

Triturus cristatus (Great Crested Newt)

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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	18000	Sites/ Populations	1993	Partial or sample survey	Sw an, MJS and Oldham, RS (1993) Herptile Sites Volume 1: National Amphibian Survey Final Report. English Nature, Peterborough.
E					No collated data for England.
NI					
S	88	Sites/ Populations	1999	Partial or sample survey	Bates, MA and Hutcheon, B (1999) Assessment of the status of great crested ne Triturus cristatus in Scottish pond clusters. Report to SNH.

W	500	Sites/ Populations	2001	Partial or sample survey	CCW data set
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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.


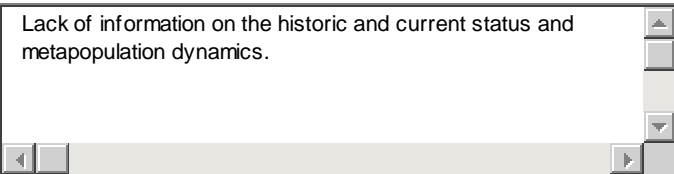
	Trend:	Accuracy:	Reference for data:
UK	Declining (slow ing)	Best guess	
E	Declining (slow ing)	Best guess	
NI	Not applicable (does not occur in this country)		
S	Stable	Partial or sample survey	Bates, MA and Hutcheon, B (1999) Assessment of the status of great crested new t Triturus cristatus in Scottish pond clusters. Report to SNH.
W	Declining (continuing/accelerating)	Partial or sample survey	CCW data set

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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 make some impact, but more research needed. 
Notes:	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"><p>Lack of information on the historic and current status and metapopulation dynamics.</p></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: Establish populations in 100 appropriate unoccupied sites each year from 1995 to 2005, ensuring that the species is found in sites that are representative of the range of habitats used and the geographic distribution.

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	2005
Target units:	Sites/ Populations ▼

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Unknown ▼	1000		Unknown ▼	No ▼
E	Unknown ▼	800		Unknown ▼	No ▼
NI	Not applicable ▼				
S	Some progress (behind schedule) ▼	100		Informed guess ▼	Under consideration ▼
W	Unknown ▼	100		Unknown ▼	No ▼

T2: Maintain the geographical range of the great crested newt.

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	2005
Target units:	Sites/ Populations ▼

	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼
E	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼
NI	Not applicable ▼				
S	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼
W	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼

T3: Maintain the viability of existing great crested newt populations.

Target start date:	1995
Target end date:	2005

Target units:		Sites/ Populations ▼			
	Progress	Target	Current	Accuracy	Monitoring
UK	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼
E	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼
NI	Not applicable ▼				
S	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼
W	Unknown ▼				Under consideration ▼

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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 suitable breeding ponds caused by water table reduction, in-filling for development, farming, waste disposal, neglect or fish stocking and the degradation, loss and fragmentation of terrestrial habitats.

2.2 Pollution and toxic effects of agrochemicals.

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	Changes in native species dynamics Predation
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Habitat loss / degradation - infrastructure development Infilling (e.g. of lakes / ponds / quarries)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Habitat loss / degradation - management practice Demise of traditional practices
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Habitat loss / degradation Natural succession
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Pollution - freshwater Agricultural (nutrient enrichment)

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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:
Research, survey and information Monitoring surveys required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:	Solution type:
Set up monitoring schemes subject to funding	Survey / monitoring
Able to resolve:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Constraint 2:	
Constraint keyword:	Country:
Funding and incentives Agricultural schemes - not delivering wildlife gains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W

Solution:	Solution type:
Revise agri-environment schemes, e.g. top-up schemes to deliver focussed conservation action	Funding and incentive schemes
Able to resolve:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constraint 3:	
Constraint keyword:	Country:
Action plan process Local-national links - insufficient	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> NI <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> W
Solution:	Solution type:
Rigid framework/policy to ensure local plans reflect the national plan, and vice versa, and links are formed with the national steering group/lead partners	Legislation and policies
Able to resolve:	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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.

Delete:	Organisation:
<input type="checkbox"/>	British Herpetological Society
<input type="checkbox"/>	Countryside Council for Wales
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Froglife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Herpetofauna Groups of Britain and Ireland
<input type="checkbox"/>	Herpetological Conservation Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pondlife Project

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ponds Conservation Trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Natural Heritage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Trusts

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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.

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.	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
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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:

Critical

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:

Production of handbook and leaflets directed towards land managers.

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Communication | Other

Success 2:

Description:

Local projects to create habitat, survey and engaging community action

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Species and habitat management | Other

Success 3:

Description:

Published research: Herpetological Journal Vol 10 2000

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Research, survey and information | 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:	Great Crested	email:	rebeccacleave
Your name:	Becca Cleave		
Date:	20th Decembe		
