



## 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>	Grey Partridge ( <i>Perdix perdix</i> )
<b>Lead Partner/Agency</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust (Dr Nick Sotherton : 01425 652381)
<b>Steering Group/Other organisations</b>	Control Panel appointed to oversee implementation of Species Action Plan
<b>Work programme in existence?</b>	Yes – individually designed Management Programmes available which are linked through Local BAP Groups and collated to enable consistent national delivery.

### 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
4.2 – Halt the decline by 2005	X	X	X	X	X	See Table A
4.3 – Insure the population is above 150,000 pairs by 2010	X	X	X	X	X	See Table A
4.4 – Maintain and where possible enhance the current range of this species	X	X	X	X	X	See Table A

### 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.)
See Table B							

**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)							

**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>The First Phase of activity undertaken by The Lead Partner has focussed on the implementation and delivery of the Species Action Plan Targets at ground level.</p> <p>This has been linked through the Local Biodiversity Action Plan Network to service local requirements.</p> <p>With a practical approach to delivery at ground level now established, approaches can be made to the various organisations listed within the originally published Species Action Plan in order to deal with the macro and strategic issues. – See attached Notes Concerning the Grey Partridge Action Plan.</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
<b>Name</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust	Dr Nick Sotherton
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<b>Assessment date (dd/mm/yy)</b>	31 September 1999	

*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.)	4.2 – Halt the decline of 2005				
<b>Country</b>	<b>Not appropriate</b>	<b>Target achieved</b>	<b>Some progress</b>	<b>No progress</b>	<b>Insufficient information</b>
<i>UK</i>					X
<i>England</i>					X
<i>Northern Ireland</i>					X
<i>Scotland</i>					X
<i>Wales</i>					X
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region):					
Discussions are being undertaken regarding methodology of census information and protocols. Key organisations (JNCC/BTO) to validate target and its allocation between regions.					

<b>Objective/target</b> (For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)	4.3 – Ensure the population is above 150,000 pairs by 2010				
<b>Country</b>	<b>Not appropriate</b>	<b>Target achieved</b>	<b>Some progress</b>	<b>No progress</b>	<b>Insufficient information</b>
<i>UK</i>					X
<i>England</i>					X
<i>Northern Ireland</i>					X
<i>Scotland</i>					X
<i>Wales</i>					X
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region):					
See objective 4.2 text above.					

<b>Objective/target</b> (For new or revised targets please provide the new paragraph number and target text.)	4.4 – Maintain, and where possible enhance, the current range of this species				
<b>Country</b>	<b>Not appropriate</b>	<b>Target achieved</b>	<b>Some progress</b>	<b>No progress</b>	<b>Insufficient information</b>
<i>UK</i>					X
<i>England</i>					X
<i>Northern Ireland</i>					X
<i>Scotland</i>					X
<i>Wales</i>					X
Text description of target progress (separate for each country/region):  See objective 4.2 text above.					

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

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

**TABLE B.1 : Proposed Actions – Policy & Legislation**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.1.1 – Consider the requirements of the Grey Partridge when establishing and reviewing agri-environment schemes	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	DANI, MAFF, SOAEFD and WOAD	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties requesting which requirements are being considered, what current considerations are being undertaken, the relative position of the species in those considerations and what constraints exist to those beneficial schemes.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response prior to 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	To be determined from written enquiry.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	Not started.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written requests to be made in October 1999.  Subsequent to responses to provide supplementary information, based on Game Conservancy Trust research, to appropriate parties.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.2 : Proposed Actions – Policy & Legislation Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.1.2 – Consider the requirements of the Grey Partridge in any negotiations on changes to, or reform of, agricultural support.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	DANI, MAFF, SOAEFD and WOAD	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties requesting what requirements are being considered, what negotiations are currently being undertaken or envisaged that may affect the species and what constraints are preventing changes to the agricultural support to benefit the Grey Partridge.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	To be determined from written enquiry.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	Not started.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written requests to be made in October 1999.  Subsequent to responses to provide supplementary information, based on Game Conservancy Trust research, to parties.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.3 : Proposed Actions – Policy & Legislation Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.1.3 – Encourage targeted use of pesticides on farmland.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	DANI, MAFF, SOAEFD and WOAD	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding the information available regarding the targeted use of pesticides and what efforts are being undertaken to encourage targeted use now and what encouragement is envisaged in the future.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	To be determined from written enquiry	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	Not started	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written requests to be made October 1999.  Subsequent to responses to recommend co-ordinated approach where appropriate.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.4 : Proposed Actions – Policy & Legislation Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.1.4 – To encourage beneficial use of existing agricultural schemes to benefit the species.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	DANI, MAFF, SOAEFD and WOAD	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	<p>The Game Conservancy Trust to obtain a general derogation from the above parties for 10 metre setback for subsequent use in site specific applications as part of Species Management Plan.</p> <p>The Game Conservancy Trust to obtain a general derogation from the above parties for use of approved wild bird plant mixes for subsequent use in site specific applications as part of Species Management Plan.</p>	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	To be determined by application.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	Not started	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.5 : Proposed Actions - Advisory**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.4.1 – Continue to provide information and management advice to landowners and managers through GCT, FWAG and other advisors.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	CCW, DOE(NI), EN, SNH and JNCC	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from the above parties regarding current provision.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Cost of undertaking valid research as foundation for sound information and advice.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.	
<b>Output and timescale – Key Action</b>	<p>The Game Conservancy Trust has extracted key information regarding the species, its habitat and the associated species that benefit as a result of that habitat. It has drawn on over 900 research papers and publications and experience gained over the last 65 years in the study of the species.</p> <p>The result is a Management Document available for all individuals wishing/willing to contribute to the achievement of the Species Action Plan.</p>	<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.6 : Proposed Actions – Advisory Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.4.2 – Promote field margins as wildlife habitat	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	DANI, MAFF, SOAEFD and WOAD	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding current initiatives. (See also proposed action 5.1.4)	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Game Conservancy Trust have expertise to promote field margins as wildlife habitat but currently only one funded officer. Additional funding required to deliver this key component of Grey Partridge habitat and in so doing, deliver the cereal field margin HAP target.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.7 : Proposed Actions – Advisory Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.4.3 – To promote Grey Partridge initiative through Local BAP's.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	The Game Conservancy Trust.	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust has provided each Local BAP Steering Group with details of Species Management Document, enabling individual participants to link with delivery of local targets.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	On-going.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Limited resources available for servicing County Groups and providing guidance based on science and experience of practical conservation working at ground level.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Selected presentations to County Groups and invited audiences that will be involved in the delivery and achievements of the SAP target.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.8 : Proposed Actions – Future Research & Monitoring**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.5.1 – Continue to investigate the ecological requirements of the Grey Partridge to help develop management advice.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	CCW, DOE (NI), EN SNH, JNCC	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding investigations currently being undertaken.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	As per objective 5.4.1. above.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.  Dependent on responses to establish strategic approach towards developing management advice.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.9 : Proposed Actions – Future Research & Monitoring Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.5.2 – Investigate the impact of different management regimes on Grey Partridge populations, using selected farms with experimental schemes or ESA prescriptions.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	CCW, DANI, DOE (NI), EN, MAFF, SNH, SOAEFD and WOAD	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding current initiatives to compliment existing research undertaken by the Trust.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Ensuring methodology of investigations are based on established protocols and inter-related rather than being undertaken on an adhoc basis.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	The distribution of the Grey Partridge Species Action Plan Management Document will provide key foundation resource for research into regimes that benefit the species. The Documents are being distributed across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.	<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.10 : Proposed Actions – Future Research & Monitoring Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.5.3 – Encourage regular monitoring of the UK population through census work and bag returns.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	CCW, DOE (NI), EN, JNCC, SNH	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding current initiatives.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>		
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	Not started.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.  Subsequent to responses, co-ordinate activity to supplement existing and extensive Game Conservancy Trust activity.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.11 : Proposed Actions – Future Research & Monitoring Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.5.4 – Promote further research into the indirect effects of agrochemical use on the Grey Partridge.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	CCW, DOE (NI), EN, JNCC, SNH	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding current initiatives.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Limited effects of agrochemical use in contrast to the effect of land use.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.  Further research programmes to be co-ordinated to enhance and extend existing projects undertaken by the Game Conservancy Trust and other bodies.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.12 : Proposed Actions – Future Research & Monitoring Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.5.5 – Pass information gathered during survey and monitoring of the species to JNCC or BRC so that it can be incorporated in National Databases.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	CCW, DOE (NI), EN, JNCC, SNH	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding current initiatives.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Information should be qualified with meteorological data that should be provided by DETR/JNCC.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.  Subsequent to responses to integrate information with existing Game Conservancy Trust reporting processes.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.13 : Proposed Actions – Future Research & Monitoring Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.5.6 – Provide information annually to Birdlife International on the UK status of the species to contribute to maintenance of an up-to-date global red list.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	JNCC	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above party regarding current methodology.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>		
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.  Subsequent to response to integrate SAP performance with existing Game Conservancy Trust reporting.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABEL B.14 – Proposed Actions – Communications & Publicity**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.6.1 – Use Grey Partridge in agriculture courses to illustrate the impact farm management may have on wildlife.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	DANI, MAFF, SOAEFD and WOAD	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding current initiatives.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Cost of delivering information in varying media.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999.  Subsequent to responses to recommend and co-ordinate provision of information to agriculture courses.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

**TABLE B.15 : Proposed Actions – Communications & Publicity Cont/d**

<b>Published action/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(For new or revised actions please provide the new paragraph number and action text.)</i>	5.6.1 – Use Grey Partridge in education programme for range of targeted audiences to illustrate the positive impact farm management may have on wildlife.	
<b>Work plan/organisation(s) responsible</b> <i>(Summary of work plan agreed by the steering group, broken down by year if possible.)</i>	DANI, MAFF, SOAEFD, WOAD, CCW, DOE (NI), EN, SNH and JNCC	
<b>Action/workplan undertaken?</b> <i>(Please state yes or no.)</i>	Yes	
<b>Description of work taken and organisation responsible</b>	The Game Conservancy Trust to invite written response from above parties regarding current initiatives and specific audience targets.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>	Response required before 31.03.2000.	<i>Action by</i>
<b>Constraints to action</b> <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>	Cost of developing and delivering full education programme.	
<b>Action complete or ongoing?</b> <i>(Please state yes, not started, or ongoing.)</i>	On-going.	
<b>Next steps</b>	Written request to be made October 1999 followed by development of programme to be recommended to above organisations.	
<b>Output and timescale</b>		<i>Action by</i>

## NOTES CONCERNING THE GREY PARTRIDGE ACTION PLAN

### *Politics*

The International Biodiversity Convention at Rio has placed responsibility for the conservation of wildlife and the enhancement of biodiversity on national governments. The UK Government has appointed Lead Partners for the various habitats and species within the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Many other organisations have been drawn together to help in the steering of these Plans. No matter how much time and discussion is spent on steering, there will be little progress in achieving the biodiversity targets unless the actual occupiers and managers of the land resource become involved in the process.

### *Psychology*

A programme is required that acknowledges the existing methods and approaches towards land management and the motivation behind the adoption of additional works or actions. It must be designed around the people that are needed to participate.

### *The Grey Partridge Management Document*

The Document has been prepared to draw estates and farms into the Biodiversity process. Each estate and farm entering the process will receive their individual Management Document that will become their responsibility for the initial five-year phase from February 2000 to January 2005. It introduces the concept and context of biodiversity; it introduces targets and relates these to existing land use recording. It includes protocols for the recording of partridges based on a system that has been in use since 1933; it relates these protocols to best current management practices. It enables the individual to compete against his performance year on year; it relates the performance against county or regional standards. It identifies existing and current research papers and other publications that may further enhance performance; it relates the research background to local performance by providing contacts for advisors and other participants within each County Biodiversity Action Plan.

### *Delivery*

The Game Conservancy Trust is currently providing Management Documents to its members and anybody else wishing to contribute to the national programme. In achieving its reporting to DETR, the Trust is able to provide performance information at County level for each Local BAP report where requested. These documents are provided free of charge and are available to anybody wishing to contribute to the BAP process.

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