EN, SNH, EHS)		*	*	*		Y	NOT STARTED
5.2.2 Consider notifying as SSSIs/ASSIs sites supporting viable populations of the Northern Colletes, where this is necessary to their secure long-term protection and appropriate management. (ACTION: EHS, EN, SNH).		*	*	*		Y	NOT STARTED

5.4.1 Advise landowners and managers of the presence of this species and the importance of beneficial management for its conservation. (ACTION: Crofters Commission, DANI, EHS, EN, MAFF, SNH, SERAD).		*	*	*		Y	ONGOING
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. (ACTION: DANI, EHS, EN, MAFF, SNH, SERAD).		*	*	*		Y	NOT STARTED
5.5.1 Undertake surveys to determine the range and status of this bee in the UK by 2005. (ACTION: EHS, EN, SNH).		*	*	*		Y	ONGOING (only if funding is forthcoming for future work) It is likely that making distribution searches at least can be shared by the BWG team working on <i>B. distinguendus</i> , making for cost savings
5.5.2 Conduct autecological research targeted to inform habitat management. (ACTION: EHS, EN, SNH).		*	*	*		Y	ONGOING (only if funding is forthcoming for future work)
5.5.3 Undertake regular surveys to monitor the status and extent of known populations. (ACTION: EHS, EN, SNH).		*	*	*		Y	Not started, in any regular planned way. Ongoing only if funding is forthcoming for future work
5.5.4 Pass information gathered during survey and monitoring of this species to a central database for incorporation in national and international databases. (ACTION: EHS, EN, SNH).		*	*	*		N	ONGOING (BWARs is continuing to collect location data)
5.6.1 Promote opportunities for the appreciation of this bee and the conservation issues associated with its habitat. Emphasis should be given to the importance of traditional crofting practices for maintaining the biodiversity of machair grasslands. This should be achieved through articles within appropriate journals, and by publicity leaflets. (ACTION: EHS, EN, SNH).		*	*	*		N	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.

	Not appropriate	Recovered	Signs of recovery	No change	Declining	Lost	Insufficient information
UK							*
England							*
Northern Ireland							*
Scotland							*
Wales	*						
Brief text description justifying assessment of status: (~ no more than 100 words for each country/region)							
Loss of herb-rich grasslands due to agricultural intensification has restricted the Northern Colletes to 15 UK ten km squares. However, it is indicated here as 'Insufficient Information' due to lack of survey work.							

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 steering group has not yet been formed for this species and a work programme has not yet been produced. Some important survey work has been carried out by Mike Edwards (Bombus Working Group) this has been reported on as part of a BWG project, progress on 1999's work will also be reported on. These reports contain recommendations for future work which will be discussed at a review meeting. There is currently no further funding for this project and BWG do not intend spending any more on it specifically from BWG funds. At present lack of detailed survey coverage (5.5.1) and ecological knowledge (5.5.2) are likely to make significant progress on many of the actions difficult.

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.

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