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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	679	Displaying males ▼	2002	Partial or sample survey ▼	RSPB
E	13	Displaying males ▼	1998	Full survey ▼	RSPB Bird study 47
NI	2	Displaying males ▼	1998	Full survey ▼	RSPB
S	660	Displaying males ▼	2002	Partial or sample survey ▼	RSPB
W	2	Displaying males ▼	1998	Full survey ▼	RSPB Bird Study 47

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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	Partial or sample survey	RSPB
E	Fluctuating / No clear trend	Informed guess	RSPB
NI	Fluctuating / No clear trend	Informed guess	RSPB
S	Increasing	Partial or sample survey	RSPB
W	Fluctuating / No clear trend	Informed guess	RSPB

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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:	

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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: Halt the decline in UK corncrake population size.

Target start date:

1995

Target end date:

ongoing

Target units:

Displaying males

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target exceeded (plan progress)			Full survey	Yes
E	No progress			Full survey	Yes
NI	No progress			Full survey	Yes

S	Target exceeded (plan progress) ▾			Full survey ▾	Yes ▾
W	No progress ▾			Full survey ▾	Yes ▾

T2: Halt the decline in UK corncrake range.

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	ongoing
Target units:	Occupied 10 km sq. ▾

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target achieved ▾	83	93	Full survey ▾	Yes ▾
E	No progress ▾	7	11	Full survey ▾	Yes ▾
NI	No progress ▾	5	2	Full survey ▾	Yes ▾
S	Target achieved ▾	74	80	Full survey ▾	Yes ▾
W	No progress ▾	1	2	Full survey ▾	Yes ▾

T3: Maintain the numbers of corncrakes in the UK at or above the 1993 level (488 singing males).

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	ongoing
Target units:	Displaying males ▼

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target exceeded (plan progress) ▼	488	679	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
E	Target achieved ▼	7	13	Full survey ▼	Yes ▼
NI	No progress ▼	9	2	Full survey ▼	Yes ▼
S	Target exceeded (plan progress) ▼	470	660	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
W	Target achieved ▼	1	2	Full survey ▼	Yes ▼

T4: Maintain the range of corncrakes in the UK at or above the 1993 level (87 occupied 10km squares).

Target start date:	1995
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Target end date: ongoing

Target units: Occupied 10 km sq.

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target achieved	87	93	Full survey	Yes
E	Target achieved	7	11	Full survey	Yes
NI	No progress	5	2	Full survey	Yes
S	Target achieved	74	80	Full survey	Yes
W	Target achieved	1	2	Full survey	Yes

T5: By 1998, increase the range of the corncrake in Britain to at least the same number of 10km squares occupied in 1988 (90 squares).

Target start date: 1995

Target end date: 1998

Target units: Occupied 10 km sq.

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target achieved	90	93	Full survey	Yes
E	Target exceeded (survey success)	3	11	Full survey	Yes
NI	Not applicable				
S	Some progress (behind schedule)	87	80	Full survey	Yes
W	Target exceeded (survey success)	0	2	Full survey	Yes

T6: By 1998, increase the number of corncrakes in Britain to at least the number present in 1988 (573 singing males).

Target start date:

Target end date:

Target units:

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target achieved	573	589	Full survey	Yes

E	Target achieved	4	13	Full survey	Yes
NI	Not applicable				
S	Target achieved	569	574	Full survey	Yes
W	Target achieved	0	2	Full survey	Yes

T7: In the longer-term, re-establish corncrakes in parts of its former range in the UK.

Target start date: 1995

Target end date: ongoing

Target units: Sites/ Populations

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	No progress			Full survey	Yes
E	No progress			Full survey	Yes
NI	No progress			Full survey	Yes

S	No progress			Full survey	Yes
W	No progress			Full survey	Yes

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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 traditional grassland habitat mosaics, especially tall vegetation throughout the breeding season.
- 2.2 Changes in grass management and cutting techniques (e.g. earlier cutting).
- 2.3 Predation and disturbance may be contributing to the decline in some localities.

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"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Abandonment of marginal land
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Conversion to pasture
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Intensive grassland management
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Invasive/non-native species (directly affecting species) Predation

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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:

Funding and incentives | Agricultural schemes - changes needed to structure / payments

Country:

UK E NI S

W

Solution:

Solution type:

Better funding and targeting of RSS to deliver corncrake benefits: smooth transitional provisions for end of ESA scheme

Funding and incentive schemes

Able to resolve:

Constraint 2:

Constraint keyword:

Country:

Species and habitat management | Habitat quality declining (including due to poor management)

UK E NI S
 W

Solution:

Solution type:

Enhanced policies to support and stimulate active crofting

Legislation and policies

Able to resolve:

Constraint 3:

Constraint keyword:	Country:
Action plan process Local-national links - insufficient	<input type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:	Solution type:
Corncrake to be reflected in LBAPs to enable better targeting of RSS	Links to other plans
Able to resolve:	<input checked="" 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"/>	BirdWatch Ireland
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caerphilly County Borough Council

- Countryside Council for Wales
- Department of the Environment (Northern Ireland)
- Duchas (Irish Wildlife Authority)
- English Nature
- Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
- John Muir Trust
- National Farmers Union of Scotland
- National Trust
- National Trust for Scotland
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Scottish Agricultural College
- Scottish Crofting Foundation
- Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Division

<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Landowners Federation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Natural Heritage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Wildlife Trust

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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.

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

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?

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.)

Indirect contact (e.g. posting information on UKBAP website, sharing work programmes, meeting schedules, articles in Biodiversity News, newsletter)

Provision of generic information on habitat and/or species (e.g. advice and guidance on habitat/species ecology and management)

Direct provision of advice (e.g. proactive approach to LBAP, response to consultations from LBAPs, advice on LBAP target setting)

Reciprocal attendance at meetings

Development of collaborative projects

Other (please specify):

Require corncrake to be included as an RSS target species in LBAPs in key areas, esp. Argyll, Orkney, West Highland.

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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:

Delivery of successful grassland management prescriptions for corncrake by farmers and crofters, supported by the RSPB, SNH, SCU Corncrake Initiative

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Funding and incentives | Species recovery programme - delivering wildlife gains

Success 2:

Description:

Implementation of successful agri-environment measures for corncrake through ESA scheme.

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Funding and incentives | Agricultural schemes - delivering wildlife gains

**Success 3:****Description:**

Delivery of corncrake habitat protection and management through establishment and development of SPA network.

**Country:**

UK

E

NI

S

W

Keyword:

Policy, legislation and designation | Improved protection through site designation - international (SPA, SAC, RAMSAR)



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Thankyou 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:**email:**

Your name:	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>
