

## Programme

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Biodiversity Partnership Conference

20 – 21 June, Belfast – Waterfront Hall

*The main purpose of the conference is to bring together the biodiversity community to cement a sense of common purpose in meeting UK and International objectives. In addition, a maritime theme will be woven into the content of the conference this year - to draw out lessons from the development of marine biodiversity policy for the terrestrial and freshwater environments and vice versa .*

#### Day 1

- 10.00 – 11.00 Registration and coffee
- 11.00 **Chairman's introduction**  
John Robbs (Defra) – Chairman of UK Biodiversity Partnership Standing Committee
- 11.05 **Welcome address**  
David Cairns, Parliamentary Under Secretary (also Scotland Office) Northern Ireland Office
- 11.15 Dr Malcolm Vincent, Director of Science, JNCC: **lessons from the development of marine biodiversity policy for the terrestrial and freshwater environments** – 20 mins + 10 mins Q&A
- 11.45 Paul Manners, Project Executive, BBC: **Breathing Places** – 20 mins + 10 mins Q&A
- 12.15 Louise McAlavey, Biodiversity Liaison Officer, Biodiversity Unit, Environment & Heritage Service : **“It's in our nature”/communicating biodiversity** - 20 mins + 10 mins Q&A
- 12.45 **Lunch**
- 13.45 Keith Hiscock Executive Secretary & Programme Director, Marine Life Information Network for Britain and Ireland (MarLIN): **Making BAP Criteria 'work' for marine conservation** – 20 mins + 10 mins Q&A
- 14.15 – 17.15 **Exchange Fair** – stalls from a wide variety of interest groups, and fringe events linked to the morning's themes with parallel sessions – outputs to be captured on acetates/keyed in on laptop and posted up.
- 18.45 – 21.00 **Evening Reception** – Belfast City Hall  
Reception and sit down buffet with a guest speaker, and the opportunity to meet local stakeholders – local politicians, local authorities, business and community groups.

## Day 2

- 9.30 Glenys Parry, Head of Convention on Biological Diversity Team, Defra : [Feedback from Convention on Biological Diversity](#) – implications for the UK
- 10.00 Robin Wynde, RSPB and Chairman of 2005 reporting group: [UK BAP Outcome of 2005 reporting round](#)
- 10.20 Dr Pete Brotherton, Chairman of targets review group: [Outcome of targets review](#)
- 10.40 Steve Lee-Bapty, Chairman of priority list review group: [Update on priority list review](#)
- 11.00 **Coffee**
- 11.30 Open discussion
- 12.00 John Everitt (The Wildlife Trusts) and Heather Thompson (Ulster Wildlife Trust) - [Wildlife and Countryside Link perspective: Counting down to 2010 – the next challenge](#)
- 12.20 Chairman's closing remarks
- 13.15 –17.00 Field trips - packed lunches provided. Transport to include drop-offs at station and airport

## **Objectives**

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#### General objectives

- To bring together the biodiversity community to cement a sense of common purpose in meeting UK and International objectives
- To stimulate interest and provide focus on a new area (in this case maritime biodiversity)
- To inform participants about progress and plans for future including on the UK BAP review processes and further engage with stakeholders by seeking their input and views
- To share ideas about the communication of biodiversity and use the profile of a national conference to raise awareness of biodiversity work in the local community

#### Specific objectives for 2006 Conference

- To draw out lessons from the development of marine biodiversity policy for the terrestrial and freshwater environments
- To consider the implications for the UK of any decisions reached at the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- To share the outcomes of the 2005 reporting round, targets review and priority species and habitats review
- To share the findings of the Biodiversity Communication Strategy (Northern Ireland)