

## Grouped plan for marine turtles ()

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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	<input type="text"/>	Individuals	2002	Informed guess	Unknown; Database of records produced but UK is only part of range.
E	<input type="text"/>	Individuals	2002	Informed guess	As for UK
NI	<input type="text"/>	Individuals	2002	Informed guess	As for UK: but lack of legal protection means status less favourable than elsewhere here in UK
S	<input type="text"/>	Individuals	2002	Informed guess	As for UK
W	<input type="text"/>	Individuals	2002	Informed guess	As for UK

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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:
<b>UK</b>	<input type="text" value="Not know n"/>	<input type="text" value="Informed guess"/>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; min-height: 100px;">Trend for increasing sightings in UK waters but doubt if this relates to actual change in numbers. Observed decline internationally.</div>
<b>E</b>	<input type="text" value="Not know n"/>	<input type="text" value="Informed guess"/>	<input type="text" value="As for UK"/>
<b>NI</b>	<input type="text" value="Not know n"/>	<input type="text" value="Informed guess"/>	<input type="text" value="As for UK"/>
<b>S</b>	<input type="text" value="Not know n"/>	<input type="text" value="Informed guess"/>	<input type="text" value="As for UK"/>
<b>W</b>	<input type="text" value="Not know n"/>	<input type="text" value="Informed guess"/>	<input type="text" value="As for UK"/>

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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.

<b>Status of knowledge:</b>	Know ledge insufficient but research currently underw ay. ▼
<b>Notes:</b>	Data on use of UK w aters is insufficient to allow understanding of current status, habitat use or significance of threats. Data being gathered to look at these aspects. Lack of know ledge on how to address perceived threats in some areas.

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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: Avoid accidental harm to, and by-catch of, marine turtles when present in UK waters.**

Target start date: 1999

Target end date: ongoing

Target units: Individuals

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
<b>UK</b>	Some progress (on schedule)			Informed guess	Yes
<b>E</b>	Some progress (on schedule)			Informed guess	Yes
<b>NI</b>	Some progress (behind schedule)			Informed guess	Yes
<b>S</b>	Some progress (on schedule)			Informed guess	Yes
<b>W</b>	Some progress (on schedule)			Informed guess	Yes

**T2: Contribute to international measures for the conservation of marine turtles.**

Target start date: 1999

<b>Target end date:</b>	ongoing				
<b>Target units:</b>	Individuals				
	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
<b>UK</b>	Some progress (behind schedule)			Informed guess	Under consideration
<b>E</b>					
<b>NI</b>					
<b>S</b>					
<b>W</b>					

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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 Over-harvesting of turtles for meat or eggs abroad, mainly in the vicinity of nesting areas in tropical and sub-tropical regions. This is the major cause of decline in the waters of UK Overseas Territories.
- 2.2 Detrimental impacts of the tourist industry (such as the construction of tourist developments along egg-laying beaches, the purchase of curios made from turtle products) and other development pressures on turtle populations abroad.
- 2.3 Collisions between turtles and boats and damage caused by propellers.
- 2.4 Incidental capture and drowning of turtles resulting from a range of fishery practices and detrimental impacts of trawling techniques on seagrass beds.
- 2.5 Pollution, particularly marine debris which can be ingested by turtles at sea or which cause obstructions on beaches to nesting females and hatchlings.
- 2.6 Predation on eggs by various species may be increasingly significant on beaches where predator numbers may be increased or concentrated through human activities.
- 2.7 Disease is a major cause of decline for the green turtle.

### **Keyworded factors:**

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

<b>Delete:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Keyword:</b>
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- 13 Accidental mortality | Collisions with boats
- 1 Accidental mortality | Fisheries bycatch - netting
- 12 Changes in native species dynamics | Predation
- 2 Habitat loss / degradation - infrastructure development | Housing infrastructure
- 2 Habitat loss / degradation - infrastructure development | Industrial infrastructure
- 7 Harvesting | Hunting (outside UK)
- 6 Harvesting | Overfishing
- 2 Human disturbance | Interference / displacement
- 2 Human disturbance | Other recreation / tourism
- 8 Pollution - atmospheric | Global warming / sea-level rise
- 9 Pollution - marine | Diffuse solid waste
- 9 Pollution - marine | Domestic waste disposal
- 9 Pollution - marine | Industrial / commercial

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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:

Policy, legislation and designation | Other EU legislation (not CAP or CFP)

Country:

UK E NI S W

Solution:

Increased international protection of turtles and habitats; stronger policies to ensure protection in European waters; greater awareness of tourists and control of impact of tourism.

Solution type:

Legislation and policies

Able to resolve:

## Constraint 2:

Constraint keyword:

Research, survey and information | Data access/exchange - required

Country:

' UK ' E ' NI ' S ' W

Solution:

Increased networking among sea-users and relevant academic institutions, ngo's country agencies; monitoring of by-catch.

Solution type:

Survey / monitoring

Able to resolve:

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## Constraint 3:

Constraint keyword:

Partnership | Community - lack of involvement

Country:

' UK ' E ' NI ' S ' W

Solution:

Increased publicity, relevant sector liaison

Solution type:

Communication / publicity

Able to resolve:

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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"/>	Countryside Council for Wales
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment and Heritage Service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Herpetological Conservation Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine Conservation Society
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine Environmental Monitoring
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEDASSET
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prof. J. Davenport, University College Cork
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Natural Heritage

<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Wales, Swansea
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

Delete:	Organisation:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cornish Fish Producer's Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cornwall Sea Fisheries Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cornwall Wildlife Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Devon Sea Fisheries Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office

- ✓ Froglife
- ✓ Insitute of Zoology
- ✓ Joint Nature Conservation Committee
- ✓ Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- ✓ Scottish Agricultural College
- ✓ Scottish Executive
- ✓ Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- ✓ Sea Fish Industry Authority
- ✓ Sea Fisheries Committees
- ✓ Seawatch Charter
- ✓ Seawatch Foundation
- ✓ South & West Wales Fishermen's Association
- South Devon & Channel Shellfishermen
- South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee

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## 9. Linkages to LBAPs

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

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:

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 type="checkbox"/>	Indirect contact (e.g. posting information on UKBAP website, sharing work programmes, meeting schedules, articles in Biodiversity News, newsletter)
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reciprocal attendance at meetings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Development of collaborative projects

**Other (please specify):**

Netw orking w ith organisations involved in LBAP process

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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:

<b>Description:</b>	<b>Country:</b>
UK Turtle Code and Advisory Note (accessible on w w w .mcsuk.org or call MCS on 01989 566017)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
<b>Keyword:</b>	
Communication   Best practice guidance	

## Success 2:

### Description:

TURTLE database - all UK marine turtle sightings and strandings recording on a dedicated database with dedicated reporting hotline 01348 875000 - custodian Rod Penrose, Marine Environmental Monitoring

### Country:

UK  E  NI  S  W

### Keyword:

Research, survey and information | Coordinated recording scheme / database established

## Success 3:

### Description:

Fisheries/ Turtles Interactions Workshop - University of Wales, Swansea - March 2002: 40 fishermen, country agency reps, biologists, NGO's fishery representative organisations and interested parties attended a 1 day workshop to agree on SAF priorities with respect to UK Fishing industry participation in SAP activities (proceedings available at MCS 01989 566017).

### Country:

UK  E  NI  S  W

### Keyword:

Action plan process | Country Group/Forum - useful role



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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:

<b>Contact point:</b>	Scottish	<b>email:</b>	martin.gayw oc
<b>Your name:</b>	Martin		
<b>Date:</b>	13.01.03		

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