

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	Nematostella vectensis – Starlet sea anemone
Lead Partner/Agency	WWF-UK (contact point – EN)
Steering Group/Other organisations	<i>Steering group in existence? Please state yes or no. Please list the organisations represented.</i> Subsumed within Saline Lagoon Working Group
Work programme in existence?	<i>Please state yes or no. If in existence, please use the agreed work programme to update Field 3 and Table B.</i> Not for Starlet sea anemone

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						
4.1 Maintain and protect viable populations at all known localities		Y				Not found in other countries of UK
4.2 Assess status in brackish ponds and ditches		N				
4.3 If feasible, re-introduce to 5 sites by year 2005		N				

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							
5.1.1 Seek to ensure that sea defence strategies and structures take account of requirements of the anemone, including opportunities to create brackish lagoons and ditches.		Y				Y	ongoing
5.2 .1 Maintain and, where possible, increase the amount of brackish lagoon habitat and ditches in occupied areas and in areas within the dispersal range of this species, to encourage expansion of existing colonies.		Y				Y	ongoing

5.2.2 Promote the implementation of practices to encourage the formation and development of brackish lagoons and sheltered brackish water habitats at suitable sites		Y				Y	Ongoing
5.2.3 Continue programme to conserve lagoon habitats under the EC Habitats Directive, to benefit this species.		Y				Y	Ongoing
5.2.4 Consider the need to notify sites for this species as SSSI.		N				Y	Not started
5.3.1 Following feasibility assessment and the identification of suitable sites, seek to re-introduce to at least 5 populations to formerly occupied localities, once conditions are suitable.		N				N	
5.4.1 No action proposed		N				N	
5.5.1 Promote surveys to determine the full extent of the species distribution, especially in brackish ponds and ditches.		Y				Y	Ongoing
5.5.2 Seek to identify former sites suitable for re-introduction		N				N	
5.5.3 Encourage regular monitoring of existing populations and identify any further threats to the species.		Y				Y	Ongoing
5.5.4 Pass information gathered during survey to JNCC or BRC so that it can be incorporated into national databases		Y				Y	Ongoing
5.5.5 Provide information annually to the WCMC on the UK status of the species to contribute to the maintenance of an up-to-date global red list.		N				N	Action dropped.
5.6.1 Use this species to highlight the conservation value of lagoons		Y				Y	yes

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	X						
England			X				
Northern Ireland	X						
Scotland	X						
Wales	X						
Brief text description justifying assessment of status: (~ no more than 100 words for each country/region)							
Surveys have discovered new populations within its known range in England.							

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.

Surveys have revealed new populations which is encouraging. Problems arise due to species being insufficiently known, steps are being taken to remedy this.

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	Callum Rankine	
Organisation	WWF-UK	
Assessment date (dd/mm/yy)	22/09/99	

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 (For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)	4.1 etc Action 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3				
Country	Not appropriate	Target achieved	Some progress	No progress	Insufficient information
UK	X				
England	X				
Northern Ireland	X				
Scotland	X				
Wales	X				
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region):					
Species only found in England therefore it is not appropriate to disaggregate any of the targets.					

Table B: Proposed actions (Copiable table)

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.)	5.1.1 Seek to ensure that sea defence strategies and structures take account of requirements of the anemone, including opportunities to create brackish lagoons and ditches.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible (Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)	EN, LA's, NRA (EA), MAFF	
Action/workplan undertaken? (Please state yes or no.)	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible	WWF have produced a guidance note for Local Authorities and Wildlife Trusts asking that the relevant competent authorities take account of this species in Shoreline Management Plans etc.	
Output and timescale	Guidance note	Action by WWF-UK
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		Action by

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5..5.1 Promote surveys to determine the full extent of the species distribution, especially in brackish ponds and ditches.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	EN	
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible	Surveys have been undertaken by English Nature, RSPB and independent consultants funded by WWF-UK.	
Output and timescale		Action by
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		Action by

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5..6.1 Use this species to highlight the conservation value of lagoons.	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	EN	
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
Description of work taken and organisation responsible	WWF-UK has produced a video entitled "A Starlet in the Lagoon". This is designed to show the public that saline lagoons are an important natural resource which need protection. A copy has been distributed within the Saline Lagoon Working Group.	
Output and timescale	Video	Action by WWF-UK
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		<i>Action by</i>

Published action/organisation(s) responsible <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.1 etc	
Work plan/organisation(s) responsible <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>		
Action/workplan undertaken? <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>		
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		<i>Action by</i>
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		<i>Action by</i>