

Formica exsecta (Narrow-headed Ant)

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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	7	Occupied 10 km sq. ▼	2002	Full survey ▼	SWT
E	1	Occupied 10 km sq. ▼	2002	Full survey ▼	
NI		▼		▼	
S	6	Occupied 10 km sq. ▼	2002	Full survey ▼	SWT
W		▼		▼	

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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	Stable ▼	Full survey ▼	SWT
E	Not know n ▼	▼	▼
NI	▼	▼	▼
S	Stable ▼	Full survey ▼	SWT
W	▼	▼	▼

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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. ▼
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Notes:

Good know ledge of ecology. Expertise required to transfer nests from one site to another seems to be sufficient.

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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: Maintain the size of the two main Devon populations and those in Glen More.

Target start date:

Target end date:

Target units:

Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
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UK	Some progress (on schedule) ▼			Full survey ▼	
E	Unknown ▼				
NI					
S	Target achieved ▼			Full survey ▼	Under consideration ▼
W					

T2: If biologically feasible, enhance the two main populations in England (Devon) and in Scotland (Mar Lodge and Rannoch)

Target start date:	1999
Target end date:	2005
Target units:	Sites/ Populations ▼

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Unknown ▼				
E	Unknown ▼				

NI	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
S	No progress	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
W	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

T3: Re-establish 10 self-sustaining populations in appropriate locations in Dorset or the New Forest by 2005.

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	2005
Target units:	Sites/ Populations

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Unknown	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E	Unknown	10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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"/>
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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 The loss of suitable heathland due to destruction and inappropriate management, for example through agriculture and urban development, inappropriate afforestation, untimely and extensive fires, and encroachment by scrub, trees and bracken leading to shading out of nests and subsequent encouragement of competitive species of ant at sites in England.
- 2.2 Loss of natural and semi-natural habitats in Scotland, e.g. Caledonian Pine Forest, and the intensive management of moorland for game birds and red deer.
- 2.3 Motorcycle scrambling at Bovey Heathfield in England
- 2.4 Excessive grazing and inadequate browsing by inappropriate species of ponies in the New Forest, and the production of dense, single age heather

(Calluna vulgaris) monoculture with reduced marginal scrub between heath and woodland.

2.5 Nutrient enrichment of soils and development of grass swath.

2.6 Habitat fragmentation leading to potential inbreeding and loss of genetic fitness in isolated populations.

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	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Overgrazing
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Habitat loss / degradation - infrastructure development Housing infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice Fires
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice Inappropriate moorland management
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice Loss of open areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Human disturbance Interference / displacement
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Human disturbance Trampling (physical damage)
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Pollution - freshwater Agricultural (nutrient enrichment)

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 Lack of sufficient samples for introductions / translocations	<input type="checkbox"/> UK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:	Solution type:
Lack of nests to translocate in the south of England.	
Able to resolve:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constraint 2:	
Constraint keyword:	Country:
Funding and incentives General lack of resources	<input type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S

	<input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:	Solution type:
General lack of resources in terms of funding and time	
Able to resolve:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constraint 3:	
Constraint keyword:	Country:
	<input type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S
	<input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:	Solution type:
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"/>	Devon Wildlife Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forestry Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forestry Enterprise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Natural Heritage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Wildlife Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Aberdeen
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Exeter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Woodland 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?

Generic advice to LBAPs on species/habitat needs or appropriate local actions produced/distributed. 

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

By Both 

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:

Unimportant 

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):

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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:

Survey to establish abundance in Glenmore area - extended to adjacent areas - accurate picture of this population

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Research, survey and information | Specialist expertise obtained

Success 2:

Description:

Establishment of a Steering Group comprised of very knowledgeable individuals

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Action plan process | Steering group established

Success 3:

Description:

Country:

SWT work programme updated to focus efforts on remaining targets

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Action plan process | Other

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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: Scottish **email:** pgallagher@s

Your name: Paul Gallagher

Date: 17 December
