



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	<i>Gryllus campestris</i> - Field-cricket
Lead Partner/Agency	The Natural History Museum/English Nature (Contact Point - EN)
Steering Group/Other organisations	Yes English Nature, Natural History Museum, Institute of Zoology
Work programme in existence?	Yes

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 the population size at its known site.		✓				
4.2 Enhance the population size at all known sites by 2010.		✓				
4.3 Restore populations to further suitable sites within the historic range to achieve a total of ten viable populations by 2010.		✓				
4.4 Maintain an <i>ex-situ</i> programme to provide material for reintroductions and ecological research.		✓				

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 species when preparing or revising prescriptions for agri-environment schemes.		✓				yes	ongoing
5.2.1 Where possible, ensure that all occupied and nearby potential grassland habitat is appropriately managed by 2008. This should be achieved through a rotational programme of ground disturbance, and subsequent appropriate grazing or mechanical management.		✓				yes	ongoing
5.2.2 Ensure that the habitat requirements of the field-cricket are taken into account in relevant development policies, plans and proposals.		✓				no	ongoing
5.2.3 Consider notifying sites supporting viable populations of field-crickets as SSSIs where this is necessary to secure their long-term protection and appropriate management.		✓				no	ongoing
5.3.1 Maintain and, if necessary, expand the existing captive rearing and release programme until the English populations are considered beyond threat.		✓				yes	ongoing
5.3.2 Re-introduce the field-cricket to a series of sites to achieve a total of 10 viable populations.		✓				yes	ongoing
5.4.1 Advise landowners and managers of the presence of the species and the importance of beneficial management for its conservation.		✓				yes	ongoing
5.5.1 Conduct further targeted autecological research to inform habitat management.		✓				no	ongoing
5.5.2 Establish a regular monitoring programme.		✓				yes	ongoing
5.5.3 Pass information gathered during survey and monitoring of this species to a central database for incorporation in national and international databases.		✓				no	not started
5.5.4 Encourage research on the ecology and conservation of this species on an international level and use the experience gained towards its conservation in the		✓				no	ongoing

UK.							
<p>5.6.1 Promote opportunities for the appreciation of the species and the conservation issues associated with its habitat. This should be achieved through articles within appropriate journals, as well as by publicity leaflets.</p>		✓				no	ongoing

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
<i>UK</i>	x						
<i>England</i>			x				
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	x						
<i>Scotland</i>	x						
<i>Wales</i>	x						

Brief text description justifying assessment of status: (~ no more than 100 words for each country/region)

Two native colonies. One now expanding on to adjacent land (managed by countryside stewardship). Likely to link up with other native colony in next few years. Four successful introductions. Four failed introductions. Results of two others too soon to determine.

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.

Species recovery project began in 1991 based on information gathered over past 15 years. Two colonies extant in 1991. Six colonies extant in 1999 (Two of these are very small, long-term viability uncertain).

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.

Contact details	Lead Partner	Contact Point
Name	David Sheppard, Judith Marshall	Dave Stone (species co-ordinator)
Organisation	English Nature/Natural History Museum	English Nature
Assessment date (dd/mm/yy)	30/9/1999	10/10/1999

Completed forms should be submitted to JNCC

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Table A: Action Plan objectives and targets (Copiable table)

For each target please state how, if applicable, it has been disaggregated to the country level. Please insert the paragraph number, UK target and country-specific disaggregated target(s) into the table. Please tick the appropriate category to indicate progress against published and disaggregated targets. For each target please copy the table and detail the (existing or new [new paragraph numbers should run sequentially, under relevant headings in the published volumes]) paragraph number, target text and an assessment of progress.

Objective/target <i>(For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)</i>		4.1 Maintain populations at all known sites.			
Country	Not appropriate	Target achieved	Some progress	No progress	Insufficient information
<i>UK</i>	x				
<i>England</i>			x		
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	x				
<i>Scotland</i>	x				
<i>Wales</i>	x				
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region): All populations increased, not maintained.					

Objective/target <i>(For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)</i>		4.2 Enhance the population size at all known sites by 2010.			
Country	Not appropriate	Target achieved	Some progress	No progress	Insufficient information
<i>UK</i>	x				
<i>England</i>		x			
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	x				
<i>Scotland</i>	x				
<i>Wales</i>	x				
All populations increasing in size.					

Objective/target <i>(For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)</i>		4.3 Restore populations to further suitable sites within the historic range to achieve a total of ten viable populations by 2010.			
Country	Not appropriate	Target achieved	Some progress	No progress	Insufficient information
<i>UK</i>	x				
<i>England</i>			x		
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	x				
<i>Scotland</i>	x				
<i>Wales</i>	x				
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region): Six colonies present but long-term viability of two of them is uncertain. Two additional releases are too recent to estimate success.					

Objective/target <i>(For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)</i>		4.4 Maintain an <i>ex-situ</i> programme to provide material for reintroductions and ecological research.			
Country	Not appropriate	Target achieved	Some progress	No progress	Insufficient information
<i>UK</i>	x				
<i>England</i>		x			
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	x				
<i>Scotland</i>	x				
<i>Wales</i>	x				
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region): Captive colony is established at the 'Web of Life' centre in London Zoo.					

Table B: Proposed actions (Copiable table)

For each significant action please copy and complete the table below.

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.1.1 Where appropriate, include the requirements of the species when preparing or revising prescriptions for agri-environment schemes.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	Countryside Stewardship funding has been invaluable in restoring sites to suitable condition. Maintenance management under stewardship is experimental.	
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible.	<i>Please provide details of progress to date, including information about outputs, deadlines, which organisations and where action is being undertaken</i>	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN FRCA
Constraints to action <i>(Please provide an explanation of the significant issues or difficulties encountered and how they have been or will be resolved. Any constraints which the steering group are unable to resolve should also be detailed.)</i>		
Action complete or ongoing? <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>		
Next steps	<i>Please outline future action/work including an indication of expected output, timescale and organisation responsible.</i>	
Output and timescale	Continuing liaison and experiment.	EN FRCA

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.2.1 Where possible, ensure that all occupied and nearby potential grassland habitat is appropriately managed by 2008. This should be achieved through a rotational programme of ground disturbance, and subsequent appropriate grazing or mechanical management.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	Experimental ground disturbance trials ongoing.	
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible.	<i>Please provide details of progress to date, including information about outputs, deadlines, which organisations and where action is being</i>	

	undertaken	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN Waverley Borough Council, Private landowne rs.
Constraints to action <i>(Please provide an explanation of the significant issues or difficulties encountered and how they have been or will be resolved. Any constraints which the steering group are unable to resolve should also be detailed.)</i>		
Action complete or ongoing? <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>		
Next steps	Please outline future action/work including an indication of expected output, timescale and organisation responsible.	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN etc

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.3.1 Maintain and, if necessary, expand the existing captive rearing and release programme until the English populations are considered beyond threat.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	Captive breeding undertaken at London Zoo	
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	EN, London Zoo
Description of work taken and organisation responsible.	Please provide details of progress to date, including information about outputs, deadlines, which organisations and where action is being undertaken	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN, London Zoo
Constraints to action <i>(Please provide an explanation of the significant issues or difficulties encountered and how they have been or will be resolved. Any constraints which the steering group are unable to resolve should also be detailed.)</i>		

Action complete or ongoing? (Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)		
Next steps	Please outline future action/work including an indication of expected output, timescale and organisation responsible.	
Output and timescale	Ongoing	Action by EN London Zoo

For each significant action please copy and complete the table below.

Published action/organisation(s) responsible (For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)	5.3.2 Re-introduce the field-cricket to a series of sites to achieve a total of 10 viable populations.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible (Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)	Potential sites identified and re-assessed regularly. Short list continually updated. Release only on land with long term management agreement.	
Action/workplan undertaken? (Please state yes or no.)	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible.	Please provide details of progress to date, including information about outputs, deadlines, which organisations and where action is being undertaken	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN, various landowne rs
Constraints to action (Please provide an explanation of the significant issues or difficulties encountered and how they have been or will be resolved. Any constraints which the steering group are unable to resolve should also be detailed.)		
Action complete or ongoing? (Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)		
Next steps	Please outline future action/work including an indication of expected output, timescale and organisation responsible.	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN etc

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.4.1 Advise landowners and managers of the presence of the species and the importance of beneficial management for its conservation.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	Continuous liaison with landowners and land managers	
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible.	Please provide details of progress to date, including information about outputs, deadlines, which organisations and where action is being undertaken	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN
Constraints to action <i>(Please provide an explanation of the significant issues or difficulties encountered and how they have been or will be resolved. Any constraints which the steering group are unable to resolve should also be detailed.)</i>		
Action complete or ongoing? <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>		
Next steps	Please outline future action/work including an indication of expected output, timescale and organisation responsible.	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.5.2 Establish a regular monitoring programme.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	In place since 1991 on native sites. Established during year after release on re-establishment sites.	
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible.	Please provide details of progress to date, including information about outputs, deadlines, which organisations and where action is being undertaken	
Output and timescale	ongoing	Action by EN

<p>Constraints to action <i>(Please provide an explanation of the significant issues or difficulties encountered and how they have been or will be resolved. Any constraints which the steering group are unable to resolve should also be detailed.)</i></p>		
<p>Action complete or ongoing? <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i></p>		
<p>Next steps</p>	<p><i>Please outline future action/work including an indication of expected output, timescale and organisation responsible.</i></p>	
<p>Output and timescale</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p><i>Action by</i> EN</p>