

# 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

<b>Species/Habitat Action Plan</b>	Coastal Mudflats
<b>Lead Partner/Agency</b>	Environment Agency
<b>Steering Group/Other organisations</b>	Coastal Mudflat Group not yet formal. A UK Coastal Habitat Action Plans Co-ordinating Group created with representatives from EN, EA, SNH, CCW, JNCC, MAFF, FRCA, RSPB/Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, EHS
<b>Work programme in existence?</b>	Work programme being drafted for discussion by UK Coastal Habitat Action Plan Co-ordinating Group. Meeting on the 28 <sup>th</sup> September 1999.

## 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 etc						

## 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 etc							

**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)							

**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.

<p>An Estuary Research Programme has commenced, sponsored by MAFF, Environment Agency and English Nature, on predicting short and long term changes in estuarine shape and ecology. Six contrasting estuaries have been selected for special study: Blackwater, Humber, Mersey, Ribble, Southampton Water and Tamar.</p> <p>The Environment Agency, English Nature and the Centre for Coastal and Marine Sciences have received funding for a EU Life Nature project to develop a generic model on Coastal Habitat Management Plans and to lead the preparation of such plans for six pilot areas in eastern and south eastern England. Coastal Habitat Management Plans will act as an accounting system to record and predict losses and gains to the Habitats and Species of European or international importance within a Natura 2000 or Ramsar site subject to shoreline change and to set the direction for habitat conservation measures to address net losses. By doing this they will ensure that damage to or deterioration of Natura 2000 sites from either changes to the coast or from the coastal defence response to such changes is avoided or compensated for.</p>
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**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	Brian Empson	
Organisation	Environment Agency	
Assessment date (dd/mm/yy)		

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.

<b>Objective/target</b> (For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)	4.1 etc				
<b>Country</b>	<b>Not appropriate</b>	<b>Target achieved</b>	<b>Some progress</b>	<b>No progress</b>	<b>Insufficient information</b>
UK					
England					
Northern Ireland					
Scotland					
Wales					
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region):					

**Table B: Proposed actions (Copiable table)**

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

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> (For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)	5.1 etc	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> (Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)		
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> (Please state yes or no.)		
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	Please provide details of progress to date, including information about outputs, deadlines, which organisations and where action is being undertaken.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		Action by
<b>Constraints to action</b> (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.)		
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> (Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)		
<b>Next steps</b>	Please outline future action/work including an indication of expected output, timescale and organisation responsible.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		Action by