

## *Perdix perdix* (Grey Partridge)

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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	65000	Breeding pairs/units	2000	Partial or sample survey	APEP2 in press
E	54100	Breeding pairs/units	2000	Informed guess	QUESTION OF BALANCE, Tapper S(Ed) 1999
NI	0	Breeding pairs/units	2000	Informed guess	
S	9750	Breeding pairs/units	2000	Informed guess	QUESTION OF BALANCE, Tapper S(Ed) 1999
W	1150	Breeding pairs/units	2000	Informed guess	QUESTION OF BALANCE, Tapper S(Ed) 1999

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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	Declining (continuing/accelerating) ▼	Partial or sample survey ▼	www.bto.org/birdtrends/species
E	▼	▼	
NI	▼	▼	
S	▼	▼	
W	▼	▼	

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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. ▼
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**Notes:**

Research needed regarding the mechanisms for integrating know ledge into farming systems in a manner that motivates implementation of measures  
Research needed regarding best methods for re-introducing species to overcome local extinction leading to re-establishment of breeding populations

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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: Halt the decline by 2005.

Target start date:

1995

Target end date:

2005

Target units:

Breeding pairs/units

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
<b>UK</b>	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	65000	65000	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
<b>E</b>	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	54100	54100	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
<b>NI</b>	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	0	0	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
<b>S</b>	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	9750	9750	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼
<b>W</b>	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	1150	1150	Partial or sample survey ▼	Yes ▼

**T2: Ensure the population is above 150,000 pairs by 2010.**

Target start date:

Target end date:

Target units:

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
<b>UK</b>	No progress ▼				

<b>E</b>	No progress				
<b>NI</b>	No progress				
<b>S</b>	No progress				
<b>W</b>	No progress				

**T3: Maintain the current range of this species.**

<b>Target start date:</b>	1995
<b>Target end date:</b>	2010
<b>Target units:</b>	Occupied 10 km sq.

	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
<b>UK</b>	Unknown	1629			Under active development
<b>E</b>	Unknown				Under active development
<b>NI</b>	Unknown				Under active development

<b>S</b>	Unknown				Under active development
<b>W</b>	Unknown				Under active development

**T4: Enhance the current geographical range of this species, where biologically feasible.**

<b>Target start date:</b>	1995
<b>Target end date:</b>	2010
<b>Target units:</b>	Occupied 10 km sq.

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
<b>UK</b>	Unknown	1630			Under active development
<b>E</b>	Unknown				Under active development
<b>NI</b>	Unknown				Under active development
<b>S</b>	Unknown				Under active development
<b>W</b>	Unknown				Under active development

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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 Loss of nest sites (such as hedge bottoms) to farm intensification.

2.2 Reduced food supplies and sources for chick food through the use of pesticides and herbicides, as well as the loss of winter stubble feeding grounds for overwintering birds.

2.3 Vulnerability of nests to predators in farmland with poor cover.

2.4 Nest destruction caused by early mowing and other farm operations.

### 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"/>	1	Changes in native species dynamics   Decline in food source / prey
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Changes in native species dynamics   Predation
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture   Conversion to pasture
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture   Intensive grassland management
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture   Loss of field margins
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture   Loss of hedgerows
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture   Loss of mixed farming
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice   Demise of traditional practices
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice   Inappropriate moorland management
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Habitat loss / degradation - woodlands/forestry   Tree / wood planting
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Harvesting   Hunting (inside UK)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Human disturbance   Other recreation / tourism

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Intrinsic Factors   Limited dispersal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Invasive/non-native species (directly affecting species)   Competition
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Invasive/non-native species (directly affecting species)   Disease (pathogens / parasites)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Invasive/non-native species (directly affecting species)   Predation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Natural disasters   Storms / flooding
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Unknown

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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>
Funding and incentives   Agricultural schemes - changes needed to structure / payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S

W

**Solution:**

**Solution type:**

More research into appropriate compensation and incentives to motivate farmers and landowners to implementing habitat measures required to achieve BAP. Funding and incentive schemes has been highlighted as the key solution type but communication, legislation and management are also important

Funding and incentive schemes

**Able to resolve:**

**Constraint 2:**

**Constraint keyword:**

**Country:**

Species and habitat management | Farming practice - causing problems

UK  E  NI  S  
 W

**Solution:**

**Solution type:**

Few farming practices now involve any degree of predator control which is expensive to undertake and is under constant threat of further restrictive regulation and legislation. Legislation and policies has been highlighted as the key solution type but communication, funding and management are also important

Legislation and policies

**Able to resolve:**

### Constraint 3:

**Constraint keyword:**

Partnership | Land managers/ow ners - lack of involvement

**Country:**

UK  E  NI  S  
 W

**Solution:**

Encouragement of farmers and landow ners is needed to implement to the measures required to achieve the BAP targets. This process is time consuming and costly for the organisations involved provides the most effective way of obtaining commitment and results. Communication /publicity has been highlightedas thekey solution type but funding and management are also important. So far over 20,000 leaflets have been distributed to key decision makers, landow ners and farmers and over 1,000 participants have been recruited into the Game Conservancy Trust Annual Partridge Count Scheme.

**Solution type:**

Communication / publicity

**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.

<b>Delete:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	British Trust for Ornithology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Green Globe Consultancy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Assembly for Wales
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Assembly for Wales Agriculture Department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

- Scottish Natural Heritage
- The Game Conservancy Trust

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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.

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## 9. Linkages to LBAPs

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

Generic advice to LBAPs on species/habitat needs or appropriate local actions produced/distributed.

b) If you have been in contact with LBAPs how was it initiated?

By Lead Partner

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:

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:

Imminent trial introduction of 'Broad and shallow' funding to promote appropriate measures for species recovery, funding for those farmers and landowners undertaking those works and encouragement for others to such provision. The incorporation of the Arable Options into various Stewardship Grants

### Country:

UK  E  NI  S  W

### Keyword:

Funding and incentives | Agricultural schemes - beneficial changes to structure / payments

## Success 2:

### Description:

The production of 'Conserving the grey partridge' leaflet and distribution of over 20,000 copies to key organisations, local authorities and farmers & landowners

### Country:

UK  E  NI  S  W

### Keyword:

Communication | Advice to land managers / owners

### Success 3:

#### Description:

Establishment of a key demonstration site at Royston, Hertfordshire to provide a working example of the features required to implement the BAP targets

#### Country:

UK  E  NI  S  W

#### Keyword:

Species and habitat management | Other

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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:	<input type="text"/>	email:	<input type="text"/>
Your name:	<input type="text"/>		

**Date:**

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