

# *Heterodermia leucomelos* (Ciliate Strap-lichen)

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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	32	Sites/ Populations	2002	Partial or sample survey	See below
E	27	Sites/ Populations	2001	Partial or sample survey	Edwards, B. 2002. The current status of <i>Heterodermia leucomela</i> (L.) Poelt in the Isles of Scilly Plantlife Report 193; Edwards, B. 2001. The current status of <i>Heterodermia leucomelos</i> (L.) Poelt in Cornw all. Plantlife report 159
NI					
S					

<b>W</b>	5	Sites/ Populations	2002	Partial or sample survey	Plantlife/CCW survey (to be reported on in 2003)

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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>	Not know n	Partial or sample survey	See status
<b>E</b>	Not know n	Partial or sample survey	See status
<b>NI</b>			
<b>S</b>			
<b>W</b>	Not know n	Partial or sample survey	See status

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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 sufficient to make some impact, but more research needed. ▼
<b>Notes:</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;">Please note that the specific name has now changed to <i>Heterodermia leucomela</i>.</div>

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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 populations at all extant sites.**

Target start date: 1998

Target end date: Ongoing

Target units: Sites/ Populations

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
<b>UK</b>	Unknown				
<b>E</b>	Target exceeded (survey success)			Partial or sample survey	Yes
<b>NI</b>					
<b>S</b>					
<b>W</b>	Some progress (on schedule)			Partial or sample survey	Yes

**T2: Increase the extent of existing populations where appropriate and biologically feasible.**

Target start date: 1998

<b>Target end date:</b>	Ongoing				
<b>Target units:</b>	Sites/ Populations				
	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
<b>UK</b>	Some progress (on schedule)				
<b>E</b>	Some progress (on schedule)			Partial or sample survey	Yes
<b>NI</b>					
<b>S</b>					
<b>W</b>	Some progress (on schedule)			Partial or sample survey	Yes

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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 This species is vulnerable to burning, over- and under-grazing and, where it occurs near to cliff-top paths, trampling by walkers. It is relatively well protected from damage by trampling and fires at the Lizard site, as it is situated in an area of boulder scree.
- 2.2 Sulphur dioxide pollution may have contributed to its decline in the past, but the main pollution threat now is more likely to be from nitrogen-rich rain and drift of agricultural chemicals.
- 2.3 Ciliate strap-lichen is a poor competitor and thus the spread of scrub and coarse vegetation in the immediate vicinity is also a potential threat.

### 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"/>	3	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture   Inappropriate grazing (due to timing or livestock type)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice   Fires
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice   Scrub encroachment

- 4 Human disturbance | Trampling (physical damage)
- 5 Pollution - atmospheric | Nitrogen deposition

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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.

<b>Constraint 1:</b>	
<b>Constraint keyword:</b>	<b>Country:</b>
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
<b>Solution:</b>	<b>Solution type:</b>
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
<b>Able to resolve:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Constraint 2:

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:

## 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:

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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.

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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"/>	British Lichen Society
<input type="checkbox"/>	Countryside Council for Wales
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Isles of Scilly Environmental Trust

<input type="checkbox"/>	National Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plantlife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

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## 9. Linkages to LBAPs

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

Little or no contact with LBAPs. 

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:

Slightly important 

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:

Baseline surveys completed - all recent sites revisited in England and Wales - new populations found

UK  E  NI  S  W

**Keyword:**

Research, survey and information | Baseline survey - achieved or started

## Success 2:

**Description:**

Positive management initiated at sites on Lizard peninsula including the introduction of grazing and creation of firebreaks

**Country:**

UK  E  NI  S  W

**Keyword:**

Species and habitat management | Other

## Success 3:

**Description:**

**Country:**

Workshop held to train volunteers to monitor populations on Isles of Scilly

UK  E  NI  S  W

**Keyword:**

Partnership | Community involvement

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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:

**Contact point:** English Nature **email:** peter.lambley@engnat.gov.uk

**Your name:** Jenny

**Date:** 20.12.02