

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>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> (a hoverfly)
Lead Partner/Agency	RSPB
Steering Group/Other organisations	No, but list of appropriate agencies to involve in steering group drawn up.
Work programme in existence?	No (Revised Management Plan for Insh Marshes Reserve including measures for <i>H. ferruginea</i> in preparation)

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.				✓		Species confined to Scotland
4.2 Enhance the population size at all known sites by 2010.				✓		
4.3 Restore populations to three suitable sites by 2010.				✓		

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 Consider adding <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> to Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. (ACTION: DETR, JNCC).				✓		?	not started
5.1.2 Take account of the requirements of <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> when considering felling and forestry schemes in core aspen areas. (ACTION: FC).				✓		✓	not started
5.1.3 Encourage the use of woodland grant schemes to plant aspen in and around core areas. (ACTION: FC, SNH).				✓		✓	ongoing (WGS at Insh started 1999)
5.2.1 Where possible, ensure that all occupied and potential habitat is appropriately managed by 2008. (ACTION: FE, LA, SNH).				✓		✓	ongoing

5.2.2 Where possible, increase the available habitat at known sites and adjacent areas, and attempt to link up the existing fragments of habitat. (ACTION: FE, SNH).				✓		✓	ongoing
5.2.3 Ensure that the species is included on site management plans, particularly on land managed by RSPB, FE and Las and the NNR on which <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> occurs. (ACTION: FE, Las, SNH).				✓		✓	Ongoing. To be included in RSPB Insh Management Plan. 2000-2005
5.2.4 Ensure that the habitat requirements of <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> are taken into account in any relevant development policies, plans and proposals. (ACTION: LAs, SNH).				✓		✓	not started
5.2.5 Consider notifying as SSSI sites supporting viable populations of <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> , where this is necessary to ensure long-term protection and appropriate management. (ACTION: SNH).				✓		✓	not started
5.3.1 Ensure that any proposals to introduce beavers would not conflict with the requirements of <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> . (ACTION: SNH).				✓		?	ongoing
5.4.1 Advise landowners and managers of aspen stands over 1.5ha of the presence of the species and the importance of beneficial management for its conservation. (ACTION: SNH).				✓		✓	ongoing
5.4.2 Develop and disseminate guidelines to protect <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> for use with: landowners; FC, LA, RSPB and SNH area staff; Highland Birchwoods and the Cairngorms Partnership. (ACTION: FC, LAs, SNH).				✓		✓	not started
5.5.1 Monitor the distribution and abundance of <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> within the core areas once every four years. (ACTION: SNH).				✓		✓	ongoing
5.5.2 Monitor the quality of suitably aged fallen and dead standing timber within the core areas. (ACTION: SNH).				✓		✓	ongoing
5.5.3 Pass information gathered during survey and monitoring of this species to a central database so that it can be incorporated in national databases. (ACTION: SNH).				✓		X	ongoing
5.6.1 Promote opportunities for the promotion of <i>Hammerschmidtia ferruginea</i> and the conservation issues associated with aspen woodlands in Scotland. (ACTION: FA, Las, SNH).				✓		X	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)							
There has been insufficient time since the production of this plan to make a meaning full assessment of any changes in status. Previous suveys by the Malloch Society provide a reasonable baseline against which it should be possible to assess any future changes.							

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.

This species is associated with dead aspen. It requires stands over 4.5 ha to ensure a continuous supply of suitable fallen timber. The Malloch Society carried out surveys of aspen woods throughout Scotland in 1990 and 1991 and in recent years, with support from SNH, have re-visited all twelve key sites. This should provide a good baseline against which to assess future changes in status. The Malloch Society have also provided survey and habitat management advice to the warden of Insh Marshes Nature Reserve one of the key sites for this species. A 5.36 ha Woodland Improvement Scheme for Aspen dominated wood is already underway at Insh. In addition approximately 11 ha of aspen is to be rehabilitated/extended during 2000-2005. Management measures specifically aimed at the conservation of this species have been included in the Draft Insh Marshes Management Plan which should be finalised by March 2000.

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
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Assessment date (dd/mm/yy)	29/10/99	

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