

Lacerta agilis (Sand Lizard)

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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	3350	Breeding pairs/units ▼	2002	Partial or sample survey ▼	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database
E	3315	Breeding pairs/units ▼	2002	Partial or sample survey ▼	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database
NI	0	▼		▼	
S	20	Breeding pairs/units ▼	2002	Full survey ▼	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database
W	15	Breeding pairs/units ▼	2002	Best guess ▼	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database

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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:
UK	Stable	Partial or sample survey	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database
E	Declining (slow ing)	Partial or sample survey	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database
NI	Not applicable (does not occur in this country)		
S	Stable	Full survey	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database
W	Increasing	Partial or sample survey	HCT Survey / Rare Reptile Database

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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.

Status of knowledge: Know ledge sufficient to effectively deliver the plan targets.

Notes:

Although the know ledge of the habitat / species requirements is more than sufficient, opportunities to fully utilise this is in practice benefits for the species is often limited / nullified by other factors

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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: Re-establish 10 populations to restore the range and distribution in suitable habitat within its former range by the year 2000.

Target start date:

1995

Target end date:

2000

Target units:

Sites/ Populations

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Target exceeded (plan progress) ▼	10	14	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
E	Target exceeded (plan progress) ▼	9	13	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
NI	Not applicable ▼				
S	Not applicable ▼				
W	Target achieved ▼	1	1	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼

T2: Maintain all breeding populations at known or presumed 1995 levels.

Target start date:

Target end date:

Target units:

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	384	150	Informed guess ▼	Yes ▼

E	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	383	149	Informed guess ▼	Yes ▼
NI	Not applicable ▼				
S	Not applicable ▼				
W	Target achieved ▼	1	1	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼

T3: Enhance breeding populations from known or presumed 1995 status where biologically feasible.

Target start date:

Target end date:

Target units:

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	384	110	Best guess ▼	Yes ▼
E	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	383	109	Best guess ▼	Yes ▼
NI	Not applicable ▼				

S	Not applicable				
W	Target achieved	1	1	Partial or sample survey	Yes

T4: Reverse the fragmentation of populations by habitat re-creation and management.

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	Ongoing
Target units:	Sites/ Populations

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Some progress (behind schedule)	34	13	Best guess	Yes
E	Some progress (behind schedule)	34	13	Best guess	Yes
NI	Not applicable				
S	Not applicable				
W	Not applicable				

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 Loss, deterioration and fragmentation of heathland and dune habitat to a wide range of competing uses and pressures, for example development, forestry, mineral extraction, etc.
- 2.2 Birch, pine, bracken and other scrub (for example *Gaultheria shallon*) encroachment of dune and heathland habitats.
- 2.3 Uncontrolled fires.
- 2.4 Shortage of suitable breeding sand on heathland sites.

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 - extraction/drainage Aggregate extraction - land
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Habitat loss / degradation - infrastructure development Housing infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice Fires
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice Inappropriate heathland management
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice Scrub encroachment
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Habitat loss / degradation - woodlands/forestry Tree / wood planting

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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:

Country:

Species and habitat management Habitat quality declining (including due to poor management)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S
		<input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:		Solution type:
Provision of open sand and fire-break management on most sand lizard sites needs to be greatly increased		Management
Able to resolve:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Constraint 2:		
Constraint keyword:		Country:
Species and habitat management Habitat quality declining (including due to poor management)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:		Solution type:
Arson and public pressure is still a major problem on Dorset		HCT's input to the Berne Convention eventually led to the implementation of the "Urban Heaths Programme" LIFE P to tackle the arson problem on Dorsets urban heaths.
-->		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Keyword:		
Funding and incentives EU funding secured		

Success 3:

Description:

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

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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:	HCT	email:	@herpcontrus
Your name:	Nick Moulton		
Date:	20/12/2002		