

UK Biodiversity Partnership Standing Committee

11.00am – 2.30pm

Conference Rooms 4 & 5, Temple Quay House , Temple Quay, Bristol

Wednesday 8th October 2008

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising – **UKSC 08 - 07 & Annex A - page 2 lists all action points from previous meeting)**
3. Conservation delivery of UK Priority species & habitats – **UKSC 08- 08 a,b,c,d**
 - UK Habitat Groups – T.O.R. and progress
 - Advice on habitat management for species
 - Success criteria
 - Housekeeping
4. Biodiversity Indicators in Your Pocket – 2009 update – **UKSC 08- 09**
5. 2008 Reporting Round – **UKSC 08-10**
6. Fourth National Report – **UKSC 08-11**
7. Surveillance Strategy – **UKSC 08-12 a,b**
8. Research – **UKSC 08-13**
9. Post 2010 targets
10. Partnership Conference 2009?
11. AOB
12. Date of next meeting: 23rd April 2009

LUNCH (1.00 – 1.30pm)
13. Future novel threats to UK biodiversity – presentation by William Sutherland on future novel threats analysis (30 minutes plus 30 minutes discussion).

Close (2.30pm)

Actions arising from previous meeting

3) Progress with Action Planning for UK list of priority species and habitats (BRIG report) – UKSC 08-02a/b/c/d

Action Point 3.2 Hazel Drewett to circulate marine habitat definitions to Standing Committee when they were agreed.

Action Point 3.9: Any comments on redrafting to be sent to Malcolm Vincent by 17 June.

Action Point 3.10: Malcolm to produce a definitive version of the UK Habitat Groups' Terms of Reference paper, reflecting the Standing Committee's emphasis on light-touch groups focussed on sharing information.

Action Point 3.17: BRIG to pass the signposting information on to countries, and publish it on the UK BAP web-site or BARS as appropriate.

Action Point 3.19: BRIG to organise the collation of information on generic advice on habitat management for species at UK level for all habitat groups.

Action Point 3.26: Malcolm Vincent, through BRIG, to consider how success could be determined, and come back to Standing Committee with proposals, including a monitoring and reporting process to capture this.

4) UK Biodiversity Indicators in your pocket – 2008 Update – Mark Stevenson - UKSC 08 – 03

Action Point 4.3: Martin Brasher to report Standing Committee's comments back to John Robbs and proceed subject to approval

5) 2008 reporting round (BRIG report) - UKSC 08 – 04

Action Point 5.3: All to note the need to input to the 2008 reporting round in a timely fashion.

6) Fourth National report to the Convention on Biological Diversity - UKSC 08 – 05

Action Point 6.3: Defra to look into the question of OT reporting to CBD, and report back to Standing Committee

7) Surveillance and Research: - UKSC 08 – 06 a & b

Action Point 7.7: JNCC to take forward the strategy subject to a revision of the paper widening the scope to make stronger links with (a) "core surveillance" – and closely related evidence needs, in particular biological recording /inventories (knowing where things are) and (b) process studies (understanding why things are changing)

Action Point 7.8: The terms of reference of the Surveillance Implementation Group needed to come back to Standing Committee for approval.