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The formation of the Ancient Tree Forum has brought together a wide range of disciplines involved in tree management and conservation, and has led to important cross-fertilisation of ideas which have enhanced the ecological understanding of the relationships between tree and fungal biology, on the one hand, and saproxylic invertebrates, on the other. This has had tremendous benefits in promoting good conservation practices.

Summary

The saproxylic beetle Index of Ecological Continuity (IEC) was originally developed as a means of producing a simple statistic which could be used in grading a site for its significance to the conservation of saproxylic (wood-decay) beetles based on ecological considerations rather than rarity. The approach has received good recognition by the conservation agencies and several important sites have been designated as a result of this approach to interpreting site species lists as saproxylic assemblages of ecological significance.

The Index is based on a listing of the species thought likely to be the remnants of the saproxylic beetle assemblage of Britain's post-glacial wildwood, and which have survived through a history of wood pasture management systems in certain refugia. The list was published in 1986 and is in need of revision, recognising advances in knowledge of the ecology and particularly the population dynamics of those and other species. The list has now been updated - involving deletions, additions, upgrades and downgrades - to provide a more reliable statement of the range of saproxylic beetles which might be expected on a site with relatively good ecological continuity.

The revised list contains 180 of the 700 British native saproxylic beetles. The sampling methods appropriate to site surveys for these species are reviewed, and the listing of sites with the highest IEC values – sites of international, national or regional importance – has been updated. Ecological and conservation management factors which influence the IEC are also discussed.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Indices of ecological continuity

1.1.1 Lichen assemblages

The first exploration of the use of species assemblages to develop an Index of Ecological Continuity was made by Francis Rose (Rose, 1974). He wanted to find a way of using site lists of epiphytic lichens to generate a meaningful and easy to use statistic, which could then be used in site assessment to promote site conservation.

Survey of a large number of British sites known to have had a long history of tree cover - in areas free from marked air pollution - revealed some interesting features of their epiphytic lichen communities. While sites subjected to coppice management, or known to have been replanted, have in general limited floras of the order of 30-50 taxa per square kilometre, old uneven-aged high forest of oak with glades may have as many as 110, and even up to 180, lichen taxa per square kilometre. Rose (1974) predicted that the total epiphytic lichen flora per square kilometre of the primeval mixed oak forests of Britain may well have been at least of the order of 120-150 taxa. He extended his studies across France and found that these basic principles hold true there too.

However, he also recognised that purely numerical comparisons of total lichen epiphytic floras are not the whole story. A wide range of ecological types of lichens may occur within a wooded site and different species may be there for different reasons. Rose (1974) therefore asked the question: can we detect any group, or groups, of indicator species particularly sensitive to change in the forest environment with time, whose presence or absence may indicate continuity, or otherwise, of the forest environment, and hence provide some evidence that particular sites really are long-established and relatively little altered with time.

His studies of sites across the less polluted areas of Britain and France revealed that:

- certain species of lichen and bryophyte epiphytes occur in all, or nearly all, woodlands containing standard oak or ash trees, whether these are old high forest, coppice-with-standards, or areas of mature oak plantations;
- a number of other lichen and bryophyte species are only normally found in mature, or old, stands of trees.

It can be very difficult to establish the past history of particular sites but, where it has been possible to do so, it has become clear that the latter sites are very old, probably primary woodlands, with strong evidence of some continuity of a high tree canopy (as opposed to coppice) since at least medieval times. Such sites are found in the following types of terrain:

- in the "ancient and ornamental woodlands" of the New Forest, an old Royal hunting forest that has remained, in part, open and free from active silvicultural management;
- in more fragmentary form in the relics of other Royal, or subject, deer forests, such as Savernake Forest, Wychwood Forest, and Cranborne Chase;
- in the wooded parts of deer parks established in medieval times or earlier;

• in more remote parts of Devon, western Wales, the Pennines, Lakeland, and west Scotland, in steep-sided ravines and on escarpments where active forestry has been at a minimum for reasons of remoteness or of topography.

There is good evidence that many medieval deer parks were formed from relic areas of the primeval wilderness, still existing at that time, and probably containing fragments at least of primary forest.

Rose was able to draw up a list of lichens and bryophytes that are found more or less frequently in such sites but not in other woodlands, that are "faithful" to these types of woodland. He whittled the list down to eliminate species which show some degree of restriction geographically within Britain, presumably due to climatic factors. This left him with a list of twenty lichens that are still widespread in lowland southern Britain in old forest areas, but which still became rarer northwards. He suggests that these species may be relics of the ancient forest epiphyte flora of Britain, and pointed out that Coleoptera and Hemiptera show a similar pattern and could be used as evidence of continuity of ancient forest conditions. This challenge was later taken up by Paul Harding with the assistance of a small group of experienced field coleopterists (see Section 1.1.2.1).

Rose saw these species as indicator species in two senses:

- as ecological indicators of the existence of a particular type of forest environment at the present time;
- as historical indicators of lack of environmental change, within certain critical limits, over a long period of time.

The reasons for the association with old forest areas were very much the conditions for the dispersal and colonisation throughout history. From early medieval times to the present day, the old forest areas became more and more fragmented, and those which remained became modified by various forms of management. The isolated scattered fragments that remained least modified would have provided habitats where many forest species could have survived, but as they were now surrounded by unfavourable terrain for colonisation, re-establishment in new plantings or regenerating woodlands would have become increasingly difficult. The general drying out of the landscape, due to agricultural practices in the last few hundred years must have played a part in this.

Rose (1974) went on to use his list of twenty lichens faithful to apparently old forest areas to attempt to calculate what he termed an "Index of Ecological Continuity". His approach was to calculate the percentage of these species which occur in particular sites to see if any meaningful data ensue. He recognised the risk of circular argument in such an exercise but tried to overcome this by testing the Index against sites where there is good historical documentation either of continuity or of change. He concluded that the IEC methodology could probably be improved upon, but that the principle seemed to work well, and offered a technique for assessment of continuity of forest environment, as opposed to continuity of some sort of woodland, in sites of unknown history that may be studied in the future. In modern terminology he had identified a suite of indicator species which could be used for the identification sites for Britain's surviving "old growth" communities and which are a high conservation priority.

1.1.2 Invertebrate assemblages

1.1.2.1 Mature Timber Habitat Project

Following this important work on epiphytes, the Nature Conservancy Council initiated a "Mature Timber Habitat" project which sought to identify the key sites across Britain for these relict old forest communities. Invertebrates were brought into the process and the first listing of invertebrates as indicators of the continuity of dead-wood habitats in ancient woodlands, particularly pasture-woodlands, included a long list of Coleoptera as well as various other invertebrates (Harding, 1977). The original list of Coleoptera was compiled in association with four suitably experienced coleopterists – AA Allen, FA Hunter, C Johnson and P Skidmore, who helped achieve a fairly well-balanced list of species with limited regional bias. Subsequently, Harding (1978) examined the occurrence of 99 species of Coleoptera (listed as Grades 1 and 2 in the earlier list) and demonstrated that many species are known almost exclusively from areas of ancient pasture-woodland. However, he considered that some species from the original list are too widespread to be considered reliable indicators of habitat continuity.

A revised list of 196 species was eventually published (Harding & Rose, 1986). This drew on new information supplied by C Johnson and PM Hammond, as well as published information and additional records from the period 1978-84. It was a list of mainly saproxylic species believed to be associated with dead-wood habitats in pasture-woodlands and is not, therefore, a comprehensive list of woodland indicator species. It was a national list for pasture-woodlands in lowland Britain, in which regional variations could be accommodated only to a limited extent. This published list was a tentative one, with many limitations, but it later enabled the development of an Index of Ecological Continuity for use with saproxylic Coleoptera (see Section 1.1.2.2.) and thereby made a considerable contribution to the conservation of old parklands and other types of ancient wood pastures.

The species were grouped according to the extent to which they have been consistently recorded from areas of ancient woodlands with continuity of dead-wood habitats, particularly in pasture-woodlands:

- Group 1: Species which are known to have occurred in recent times only in areas believed to be ancient woodland, mainly pasture-woodland;
- Group 2: Species which occur mainly in areas believed to be ancient woodland with abundant dead-wood habitats, but which also appear to have been recorded from areas that may not be ancient woodland or for which the locality data are imprecise;
- Group 3: Species which occur widely in wooded land, but which are collectively characteristic of ancient woodland with dead-wood habitats.

A few species were additionally noted as:

- a: Insufficient information is available about the present distribution of these species to be certain that they belong to this group; *Euplectus brunneus*, *Laemophloeus monilis*, *Oxylaemus variolosus*, *Aderus brevicornis;*
- b: occasionally imported in timber, etc; Agrilus biguttatus, Uleiota planata;

c: a leaf beetle not associated with timber or dead wood, but known to occur at the New Forest, Windsor Forest and Sherwood Forest, mainly on very old oaks; *Cryptocephalus querceti*.

1.1.2.2 The Index of Ecological Continuity applied to saproxylic beetles

Following on from this pioneering work on lichen and invertebrate assemblages, the next stage was obvious – to use the list of saproxylic beetles of pasture-woodlands (or wood pastures, as they are generally known today) to develop a parallel Index of Ecological Continuity. A system was accordingly proposed to a regional meeting of the Royal Entomological Society at Leicester in 1987 (Alexander, 1988; Harding & Alexander, 1994).

The 195 saproxylic species (the one non-saproxylic was omitted) listed in Harding & Rose (1986) and their gradings were used to form the basis of a scoring system, on a presence or absence basis, to interpret lists of species recorded at a site and to provide an evaluation of the site based on the species of saproxylic beetles recorded. The value of each of the three groupings is subjective of course, but it seemed reasonable to allocate a differential scoring system to reflect the higher value of Group 1 species in comparison to Group 3. Scores of 1, 2 or 3 were therefore allocated to Group 3, 2 and 1 species respectively. A simple 1, 2, and 3 was selected rather than any other mathematical sequence due to the subjectivity of the whole scheme, and also to keep the resulting statistics manageable.

A decision was taken to limit the time period for which records could be accepted. Initially 1945 was taken as the cut off point (Alexander, 1988) but this was later changed to 1950 (Harding & Alexander, 1994). The index is intended to be used in evaluation for nature conservation and therefore should reflect the current and recent past interest of the sites being considered. Many of the anecdotal records available for sites are historical. Including such records would bias the index to select sites which were important in the early 20th century, but many of which subsequently have been destroyed or severely degraded as relics of forest with old trees.

The Invertebrate Site Register project of the Nature Conservancy Council brought together a wealth of information, particularly species listings from all over Britain. This provided a huge short-cut to building up a picture of the IEC values derived from saproxylic beetles for a wide range of sites and enabled a site hierarchy to be developed and which could then form the basis of assessing sites for SSSI status. Many designations have followed.

The general paucity of records for many sites, and the absence of any systematic attempt to survey the beetles of a large number of sites, inevitably means that comparisons of one site with others are subject to considerable bias. However, it was felt to be important to incorporate this noisy data rather than imply that such sites were not important by their exclusion.

The original index values calculated in 1987 have been subject to ongoing revision as new records for sites have been incorporated and as previously unrecognised sites have been surveyed. Initially index values of 20 or more were identified as the most important sites of a national series (Harding & Alexander, 1994). This threshold was subsequently modified (Alexander, 1996) such that:

• >80 = international importance;

- >25 = national importance;
- >15 = regional importance.

Revision of the species listing is the next aspect in need of revision.

1.1.2.3 Recent developments

The last 15 years have seen considerable advances in knowledge of the saproxylic habitat and the invertebrate assemblage. In particular, the formation of the Ancient Tree Forum has brought together people from a wide variety of disciplines but with the common interest in old trees. The combination of specialists in tree structure and biology, fungi and fungal decay, and invertebrates enabled cross-fertilisation of ideas to an extent which had not previously been possible. A new understanding of the relationships between the trees, fungi and invertebrates has emerged, and which has led to serious challenges to conventional woodland ecology. English Nature has played a key part in this ancient tree renaissance through their Veteran Tree Initiative and subsequent research projects.

The Invertebrate Site Register project also stimulated much renewed recording effort and much new information has been generated.

The increasing development of ecological and entomological consultancies in response to demand for specialist support by the conservation organisations has been of especial importance. Relatively detailed studies are now regularly being commissioned on sites known or suspected to be of significance for saproxylic beetles. Increasingly previously poorly worked sites are being well documented, and there are now a large number of site reports covering saproxylic beetles. This is becoming a major resource of site data and greater efforts need to be made in order to ensure wider dissemination. Often the reports remain unpublished and unavailable to researchers.

Global climate change is proving to be a major influence on saproxylic beetle distribution and ecology. Certain species, long regarded as relict old forest species, have proved capable of expanding out from their few refugia as weather factors have begun to change and encourage larger scale dispersal, increasing the chances of colonisation of new sites where suitable habitat exists. *Agrilus biguttatus* is an excellent example. However, it has also become fashionable among certain entomologists to use such changes to criticise the indicator species approach and to assume that all new records derive from recent colonisation. In few cases has categorical evidence been found that the species concerned had not been present all along but had remained undetected.

Terminology has also provided a considerable cause of confusion. What is actually meant or intended by the terms "woodland" and "pasture-woodland"? – or wood pasture as the latter has increasingly become referred to following the development of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Saproxylic species are essentially dependent on the generation by woody plants of dead woody tissues which may then be broken down or decayed by fungi and other organisms. Tree density or tree frequency is not implicit in the term "saproxylic". Saproxylic species include species which may develop on isolated trees - at one extreme - or on trees within dense moist shady closed-canopy woodland. Habitat continuity similarly does not imply closed-canopy woodland. Indicators of continuity of dead-wood habitats are not necessarily found in conventional "woodland" – indeed, un-grazed and closed canopy

woodlands or woodlands which have been managed as coppices tend to be relatively speciespoor in saproxylics. As Harding & Rose (1986) make clear, their beetle list is of indicators of continuity of dead-wood habitats particularly in wood pastures. Tree density is not implicit – wood pastures cover a wide range of habitat structures and compositions, from very open historic parklands through to more densely wooded areas. And yet the Harding & Rose (1986) beetle list has often been described as "indicators of ancient woodland", the latter term being strongly associated in the minds of many ecologists - and especially the public in general - with the old coppices. The entomological literature is unfortunately full of this misconception.

Recently the term "old growth" has become adopted from its North American origins and provides a more suitable, less confusing, terminology for these saproxylic beetle assemblages (Butler, Rose & Green, 2001; Alexander *et al*, 2003; Alexander & Butler, in press).

2. The list of saproxylic beetles indicative of continuity of saproxylic habitats

2.1 Criteria for inclusion

The basic criterion for inclusion of a particular species in the saproxylic continuity list is that species' known association with sites with a long and unbroken history of suitable saproxylic habitat. While this association has been described as a self-fulfilling prophesy, as a circular argument, support is available from a number of areas. Increasing knowledge of the fauna present in the post-glacial native forests, undisturbed by the activities of people, is the strongest evidence. But knowledge of the mobility of individual beetles and populations is also increasingly becoming available and providing support for the idea that a species living amongst continuous habitat is under little or no selective pressure for high mobility and the ability to cross large expanses of habitat – thus the species of undisturbed native forests will naturally have low mobility.

The concept of relatively undisturbed forest is the basis for the *urwaldtiere* fauna identified by Palm and others in Germany. However, this is another case of self-fulfilling prophesy and is based on human perceptions of what relatively undisturbed forests should look like in the modern landscape. Vera (2000) has recently challenged these concepts and Butler *et al* (2001) present a case for features of cultural landscapes – notably wood pastures – mimicking the features of the undisturbed native forests. They regard the surviving ancient wood pastures of the cultural landscape as Britain's (and Europe's) equivalent to the "old growth" described in North America – the native forests of that continent can justifiably be viewed as the cultural landscape of the native Americans, before European colonisation.

Another problem has been the extreme localisation of entomological recording. Recorders have tended to concentrate their efforts on the more rewarding sites, so that their precious leisure time is not wasted on unproductive sites. Thus sites such as Windsor Great Park and Forest, the New Forest, and Epping Forest in the south, and Sherwood Forest in the north, have received considerably more recorder effort than any other sites. Thus it is inevitable that such sites will have the longest list of saproxylic beetles and also be amongst the very few known sites for many species. This bias in recording effort has been amply demonstrated by the recognition of many new nationally important sites in recent decades, notably Bredon Hill, Burnham Beeches and Ashtead Common in the south – sites with easy public access but

virtually unknown to entomologists until recently. Northern examples include Duncombe Park and Grimsthorpe Park, both sites crossed by public rights of way. Of course the mobility of the early entomologists was also a limitation, the best known early sites often being close to large urban centres or to railway stations.

The criteria for inclusion in the saproxylic continuity list can therefore be listed as:

- species found in modern lowland England and Wales primarily in sites with evidence for continuity of suitable saproxylic habitats, from documentary or archaeological sources;
- species known from the fossil record to occur in the native forests which developed following the last glaciation and before people had a significant impact on forest structure;
- species of known or supposed low mobility, especially from a lack of evidence for ability to colonise newly suitable sites.

This still leaves a considerable degree of uncertainty and listings should always be regarded as provisional and not definitive. Research into site history, the fossil record, and species mobility are all active areas and are regularly generating new information which needs to be taken into account.

The list is not a single assemblage but rather an amalgam of assemblages. Species of shady closed-canopy forest are included as well as species requiring bright sunny situations with open-grown trees. Species requiring small branchwood are included as well as those requiring heartwood decay in large trunks. The list is therefore an artificial one from that point of view. What the species have in common is an apparent need for a long history of suitable conditions within a defined area, ie they are relatively immobile and do not normally manage to colonise unoccupied isolated areas within the modern fragmented landscape.

2.2 Apparent changes in mobility and distribution in response to climate change and other factors

The Harding and Rose (1986) list currently includes a number of species which – to modern eyes – should not be there. It is likely that any such listing will become out of date in the same way, and review should be built in to any site assessment system which is based on species assemblages. The review period needs to be practical, to be short enough to maintain the value of the approach, but not so frequent as to undermine confidence in the process. 10-15 years would appear to be a practical interval between successive reviews of the species listing.

Climate change has already resulted in some very noticeable changes in range and abundance of certain saproxylic species on the original listing. The most dramatic is the buprestid *Agrilus biguttatus* (named as *A. pannonicus* on the earlier list), which formerly had a classic old forest refuge distribution in Britain, best known from the New Forest, Windsor Great Park and Forest, and Sherwood Forest. An increase in its abundance in the early 1980s has been boosted by the great storms of the late 1980s and the recent appearance of oak dieback disease. It is now widespread across south-eastern England and new reports are regularly appearing to the north and west (Alexander, 2003). *Platypus cylindrus* is another species

associated with the early stages in death and decay of oak trees which has similarly expanded in abundance and range, although perhaps less dramatically so.

Enicmus brevicornis (Lathridiidae) is an example of a species which has also expanded dramatically in recent decades, but this time apparently in direct response to the increased availability of a new feeding situation, sooty bark disease of sycamore. Other saproxylic beetles also appear to be benefiting from this disease.

The recent appearance of *Hylecoetus dermestoides* (Lymexylidae) at a few sites in south-east England has yet to be explained. This beetle is widespread across a large area of Britain between Yorkshire and central Wales, with a separate population in central and northern Scotland. Its appearance in a few sites in south-west Surrey in recent years most likely suggests casual importation in timber, although presumably involving aspect(s) which has (have) not occurred in the past.

These are just a few examples. It is generally difficult to determine cause and effect in changes in distribution and abundance, and often equally difficult to determine whether or not these are real changes to the beetle populations rather than just the result of recorder bias.

2.3 Changes due to increased recording effort

There are many factors which impact on recording effort. Increased mobility of entomologists and increasing amounts of leisure time are well-known to be expanding knowledge considerably. Improved communications through specialist literature and the Internet are also having a dramatic impact. Knowledge of the biology and ecology of some species has improved our understanding of the specialist recording techniques needed to find them in the field. The result has been a dramatic increase in records of those species independent of any changes in actual abundance or distribution in the field.

Research on larval habits and habitats is one particular area which has resulted in great improvements in knowledge of certain species. The D-shaped exit holes of *Agrilus* spp (Buprestidae) are now regularly sought out by coleopterists, although these are best supported by larval galleries and – preferably – confirmation with adult beetles. Another good example is *Prionocyphon serricornis* (Scirtidae) with its aquatic larvae in water-filled hollows and cavities in old trees.

2.4 Regional variation

Regional variation in the saproxylic beetle fauna has been covered in the continuity list to some extent by inclusion of a few species with a northern or western distribution, eg *Hylecoetus dermestoides, Saperda scalaris*, and *Rhopalomesites tardii*. The fauna is essentially a continental and Temperate one, reaching the edges of their ranges in Britain. The general problem that species-richness declines northwards and westwards in Britain is essentially unavoidable.

There are a number of possibilities whereby this could be reduced, but are mostly unsatisfactory. A reduction in the number of species included which have a marked restriction to the far south-east would be one option, but would undermine the value of the list as a statement of Britain's relict old forest saproxylic fauna. Increasing the individual

score for species with a north-western distribution is another possibility, but would introduce a different type of bias into an already very subjective system.

In reality it is only the farthest northern and western counties which have cause for concern. The list of the highest scoring sites covers much of England and Wales, from Duncombe Park in the North York Moors across to Chirk and Powis Castle Parks in the Welsh Borders, across south Wales to Dinefwr Park in Carmarthenshire, and as far south-west as Whiddon Park in Devon. A case could be made for including one or more of the highest scoring sites from areas beyond this in the series of nationally important sites for this fauna. However, few of the species in the national continuity listing are to be found in these areas – by definition – and a better approach would be to develop regional continuity listings including a wider range of saproxylic beetles and to use these to develop regional indices. The best regional sites would then contribute to the series of nationally important sites.

The groundwork for much of these disadvantaged areas has already been carried out. Garland (1983) and Alexander (1993) are examples of where such an approach has been started – for the Yorkshire/ Derbyshire area and Cornwall, respectively, and these could usefully be updated. Reviews of the saproxylic faunas of the North East and Cumbria are also needed. The Countryside Council for Wales have also carried out an extensive review of the saproxylic beetle fauna of parkland sites in Wales (Hammond & Hine, 1994, and subsequent more detailed site surveys). Knowledge of this Temperate saproxylic beetle fauna is more limited in southern Scotland but much recording work has been carried out there by the late RA Crowson and a literature review would be a valuable starting point for bringing this area more formally into the IEC approach.

2.5 Current review

The full list of 700 native British saproxylic Coleoptera (Alexander, 2002) has been reviewed and the degree of association with sites with continuity of saproxylic habitats estimated (see Appendix 1). The estimation process draws mostly on published records for the species concerned and on personal knowledge of those species. Published records are all too often difficult to interpret as insufficient supporting information is provided on site details, particularly ecological history. Another important source of data is site survey reports and these were used, where readily available.

Few people have published comments on the composition of the original Harding & Rose (1986) list. This might be regarded as an endorsement of the list, but it also might just reflect a lack of interest in such ecological matters amongst most coleopterists, or, perhaps a reticence to become involved in what might be perceived as specialist or professional issues. Hammond & Harding (1991) are an exception and their views have been considered as part of the present revision. Other comments may exist amongst the literature but the review project didn't contain sufficient time for a full literature review.

A revised listing emerges from the revision (Table 1) with 23 of the original species deleted and nine additions. Eleven species were moved down a grade or two, while twelve species moved up in the grading. The changes are detailed separately in Table 2. This constitutes a fairly conservative review. The new species total is 180. It was felt that anything more radical was not warranted or desirable at this time.

However, a further selection of species has also been flagged up as possible inclusions in due course. Some of these appear sound propositions (marked in the final column of Appendix 1 as "Yes") and merit detailed investigation of their site associations. Others appear possible but the evidence is as yet weaker and these are marked with a question mark – these include a few species which featured on the original list but have now been deleted owing to the lack of strong evidence. These two categories of species would clearly be worth considering for inclusion in any regional IEC developments.

Family	Genus	Species	Continuity grade	GB Status (1992)	Other names in common usage
Histeridae	Plegaderus	dissectus	2	NSB	8
Histeridae	Abraeus	granulum	1	NSA	
Histeridae	Aeletes	atomarius	1	RDB3	
Ptiliidae	Ptenidium	gressneri	2	NS	
Ptiliidae	Ptenidium	turgidum	2	RDBK	
Ptiliidae	Micridium	halidaii	1	RDBK	
Ptiliidae	Ptinella	limbata	2	RDBK	
Scydmaenidae	Eutheia	formicetorum	1	RDB1	
Scydmaenidae	Eutheia	linearis	1	RDB1	
Scydmaenidae	Stenichnus	bicolor	3	None	
Scydmaenidae	Stenichnus	godarti	2	RDB3	
Scydmaenidae	Microscydmus	minimus	1	RDB3	
Scydmaenidae	Microscydmus	nanus	2	NS	
Scydmaenidae	Euconnus	pragensis	1	RDB1	
Scydmaenidae	Scydmaenus	rufus	3	RDB2	
Omaliinae	Phyllodrepa	nigra	1	RDBI	
Staphylininae	Xantholinus	angularis	2	NSA	
Staphylininae	Velleius	dilatatus	1	RDB1	
Staphylininae	Quedius	aetolicus	3	NSA	
Staphylininae	Quedius	maurus	3	None	
Staphylininae	\tilde{O} uedius	microps	3	NSB	
Staphylininae	Quedius	scitus	2	NSB	
Staphylininae	Quedius	truncicola	3	NSB	ventralis
Staphylininae	Quedius	xanthopus	3	NSB	
Aleocharinae	Euryusa	optabilis	2	RDBI	
Aleocharinae	Euryusa	sinuata	2	RDBI	
Aleocharinae	Tachyusida	gracilis	1	RDB1	
Pselaphidae	Bibloporus	minutus	2	NSB	
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	nanus	1	RDBI	
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	punctatus	1	RDB3	
Pselaphidae	Plectophloeus	nitidus	1	RDB2	
Pselaphidae	Batrisodes	adnexus	1	RDB1	buqueti
Pselaphidae	Batrisodes	delaporti	1	RDB1	· ·
Pselaphidae	Batrisodes	venustus	1	NSA	
Scirtidae	Prionocyphon	serricornis	3	NSB	
Scarabaeidae	Gnorimus	nobilis	1	RDB2	
Scarabaeidae	Gnorimus	variabilis	1	RDB1	
Eucnemidae	Melasis	buprestoides	3	NSB	
Eucnemidae	Microrhagus	pygmaeus	3	RDB3	

Table 1 Revised listing of saproxylic beetles used in the calculation of the Index of Ecological Continuity

Family	Genus	Species	Continuity grade	GB Status (1992)	Other names in common usage
Eucnemidae	Eucnemis	capucina	1	RDB1	usage
Throscidae	Aulonothroscus	brevicollis	1	RDB3	
Elateridae	Lacon	querceus	1	RDBJ	
Elateridae	Calambus	bipustulatus	3	NSB	
Elateridae	Limoniscus	violaceus	1	RDB1	
Elateridae	Stenagostus	rhombeus	3	None	villosus
Elateridae	Ampedus	cardinalis	1	RDB2	VIIIOSUS
Elateridae	Ampedus	cinnabarinus	1	RDB2 RDB3	
Elateridae	Ampedus	elongantulus	3	NSA	
Elateridae	Ampedus	nigerrimus	1	RDB1	
Elateridae	Ampedus		3	NSB	
Elateridae	Ampedus	pomorum quercicola	1	NSB	nomonao
Elateridae	Ampedus	ruficeps	1	RDB1	pomonae
Elateridae	4		1	RDB1 RDB2	
Elateridae	Ampedus Ischnodes	rufipennis sanguinicollis	2	NSA	
Elateridae		0	1	RDB1	
Elateridae	Megapenthes	lugens tibialis		RDB1 RDB3	
	Procraeus		1		
Elateridae	Elater	ferrugineus	1	RDB1	
Lycidae	Pyropterus	nigroruber	3	NSA	
Lycidae	Platycis	cosnardi	1	RDBI	
Lycidae	Platycis	minutus	3	NSB	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	crassicornis	1	RDB3	
Dermestidae	Globicornis	rufitarsis	1	RDB1	nigripes
Dermestidae	Trinodes	hirtus	1	RDB3	
Bostrichidae	Lyctus	brunneus	3	None	
Anobiidae	Xestobium	rufovillosum	3	None	
Anobiidae	Gastrallus	immarginatus	1	RDB1	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	ambjoerni	2	RDBK	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	chrysomelina	3	None	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	dresdensis	2	NSA	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	flavicornis	3	NSB	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	serra	2	NSA	
Anobiidae	Anitys	rubens	1	NSB	
Ptininae	Ptinus	subpilosus	2	NSB	
Lymexylidae	Hylecoetus	dermestoides	3	NSB	
Lymexylidae	Lymexylon	navalis	2	RDB2	
Phloiophilidae	Phloiophilus	edwardsii	3	NSB	
Trogossitidae	Thymalus	limbatus	2	NSB	
Cleridae	Tillus	elongatus	3	NSB	
Cleridae	Opilo	mollis	3	NSB	
Cleridae	Thanasimus	formicarius	3	None	
Cleridae	Korynetes	caeruleus	3	NSB	
Melyridae	Aplocnemus	impressus	2	NSB	pini
Melyridae	<i>Aplocnemus</i>	nigricornis	2	NSA	
Melyridae	Hypebaeus	flavipes	1	RDB1	
Nitidulidae	Carpophilus	sexpustulatus	3	None	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	angustula	3	NSB	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	nitidulus	3	NSB	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	oblongicollis	1	RDB1	
Silvanidae	Silvanus	bidentatus	2	NSB	
Silvanidae	Silvanus	unidentatus	3	None	

Family	Genus	Species	Continuity grade	GB Status (1992)	Other names in common usage
Silvanidae	Uleiota	planata	2	NSA	usage
Cucujidae	Pediacus	depressus	2	NSA	
Cucujidae	Pediacus	dermestoides	3	None	
Laemophloeidae	Notolaemus	unifasciatus	2	NSA	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	micaceus	1	RDBK	
Erotylidae	Triplax	lacordairii	3	RDB3	
Erotylidae	Triplax	russica	3	None	
Erotylidae	Triplax	scutellaris	3	RDB3	
Erotylidae	Tritoma	bipustulata	3	NSA	
Biphyllidae	Biphyllus	lunatus	3	None	
Biphyllidae	Diplocoelus	fagi	3	NSB	
Cerylonidae	Cervlon	fagi	2	NSB	
Endomychidae	Symbiotes	latus	3	NSB	
Lathridiidae	Lathridius	consimilis	1	NS	
Lathridiidae	Enicmus	brevicornis	3	NS	
Lathridiidae	Enicmus		2	NS	
Lathridiidae	Corticaria	rugosus alleni	1	NS	
Mycetophagidae	Pseudotriphyllus	suturalis	3	None	
Mycetophagidae	Triphyllus	bicolor	2	None	
Mycetophagidae	<i>Mycetophagus</i>		3	None	
		atomarius	2	NSB	
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus Mucatanh agua	piceus	2	NSA	
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	populi	2		
Mycetophagidae Ciidae	Mycetophagus	quadriguttatus		NSA	
	Cis	coluber	2 3	RDB3	
Tetratomidae	Tetratoma	ancora		NSB	
Tetratomidae	Tetratoma	desmaresti	3	NSA NSB	
Melandryidae	Hallomenus	binotatus	3		
Melandryidae	Orchesia	undulata	3	None	
Melandryidae	Anisoxya	fuscula	3	NSA	
Melandryidae	Abdera	biflexuosa	3	NSB	
Melandryidae	Abdera	quadrifasciata	1	NSA	
Melandryidae	Phloiotrya	vaudoueri	2	NSB	
Melandryidae	Hypulus	quercinus	1	RDB2	
Melandryidae	Melandrya	barbata	1	RDB1	
Melandryidae	Melandrya	caraboides	3	NSB	
Melandryidae	Conopalpus	testaceus	3	NSB	
Mordellidae	Tomoxia	bucephala	3	NSA	
Mordellidae	Mordellistena	neuwaldeggiana	3	RDBK	
Colydiidae	Synchita	humeralis	3	NSB	
Colydiidae	<i>Synchita</i>	separanda	3	RDB3	
Colydiidae	Cicones	variegata	2	NSA	
Colydiidae	Bitoma	crenata	3	None	
Colydiidae	Teredus	cylindricus	1	RDB1	
Colydiidae	Oxylaemus	variolosus	2	RDB3	
Tenebrionidae	Eledona	agricola	3	NSB	
Tenebrionidae	Corticeus	unicolor	2	RDB3	
Tenebrionidae	Prionychus	ater	3	NSB	
Tenebrionidae	Prionychus	melanarius	1	RDB2	
Tenebrionidae	Pseudocistela	ceramboides	2	NSB	
Tenebrionidae	Mycetochara	humeralis	2	NSB	
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	caerulea	1	RDB3	

Family	Genus	Species	Continuity grade	GB Status (1992)	Other names in common usage
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	cinerascens	3	RDB2	
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	cyanea	3	NSB	
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	sanguinicollis	1	NSB	
Pyrochroidae	Pyrochroa	coccinea	3	NSB	
Aderidae	Aderus	brevicornis	1	RDB2	
Aderidae	Aderus	oculatus	3	NSB	
Scraptiidae	Scraptia	fuscula	1	RDB1	
Scraptiidae	Scraptia	testacea	1	RDB3	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	septentrionalis	1	RDBI	schilskyana
Cerambycidae	Prionus	coriarius	3	NSA	
Cerambycidae	Grammoptera	ustulata	1	RDB3	
Cerambycidae	Grammoptera	variegata	3	NSA	
Cerambycidae	Anoplodera	scutellata	1	NSA	
Cerambycidae	Anoplodera	sexguttata	2	RDB3	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	aurulenta	3	NSA	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	quadrifasciata	3	None	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	revestita	2	RDB1	
Cerambycidae	Pyrrhidium	sanguineum	1	RDB2	
Cerambycidae	Phymatodes	testaceus	3	None	
Cerambycidae	Mesosa	nebulosa	2	RDB3	
Cerambycidae	Saperda	scalaris	3	NSA	
Anthribidae	Platyrhinus	resinosus	3	NSB	
Anthribidae	Tropideres	sepicola	1	RDB2	
Anthribidae	Tropideres	niveirostris	3	RDB2	
Anthribidae	Platystomos	albinus	3	NSB	
Rhynchophoridae	Dryophthorus	corticalis	1	RDB1	
Curculionidae	Rhopalomesites	tardyi	3	NSB	
Curculionidae	Cossonus	parallelepipedus	3	NSB	
Curculionidae	Stereocorynes	truncorum	1	NSA	
Curculionidae	Trachodes	hispidus	3	NSB	
Scolytinae	Ernoporicus	caucasicus	2	NSA	
Scolytinae	Ernoporicus	fagi	3	NSA	
Scolytinae	Ernoporus	tiliae	2	RDB1	
Scolytinae	Xyleborinus	saxeseni	3	None	
Scolytinae	Xyleborus	dispar	3	NSB	
Scolytinae	Xyleborus	dryographus	3	NSB	
Scolytinae	Trypodendron	domesticum	3	None	
Scolytinae	Trypodendron	signatum	3	NSB	
Platypodidae	Platypus	cylindrus	3	NSB	

Family	Genus	Species	H&R (1986) grade	Revised continuity grade	Type of change
Scydmaenidae	Microscydmus	nanus	0	2	addition
Scarabaeidae	Gnorimus	nobilis	0	1	addition
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	ambjoerni	0	2	addition
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	populi	0	2	addition
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	quadriguttatus	0	2	addition
Mordellidae	Mordellistena	neuwaldeggiana	0	3	addition
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	caerulea	0	1	addition
Cerambycidae	Leptura	sexguttata	0	2	addition
Scolytidae	Ernoporus	tiliae	0	2	addition
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	brunneus	1a	0	deletion
Lucanidae	Sinodendron	cylindricum	3	0	deletion
Buprestidae	Agrilus	biguttatus	2b	0	deletion
Dermestidae	Ctesias	serra	3	0	deletion
Anobiidae	<i>Xyletinus</i>	longitarsus	3	0	deletion
Laemophloeidae	Laemophloeus	monilis	1a	0	deletion
Atomariinae	Atomaria	lohsei	1	0	deletion
Lathridiidae	Dienerella	separanda	2	0	deletion
Lathridiidae	Corticaria	fagi	1	0	deletion
Lathridiidae	Corticaria	longicollis	1	0	deletion
Tetratomidae	Tetratoma	fungorum	3	0	deletion
Colydiidae	Colydium	elongatum	1	0	deletion
Curculionidae	Pentarthrum	huttoni	3	0	deletion
Scolytidae	Trypodendron	lineatum	3	0	deletion
Scirtidae	Prionocyphon	serricornis	2	3	downgrade
Lycidae	Pyropterus	nigroruber	2	3	downgrade
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	chrysomelina	2	3	downgrade
Lymexylidae	Lymexylon	navale	1	2	downgrade
Silvanidae	Uleiota	planata	1b	2	downgrade
Biphyllidae	Diplocoelus	fagi	2	3	downgrade
Lathridiidae	Enicmus	brevicornis	2	3	downgrade
Mordellidae	Tomoxia	bucephala	1	3	downgrade
Colydiidae	Synchita	separanda	1	3	downgrade
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	cinerascens	1	3	downgrade
Scolytidae	Ernoporus	caucasicus	1	2	downgrade
Staphylininae	Xantholinus	angularis	3	2	upgrade
Staphylininae	Quedius	scitus	3	2	upgrade
Cantharidae	Malthodes	crassicornis	2	1	upgrade
Dermestidae	Globicornis	rufitarsis	2	1	upgrade
Trogossitidae	Thymalus	limbatus	3	2	upgrade
Melyridae	Aplocnemus	impressus	3	2	upgrade
Melyridae	Aplocnemus	nigricornis	3	2	upgrade
Cerylonidae	Cerylon	fagi	3	2	upgrade
Mycetophagidae	Triphyllus	bicolor	3	2	upgrade
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	piceus	3	2	upgrade
Melandryidae	Hypulus	quercinus	2	1	upgrade
Tenebrionidae	Mycetochara	humeralis	3	2	upgrade

Table 2 Changes in species used in IEC calculation

3. Sampling methods used for conducting surveys to ascertain the IEC

3.1 Introduction

Sampling for saproxylic beetles ideally needs a basic understanding of the processes of tree aging and wood decay, and how these relate to the particular breeding habits of the beetles concerned (see Alexander, 1999a, for an introduction, or Dajoz, 2000, for more detail). Knowledge of the behaviour of the adult stages is also important. The IEC beetle list includes species which cover the full range of decay succession as well as the full range of timber within the tree.

Intensive and expert recording, using an array of techniques, in all seasons (and preferably over several years) are virtual prerequisites in order to develop a complete or almost complete list of saproxylic beetles for a particular site (Hammond & Harding, 1991).

3.2 Remote sampling

Sampling methods which stand back from the tree and either attract the beetles to a trap or catch them incidentally as they fly between trees are good in that they cause no physical damage to the habitat. They do however tend to require specialist equipment: flight interception traps (FITs), malaise traps, pheromone or other baited traps, canopy fogging using insecticidal smokes, suction trapping, etc. These rely very little on an understanding of wood decay and may therefore lull recorders into a false sense of security – important habitat features may well be missed, notably species developing inside hollow trunks and in the subterranean roots.

Hammond & Harding (1991) provide comparative data on the IEC species found during an intensive survey in Richmond Park. Methods employed included flight interception trapping, insecticide fogging, and direct sampling from dead and dying wood and the fruiting bodies of wood-decay fungi. Each approach produced species not detected by the other techniques. They also provide data comparing the relative incidence of grade 1 and 2 species in malaise trap, FIT and fogging samples, and once again, show that the different techniques appear not to be equally successful at finding the different species and that many species have not so far been found using individual techniques. For example Dorcatoma chrysomelina has been taken by FIT and fogging but not in malaise traps, while Mesosa nebulosa has only been found in malaise traps - of the three sampling techniques. FITs do appear to be the most successful of the three techniques.

A key advantage of trapping techniques is that the return on effort tends to be very good – the traps may be left to gather material for long periods while the recorder is busy doing other things.

3.3 Traditional hand search sampling and the decay of wood

However, the traditional recording methods of an experienced field worker will still provide the longest lists given enough time - and this is where knowledge of tree biology and wood decay comes into its own. Combinations of more targeted trapping, such as suction sampling or emergence trapping, with hand searching and netting may also be very successful.

The trunk of the tree comprises the dead outer bark, the living inner bark, the cambium, the living outer woody tissues, and the dead inner woody tissues or heartwood. Very few beetles actually feed in the living tissues and even then usually only when the tree is unhealthy, declining and effectively almost dead. Thus there is no real reason for investigating the living parts of tree.

Heartwood decay is the single most important feature that needs to be understood by recorders. The central core of heartwood of mature or older trees comprises dead tissues. These generally contain chemical compounds laid down by the tree prior to the death of the cells and which resist or slow down fungal decay. Waste products may also be deposited. This heartwood may eventually be colonised by a specialist wood-decay fungus and degradation of the tissues initiated. Thus a succession begins, from sound un-decayed wood, through partially decayed wood, and fully decayed wood. The decay creates a cavity into which debris falls and accumulates. Often the cavity is used by birds for nesting or roosting, or bats for roosting, and this contributes further debris.

Heartwood decay fungi tend to begin in the base of the trunk and working upwards. Access to the cavities for recording purposes may not be possible but this does not mean that the trunk is not decaying internally or hollow. Certain fungi are only capable of decaying the cellulose in the wood, leaving the lignin as the familiar red-rot. Other fungi break down both compounds, taking the lignin first and leaving cellulose visible as what is known as white-rot. Red-rotted trees naturally contain greater volumes of debris than white-rotted trees, since the lignin debris accumulates in the former.

The heartwood decay fungi are able to fruit as the familiar bracket fungi wherever there is a gap in the surrounding ring of living tree tissues. Thus fruiting chicken-of-the-woods *Laetiporus sulphureus* testifies to the presence of red-rot within the heartwood of the trunk, and fruiting of the weeping polypore *Inonotus hispidus* to white-rot within the heartwood. Some fungi are very specific in their tree species hosts, others less so. Similarly, certain beetles which develop in bracket fungi and the decaying wood behind them are also very specific, while others are less so.

The trunk therefore potentially contains a wide array of features that warrant investigation for saproxylic beetles:

- loose outer bark with cavities behind, where:
 - cobweb beetles (Dermestidae) may inhabit the spider webs;
 - nocturnal beetles may be resting during the daylight activity period of most recorders;
 - fragments of dead beetles may have accumulated amongst other debris;
 - bark boring beetles may also be present in the bark itself;

- cavities into the hollow interior of older trees, giving access to the wood mould accumulating in the base, and also the inner trunk surfaces where specialist beetles may be present amongst the decaying and decayed wood;
- smaller cavities where decay has occurred following branch loss or other localised damage;
- fruiting bodies of wood-decay fungi, which may be attracting adult beetles for feeding or oviposition, or contain developing larvae;
- sap runs or other fluxes, which again may attract adults or contain larvae.

Branch loss, or other forms of damage to the trunk, may lead to localised fungal decay and cavity formation. The familiar "rot-hole" generally develops as a result of branch loss and colonisation by decay fungi which start to decay inwards. The term "rot hole" may also be applied to a completely different situation where water, leaves and other debris accumulate in branch forks, etc, and effectively become an aerial pond. The specialist fauna of these two situations does overlap in composition, although many of the "pond" type support a fauna of aquatic species rather than true decay species.

Lightning strikes may split the living ring of tree tissues, leaving an exposed strip of heartwood up the trunk. This provides access to the dead heartwood layers below and often to decayed heartwood within. A solid and intact strip does not necessarily mean that the tissues behind have not been decayed or hollowed.

Heartwood decay eventually proceeds into the branch wood of the tree canopy, and so the whole succession of beetles which follow the decay process may also be found up in the canopy.

Branches will mostly eventually die in situ or perhaps be ripped out in storms, or even dropped by the tree in periods of drought in order to reduce the area of transpiring foliage. Branches which die in situ do so exposed to the drying atmosphere all round, while those which fall will decay with part lying on the moist earth below. Different situations are exploited by different beetles.

The lower shorter branches of the canopy of a tree with full canopy expression tend to be shaded out by those above. These decay in a shady moist environment, protected from the drying air outside of the tree, and can be very productive for saproxylic beetles – lightly tapping these branches over a beating tray will dislodge any beetles present. Dead branches higher in the canopy will tend to be drier, exposed to hot sunshine during the high summer period, to frosts in the winter, and wind all year round. These support a different array of species – and are difficult to sample without the used of fogging techniques.

At the opposite extreme is the root system, with its network of large and small woody roots, and its own array of specialist wood-decay fungi. These are also difficult to sample for the associated beetle fauna.

A common problem for recorders is the wider availability of larval beetles than adults. In many species the decaying wood is where the larvae develop rather than where the adults are most likely to be found. The adult stage may be relatively short-lived, and in that time the beetle may need to gain energy for flight (from nectar, honeydew, or other sources), protein for egg-development (from pollen and other sources), mates and suitable sites for egg-laying. The value of sampling tree and shrub blossom for the flying adult stage is well known amongst coleopterists. A wide range of flowering trees and shrubs may be used, especially Rosaceae, but also holly, elder, privet, etc. Flowers in the field layer tend to be less productive but should not be ignored. Hogweed and meadowsweet are particularly favoured by certain adult beetles which develop in decaying wood.

Identification keys which deal with larval beetles are much less available at present than for adult beetles. In many cases it is easiest to attempt to rear the larvae – in samples of the larval habitat - although this may take a long time. Rearing from bracket fungi can be very productive. Clearly the bracket needs to have been on site for sufficiently long to be colonised by beetles and so it is generally best to collect parts of old brackets for rearing. This has the additional advantage of not removing these fruiting bodies before their spores have been expelled.

The feeding signs of larvae or adult beetles may sometimes provide sufficient clues about the identity of the species concerned for recording purposes, but this tends to be the exception rather than the rule. The D-shaped exit holes of the buprestid *Agrilus* spp are a good case in point provided the host tree or shrub species is properly identified. The round exit holes of deathwatch beetle *Xestobium rufovillosum* in exposed heartwood on oak trunks can be identified with experience. The oval exit holes of the oak longhorn *Phymatodes testaceus* can similarly be recognised with experience. The distinctive galleries of many Scolytidae beneath bark are relatively well documented.

Any recording which involves breaking open decaying wood or bracket fungi, or removal of samples, obviously needs to be carried out with due regard to the needs of conservation. Guidelines are available from a variety of sources - English Nature's *Species Conservation Handbook* includes a specialist code for dead wood sampling (Key, 1994) and the Amateur Entomologists' Society have also published guidance, eg Key (1991).

Non-destructive specialist sampling techniques have been the focus of some extremely useful work by J.A. Owen. The Owen emergence trap (Owen, 1989 & 1992) combines a tent with a Malaise trap collecting device, so that items of known history and/or content can be kept under near-natural conditions and species present as larvae are reared through and collected as the adult stage. The items of decaying wood are unaffected and can be replaced where originally found and still intact. Branch portions torn off from old parkland oak trees in a storm have been studied over a period of four years (Owen, 1992). Similarly Alexander (1994 and 1999b) has compared the fauna of branchwood of oak, ash, field maple and hornbeam blown out in the same storm, and compared oak branch sections of the same age but left in different conditions of sun and shade.

Owen (1999 & 2000) has also developed subterranean pitfall traps for the study of root saproxylics and other soil beetles. Jansson & Antonsson (2003) report on their interesting work in Sweden involving mounting small window traps on branches within the tree canopy and placing pitfall traps amongst the debris in tree cavities. They have also been hanging buckets of wood-decay debris in the canopy to entice heartwood decay beetles to colonise a situation where they are more readily studied.

While surveys for saproxylic beetles should preferably be as all encompassing as possible – to provide data for Site Quality Index (see next section) as well as IEC if for no other reason – the new list of qualifying species for the IEC can be used to promote targeted surveys.

Since the IEC is best calculated on records from a series of recording visits to a particular site, a checklist can be a useful tool for drawing attention to species which might be present but which have not yet been noted. For this reason the new listing is provided in checklist form as Appendix 2.

4. Use of the IEC in site assessment for conservation

The Index of Ecological Continuity was originally developed as a means of producing a simple statistic which could be used in grading a site for its significance to nature conservation, based on ecological considerations rather than rarity (Section 1.1.2.2). The approach has received good recognition by the conservation agencies and several important sites have been designated as a result of this approach to interpreting site species lists as saproxylic assemblages of ecological significance.

Rather than develop a radically new approach, the decision was taken to retain the basic approach taken by Harding & Rose (1986) in allocating a grade to the degree of association, and in the existing scoring mechanism (Alexander 1988; Harding & Alexander, 1994). The basic IEC approach has withstood the test of time reasonably well. Only one alternative approach has subsequently been developed and the two complement each other to some extent.

The Site Quality Index (Fowles *et al*, 1999) requires a full site list and effectively calculates the proportion of the fauna that is rare, irrespective of the reason for their rarity. For it to function properly, it requires the inclusion of all common and widespread saproxylic species. Sites with complete but short lists are also excluded. Difficulties in applying this index may therefore occur when surveys of the fauna of ancient trees generate short lists of albeit important relict old forest species, eg Forthampton Oaks (Alexander, 2002b). The IEC focuses primarily on relict old forest or old growth assemblages and rather than all saproxylic species. The species concerned are also generally of significant interest to coleopterists and so records tend to enter the literature. It does however depend on a series of survey visits – covering all the seasons of beetle activity and preferably over a number of years – in order to build up a realistic IEC value for a particular site.

The IEC figures for the key national series of sites for this saproxylic fauna have been recalculated and the new hierarchical list is provided in Table 3. One site has been omitted - Arundel Park in West Sussex - as this site was devastated as a result of 1987 great storm and the clear-up which followed. The site has not subsequently been re-surveyed for saproxylic beetles but is believed to be capable of supporting a much reduced fauna.

The threshold figures for assessing international, national and regional importance (see 1.1.1.2) remain appropriate.

Site name	Vice County	Revised Index		
International importance (IEC = $80+$)				
Windsor Great Park & Forest	Berkshire	249		
New Forest	S. Hampshire	194		
Moccas Park	Herefordshire	125		
Bredon Hill	Worcestershire	120		
Sherwood Forest	Nottinghamshire	100		
Epping Forest	S. Essex	97		
Burnham Beeches	Buckinghamshire	83		
Richmond Park	Surrey	83		
National importance (IEC = 25-79)	Surrey			
Hatfield Forest	N. Essex	78		
Ashtead Common	Surrey	72		
Hatchlands Park	Surrey	72		
Chirk Castle Park	Denbighshire	67		
Knole Park	W. Kent	67		
Calke Park	Derbyshire	66		
Croome Park	Worcestershire	63		
Powis Castle Park	Montgomeryshire	63		
Wimpole Park	Cambridgeshire	63		
Esher Commons	Surrey	62		
Clumber Park	Nottinghamshire	61		
Hainault Forest	S. Essex	61		
Monk's Wood	Huntingdonshire	61		
	NE Yorkshire			
Duncombe Park Estate Blenheim Park	Oxfordshire	<u> </u>		
	Berkshire	55		
Wytham Park & Woods Dinefwr Park	Carmarthenshire	54		
	N. Wiltshire	52		
Savernake Forest				
Bookham Common	E. Suffolk	49 49		
Staverton Park		-		
Hatch Park	W. Kent	48		
Trentham Park & King's Wood	Staffordshire	48		
Dunham Massey Park	Cheshire	47		
Kedleston Park	Derbyshire	45		
Petworth Park	W. Sussex	45		
Stanford PTA	W. Norfolk	44		
Lullingstone Park	W. Kent	43		
Grimsthorpe Park	S. Lincolnshire	42		
Cobham Park & Woods	W. Kent	40		
Forest of Dean	W. Gloucestershire	39		
Llanover Park	Monmouthshire	39		
Croft Castle Park	Herefordshire	38		
Icklingham Plain	W. Suffolk	38		
Parham Park	W. Sussex	37		
Ashridge Estate	Hertfordshire	36		
Thorndon Park	S. Essex	35		
West Walk, Forest of Bere	S. Hampshire	34		
Box Hill Estate	Surrey	33		
Buxted Park	W. Sussex	33		

Table 3 Revised listing of the British sites with the highest IEC values

Site name	Vice County	Revised Index
Cirencester Park Woods	E. Gloucestershire	32
Attingham Park	Shropshire	31
Studley Royal Park & Skell Valley	Yorkshire	31
Thursley Common	Surrey	31
Cannock Chase: Brocton Coppice, Haywood Park &	Staffordshire	30
Shugborough Park		
Whiddon Deer Park	S. Devon	30
Donnington Park	Leicestershire	29
Brampton Bryan Park	Herefordshire	28
Rockingham Castle Park	Northamptonshire	28
Shrubland Park	E. Suffolk	28
Stockton's Wood, Speke	S. Lancashire	28
Ashton Court Estate	N. Somerset	27
Chatsworth Park	Derbyshire	27
Hardwick Hall Park	Derbyshire	27
Brockhampton Park	Herefordshire	26
Hanbury Hall Park	Worcestershire	25
Mottisfont Abbey Woods	S. Hampshire	25
Regional importance (IEC = 15-24)		
Lower River Weaver Woods	Cheshire	24
Nettlecombe Park	S. Somerset	24
Panshanger Park	Hertfordshire	24
Slindon Park Woods	W. Sussex	24
Walcot Park	Shropshire	23
Farnham Castle Park	Surrey	22
Bradgate Park	Leicestershire	20
Forthampton Oaks	W. Gloucestershire	20

5. Ecological and conservation management factors which affect the IEC

The species listing used for calculation of the IEC is a selection of the total saproxylic beetle fauna of Britain, informed partly by knowledge of the saproxylic fauna of the post-glacial wildwood and partly by the current degree of association with those sites believed to be the least disturbed by human activities and which therefore most closely approximate to the structures and composition of the Wildwood. Vera (2000) has recently provided an analysis of what the structure and composition of the wildwood might have been and the role of large herbivores in driving the inherent dynamism of the vegetation.

The saproxylic beetle fauna effectively encompasses the whole range of wood-decay conditions produced by large old open-grown trees plus areas of closed canopy high forest, as well as all stages in between.

As described earlier, a high proportion of these relict old forest – or old growth – species are naturally poor at colonising over large distances and especially across unsuitable terrain. They have not previously needed to develop mechanisms for long-distance mobility, having evolved under conditions of continuous temperate forest – with its mosaic of open and closed canopy conditions.

Each individual relict site will have had a different history of post-glacial development and subsequent land-use by people, albeit subtly in some cases but much more dramatically in others. The composition of the surviving saproxylic beetle fauna speaks for itself in terms of the wood-decay habitats which have had greatest ecological continuity there over time. Thus a site which today is especially rich in heartwood decay species is presumed to have had a relatively long and unbroken history of sufficient numbers of large old open-grown trees and conditions which enable the development of such trees. The most suitable conservation management approach on such sites is clearly to maintain systems which promote the development of large open-grown trees. In some sites the fauna will also suggest which trees need to be the predominant species, or - at least - a significant presence. In Britain, the anobiid Gastrallus immarginatus is largely dependent on the availability of concentrations of ancient open-grown field maples – it develops in the trunk bark – and would not be expected on sites lacking a significant presence of such trees. Basically, it is extremely important that the site fauna is reasonably well documented and its features analysed before a conservation plan is developed. It would be all too easy to omit the need to promote the establishment of new generations of field maple, for example.

An understanding of the processes which lead to the formation of hollowing and the special heart-wood decay conditions required by key saproxylic beetles - such as violet click beetle *Limoniscus violaceus* – is also essential. At present, it is thought that heartwood decay proceeds most successfully in open-grown trees developing within extensive wood pasture systems where tree health is not being compromised by modern intensive commercial agricultural practices and where the tree is also not being damaged by other factors such as limb removal to aid access or reduce shading of the forage below.

Other rare and threatened species require wood-decay to proceed under more shaded conditions, notably certain false click beetles Eucnemidae. The presence of such species on a site clearly suggests the need for conservation management which promotes a more closed canopy high forest structure - locally at least.

Large herbivores - of the right type and in the right numbers – are needed to create and maintain the structure of wood pastures (Vera, 2000) and hence to conserve the special saproxylic beetle fauna present.

It follows therefore that the IEC values – once based on an adequate level of species recording – can be affected by conservation management practices. It would be difficult to envisage a situation where conservation management could increase the IEC value, other than by extension of the site and linking it up with neighbouring sites which might support species previously absent from the original site. A more likely scenario is declining IEC values following unsympathetic management. A good example is the impact of loss of sufficient grazing in old wood pastures with populations of ancient trees. Secondary woodland begins to develop and eventually engulfs the old trees, shading the trunks and reducing the warm conditions required by many saproxylic beetles, gradually causing extinctions in the short term, but eventually causing enormous losses as open grown trees disappear from the system altogether – the existing trees become out-competed by over-shading younger trees and die prematurely and new ones cannot develop under the new closed canopy conditions. Grazing by large herbivores is the key management issue which needs to be addressed on sites with surviving old growth saproxylic beetle communities.

At a smaller scale, the removal of standing and/or fallen dead and decaying wood reduces the availability of habitat for those species which require it and may push species below viable population levels. The same is true of damage to bracket fungi – generally from ill-informed ideas of tree sanitation – the regular loss of breeding habitat may push the fungus-breeding beetles below viable population levels. The end result is extinctions of IEC species and declining IEC values.

Successful conservation requires the maintenance of the widest range of wood-decay situations at site level, and preferably increased extent of habitat, especially where this results in re-establishing linkages with other areas with surviving old growth species.

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Appendix 1. Full listing of British native saproxylic beetles, with assessment of degree of association with ecological continuity

Family/ Sub- family	Genus	Species	Other names in common usage	GB Status (1992)	BAP status	H&R (1986) grade	Revised continuity grade	Change to H&R (1986)	Possible additions
Carabidae	Bembidion	harpaloides		None	None	0	0	No	
Carabidae	Dromius	quadrimaculatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Carabidae	Dromius	agilis		None	None	0	0	No	
Carabidae	Dromius	angustus		None	None	0	0	No	
Carabidae	Dromius	meridionalis		None	None	0	0	No	
Carabidae	Dromius	spilotus	quadrinotatus	None	None	0	0	No	
Carabidae	Dromius	quadrisignatus	1	RDB1	Priority	0	0	No	?
Histeridae	Plegaderus	dissectus		NSB	None	2	2	No	
Histeridae	Plegaderus	vulneratus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Histeridae	Abraeus	perpusillus	globosus	None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Histeridae	Abraeus	granulum		NSA	None	1	1	No	
Histeridae	Aeletes	atomarius		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Histeridae	Gnathoncus	buyssoni		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Histeridae	Gnathoncus	nannetensis		None	None	0	0	No	
Histeridae	Gnathoncus	nanus		None	None	0	0	No	
Histeridae	Gnathoncus	schmidti		None	None	0	0	No	
Histeridae	Dendrophilus	punctatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Histeridae	Paromalus	flavicornis		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Histeridae	Paromalus	parallelepipedus		RDB1	None	0	0	No	?
Histeridae	Epierus	comptus		RDBK	None	0	0	No	?
Ptiliidae	Nossidium	pilosellum		NS	None	0	0	No	?
Ptiliidae	Ptenidium	formicetorum		None	None	0	0	No	
Ptiliidae	Ptenidium	gressneri		NS	None	2	2	No	
Ptiliidae	Ptenidium	turgidum		RDBK	None	2	2	No	
Ptiliidae	Oligella	intermedia		RDBK	None	0	0	No	?
Ptiliidae	Micridium	halidaii		RDBK	None	1	1	No	
Ptiliidae	Plitium	subvariolosum		None	None	0	0	No	?

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Ptiliidae	Ptinella	aptera		None	None	0	0	No	?
Ptiliidae	Ptinella	cavelli		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Ptiliidae	Ptinella	denticollis		NS	None	0	0	No	?
Ptiliidae	Ptinella	errabunda		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Ptiliidae	Ptinella	limbata		RDBK	None	2	2	No	
Ptiliidae	Ptinella	taylorae		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Ptiliidae	Pteryx	suturalis		None	None	0	0	No	?
Leiodidae	Anisotoma	humeralis		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Anisotoma	orbicularis		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Amphicyllis	globus		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Agathidium	confusum		RDBI	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Agathidium	nigrinum		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Agathidium	nigripenne		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Agathidium	rotundatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Agathidium	seminulum		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Agathidium	varians		None	None	0	0	No	
Leiodidae	Nemadus	colonoides		None	None	0	0	No	
Scydmaenidae	Eutheia	formicetorum		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Scydmaenidae	Eutheia	linearis		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Scydmaenidae	Neuraphes	plicicollis		NS	None	0	0	No	?
Scydmaenidae	Stenichnus	bicolor		None	None	3	3	No	
Scydmaenidae	Stenichnus	godarti		RDB3	None	1	2	No	
Scydmaenidae	Microscydmus	minimus		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Scydmaenidae	Microscydmus	nanus		NS	None	0	2	Yes	
Scydmaenidae	Euconnus	pragensis		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Scydmaenidae	Scydmaenus	rufus		RDB2	None	3	3	No	
Scaphidiinae	Scaphisoma	agaricinum		None	None	0	0	No	
Scaphidiinae	Scaphisoma	assimile		RDBI	None	0	0	No	
Scaphidiinae	Scaphisoma	boleti		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Scaphidiinae	Scaphidium	quadrimaculatum		None	None	0	0	No	
Proteininae	Megarthrus	hemipterus		NSA	None	0	0	No	?

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Omaliinae	Phyllodrepoidea	crenata		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Omaliinae	Acrulia	inflata		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Omaliinae	Phyllodrepa	nigra		RDBI	None	1	1	No	
Omaliinae	Dropephylla	gracilicornis		NS	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Dropephylla	devillei	grandiloqua	None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Omaliinae	Dropephylla	heeri		NS	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Dropephylla	ioptera		None	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Dropephylla	vilis		None	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Hapalaraea	pygmaea		None	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Phloeonomus	punctipennis		None	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Phloeonomus	pusillus		None	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Phloeostiba	lapponica		None	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Phloeostiba	plana		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Omaliinae	Xylostiba	monilicornis		NS	None	0	0	No	
Omaliinae	Xylodromus	testaceus		RDB1	None	0	0	No	Yes
Omaliinae	Coryphium	angusticolle		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Piestinae	Siagonium	quadricorne		None	None	0	0	No	
Phloeocharinae	Phloeocharis	subtillissima		None	None	0	0	No	
Staphylininae	Atrecus	affinis		None	None	0	0	No	
Staphylininae	Nudobius	lentus		None	None	0	0	No	
Staphylininae	Xantholinus	angularis		NSA	None	3	2	Yes	
Staphylininae	Philonthus	subuliformis		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Staphylininae	Gabrius	splendidulus		None	None	0	0	No	
Staphylininae	Velleius	dilatatus		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Staphylininae	Quedius	aetolicus		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Staphylininae	Quedius	assimilis	fulgidus	None	None	0	0	No	?
Staphylininae	Quedius	brevicornis		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Staphylininae	Quedius	maurus		None	None	3	3	No	
Staphylininae	Quedius	microps		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Staphylininae	Quedius	plagiatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Staphylininae	Quedius	scitus		NSB	None	3	2	Yes	

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						grade	grade	(1986)	
Staphylininae	Quedius	truncicola	ventralis	NSB	None	3	3	No	
Staphylininae	Quedius	xanthopus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Trichophyinae	Trichophya	pilicornis		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Tachyporinae	Sepedophilus	bipunctatus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Tachyporinae	Sepedophilus	constans		NS	None	0	0	No	
Tachyporinae	Sepedophilus	littoreus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tachyporinae	Sepedophilus	lusitanicus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tachyporinae	Sepedophilus	testaceus		NS	None	0	0	No	Yes
Tachyporinae	Tachinus	bipustulatus		RDB1	None	0	0	No	?
Tachyporinae	Tachinus	lignorum		NS	None	0	0	No	?
Aleocharinae	Cypha	imitator		RDBK	None	0	0	No	?
Aleocharinae	Cypha	seminulum		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Holobus	apicatus	Oligota	NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	affinis		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	angustata		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	bihamata		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	congrua		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	fasciata		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	gentilis		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	joyi		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	latissima		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	lucidula		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	minima		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	munsteri		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	nana		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	poweri		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	pseudonana		RDBI	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	pulchella		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	rousi		RDBI	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Gyrophaena	strictula		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Placusa	complanata		Unclear	None	0	0	No	

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Aleocharinae	Placusa	depressa		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Placusa	pumilio		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Placusa	tachyporoides		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Homalota	plana		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Anomognathus	cuspidatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Cyphea	curtula		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Silusa	rubiginosa		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Thecturota	marchii		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Leptusa	fumida		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Leptusa	norvegica		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Leptusa	pulchella		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Aleocharinae	Euryusa	optabilis		RDBI	None	2	2	No	
Aleocharinae	Euryusa	sinuata		RDBI	None	2	2	No	
Aleocharinae	Tachyusida	gracilis		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Aleocharinae	Bolitochara	bella		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Bolitochara	lucida		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Bolitochara	mulsanti		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Bolitochara	obliqua		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Bolitochara	pulchra		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Bolitochara	reyi		RDBI	None	0	0	No	?
Aleocharinae	Autalia	impressa		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Autalia	longicornis		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Notothecta	confusa		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Dinaraea	aequata		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Dinaraea	linearis		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Paranopleta	inhabilis		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Dadobia	immersa		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	autumnalis		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	consanguinea		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	hybrida		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	laevicauda		RDBK	None	0	0	No	

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Aleocharinae	Atheta	liturata		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	picipes		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	pilicornis		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	subglabra		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Atheta	taxiceroides		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Thamiaraea	cinnamomea		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Thamiaraea	hospita		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Zyras	cognatus		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Zyras	funestus		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Zyras	haworthi		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Zyras	laticollis		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Zyras	lugens		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Phloeodroma	concolor		RDBI	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Phloeopora	bernhaueri		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Phloeopora	corticalis		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Phloeopora	nitidiventris		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Phloeopora	testacea		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Amarochara	bonnairei		RDBI	None	0	0	No	?
Aleocharinae	Oxypoda	recondita		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Oxypoda	vittata		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Stichoglossa	semirufa		RDBI	None	0	0	No	?
Aleocharinae	Ischnoglossa	obscura		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Aleocharinae	Ischnoglossa	prolixa		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Ischnoglossa	turcica		None	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Dexiogyia	corticina		NS	None	0	0	No	Yes
Aleocharinae	Thiasophila	inquilana		NS	None	0	0	No	
Aleocharinae	Haploglossa	gentilis		None	None	0	0	No	
Pselaphidae	Bibloporus	bicolor		None	None	0	0	No	
Pselaphidae	Bibloporus	minutus		NSB	None	2	2	No	
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	bescidicus		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	bonvouloiri rosae		NSB	None	0	0	No	?

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Pselaphidae	Euplectus	brunneus		RDB1	None	1a	0	Yes	?
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	fauveli		NSB	None	0	0	No	?
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	infirmus		None	None	0	0	No	
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	kirkbyi		NS	None	0	0	No	?
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	nanus		RDBI	None	1	1	No	
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	piceus		None	None	0	0	No	
Pselaphidae	Euplectus	punctatus		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Pselaphidae	Plectophloeus	nitidus		RDB2	None	1	1	No	
Pselaphidae	Trichonyx	sulcicollis		RDB2	None	2	0	Yes	?
Pselaphidae	Batrisodes	adnexus	buqueti	RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Pselaphidae	Batrisodes	delaporti		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Pselaphidae	Batrisodes	venustus		NSA	None	1	1	No	
Scirtidae	Prionocyphon	serricornis		NSB	None	2	3	Yes	
Eucinetidae	Eucinetus	meridionalis		None	None	0	0	No	
Clambidae	Clambus	nigriclavis		None	None	0	0	No	
Clambidae	Clambus	pallidulus		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Clambidae	Clambus	punctulum		None	None	0	0	No	
Lucanidae	Lucanus	cervus		NSB	Priority	0	0	No	
Lucanidae	Dorcus	parallelepipedus		None	None	0	0	No	
Lucanidae	Sinodendron	cylindricum		None	None	3	0	Yes	
Scarabaeidae	Saprosites	mendax		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scarabaeidae	Oxythyrea	funesta		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Scarabaeidae	Trichius	fasciatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scarabaeidae	Trichius	zonatus		Vagrant	None	0	0	No	
Scarabaeidae	Gnorimus	nobilis		RDB2	Priority	0	1	Yes	
Scarabaeidae	Gnorimus	variabilis		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Buprestidae	Melanophila	acuminata		None	None	0	0	No	
Buprestidae	Anthaxia	nitidula		RDB1	None	0	0	No	
Buprestidae	Anthaxia	quadripunctata		Introduction	None	0	0	No	
Buprestidae	Agrilus	angustulus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Buprestidae	Agrilus	laticornis		NSB	None	0	0	No	

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Buprestidae	Agrilus	biguttatus	pannonicus	NSA	None	2b	0	Yes	
Buprestidae	Agrilus	sinuatus		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Buprestidae	Agrilus	sulcicollis		Recently Established	None	0	0	No	
Buprestidae	Agrilus	viridis		NSA	None	0	0	No	Yes
Eucnemidae	Melasis	buprestoides		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Eucnemidae	Hylis	cariniceps		RDB1	None	0	0	No	
Eucnemidae	Hylis	olexai		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Eucnemidae	Epiphanus	cornutus		None	None	0	0	No	
Eucnemidae	Microrhagus	pygmaeus		RDB3	None	3	3	No	
Eucnemidae	Eucnemis	capucina		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Throscidae	Aulonothroscus	brevicollis		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Lacon	querceus		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Calambus	bipustulatus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Elateridae	Denticollis	linearis		None	None	0	0	No	
Elateridae	Limoniscus	violaceus		RDB1	Priority	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Diacanthous	undulatus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Elateridae	Stenagostus	rhombeus	villosus	None	None	3	3	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	balteatus		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Elateridae	Ampedus	cardinalis		RDB2	None	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	cinnabarinus		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	elongantulus		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	nigerrimus		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	nigrinus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	pomorum		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	quercicola	pomonae	NSB	None	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	ruficeps		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	rufipennis		RDB2	Grouped	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Ampedus	sanguinolentus		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Elateridae	Ischnodes	sanguinicollis		NSA	None	2	2	No	
Elateridae	Megapenthes	lugens		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Procraeus	tibialis		RDB3	None	1	1	No	

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Elateridae	Elater	ferrugineus		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Elateridae	Melanotus	villosus		None	None	0	0	No	
Lycidae	Pyropterus	nigroruber		NSA	None	2	3	Yes	
Lycidae	Platycis	cosnardi		RDBI	None	1	1	No	
Lycidae	Platycis	minutus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Cantharidae	Malthinus	balteatus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthinus	punctatus	flaveolus	None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthinus	frontalis		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Cantharidae	Malthinus	seriepunctatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	crassicornis		RDB3	None	2	1	Yes	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	dispar		None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	fibulatus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	flavoguttatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	fuscus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	guttifer		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	lobatus		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	marginatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	maurus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	minimus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	mysticus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cantharidae	Malthodes	pumilus		None	None	0	0	No	?
Dermestidae	Globicornis	rufitarsis	nigripes	RDB1	None	2	1	Yes	
Dermestidae	Megatoma	undata		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Dermestidae	Ctesias	serra		NSB	None	3	0	Yes	
Dermestidae	Trinodes	hirtus		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Bostrichidae	Lyctus	brunneus		None	None	3	3	No	
Bostrichidae	Lyctus	cavicollis		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Bostrichidae	Lyctus	linearis		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Bostrichidae	Lyctus	planicollis		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Bostrichidae	Lyctus	sinensis		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Hedobia	imperialis		NSB	None	0	0	No	

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Anobiidae	Grynobius	planus		None	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Dryophilus	pusillus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Ochina	ptinoides		None	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Xestobium	rufovillosum		None	None	3	3	No	
Anobiidae	Ernobius	abietis		Vagrant?	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Ernobius	angusticollis		Vagrant?	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Ernobius	gigas		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Ernobius	mollis		None	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Ernobius	nigrinus		None	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Ernobius	pini		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Gastrallus	immarginatus		RDB1	Priority	1	1	No	
Anobiidae	Hemicoelus	fulvicornis		None	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Hemicoelus	nitidus		RDBI	None	0	0	No	?
Anobiidae	Anobium	inexpectatum		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Anobium	punctatum		None	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Hadrobregmus	denticollis		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Priobium	carpini		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Ptilinus	pectinicornis		None	None	0	0	No	
Anobiidae	Xyletinus	longitarsus		RDB2	None	3	0	Yes	?
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	ambjoerni		RDBK	None	0	2	Yes	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	chrysomelina		None	None	2	3	Yes	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	dresdensis		NSA	None	2	2	No	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	flavicornis		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Anobiidae	Dorcatoma	serra		NSA	None	2	2	No	
Anobiidae	Anitys	rubens		NSB	None	1	1	No	
Ptininae	Ptinus	fur		None	None	0	0	No	
Ptininae	Ptinus	lichenum		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Ptininae	Ptinus	palliatus		NSA	None	3	0	Yes	
Ptininae	Ptinus	pilosus		Vagrant?	None	0	0	No	
Ptininae	Ptinus	subpilosus		NSB	None	2	2	No	
Lymexylidae	Hylecoetus	dermestoides		NSB	None	3	3	No	

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Lymexylidae	Lymexylon	navalis		RDB2	None	1	2	Yes	
Phloiophilidae	Phloiophilus	edwardsii		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Trogossitidae	Nemozoma	elongatum		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Trogossitidae	Thymalus	limbatus		NSB	None	3	2	Yes	
Cleridae	Tillus	elongatus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Cleridae	Opilo	mollis		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Cleridae	Thanasimus	formicarius		None	None	3	3	No	
Cleridae	Paratillus	carus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cleridae	Korynetes	caeruleus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Melyridae	Aplocnemus	impressus	pini	NSB	None	3	2	Yes	
Melyridae	Aplocnemus	nigricornis		NSA	None	3	2	Yes	
Melyridae	Dasytes	aeratus		None	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Dasytes	niger		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Dasytes	plumbeus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Dasytes	puncticollis		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Hypebaeus	flavipes		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Melyridae	Axinotarsus	marginalis		Recently Established	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Axinotarsus	ruficollis		None	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Sphinginus	lobatus		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Malachius	aeneus		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Malachius	bipustulatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Melyridae	Anthocomus	fasciatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Sphindidae	Sphindus	dubius		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Sphindidae	Aspidiphorus	orbiculatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Soronia	grisea		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Soronia	punctatissima		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Amphotis	marginata		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Cryptarcha	strigata		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Cryptarcha	undata		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Glischrochilus	hortensis		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Glischrochilus	quadriguttatus		None	None	0	0	No	

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Nitidulidae	Glischrochilus	quadripunctatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Pityophagus	ferrugineus		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Carpophilus	sexpustulatus		None	None	3	3	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	aestiva		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	angustula		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	biguttata		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	distincta		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	fuscicollis		NSB	None	0	0	No	?
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	guttata		NSB	None	0	0	No	?
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	limbata		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	longula		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	marseuli	pusilla	None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	melanocephala		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	melina		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	neglecta		RDBI	None	0	0	No	?
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	pallescens	florea	None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	rufomarginata		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	silacea	deleta	None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	thoracica		NS	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	unicolor		None	None	0	0	No	
Nitidulidae	Epuraea	variegata		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	bipustulatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	cribratus		None	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	depressus		None	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	dispar		None	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	ferrugineus		None	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	grandis		Introduction	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	nitidulus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	oblongicollis		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	parallelocollis		None	None	0	0	No	
Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	perforatus		None	None	0	0	No	

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Rhizophagidae	Rhizophagus	picipes		NSA	None	0	0	No	?
Rhizophagidae	Cvanostolus	aeneus		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Silvanidae	Silvanus	bidentatus		NSB	None	2	2	No	
Silvanidae	Silvanus	unidentatus		None	None	3	3	No	
Silvanidae	Silvanoprus	fagi		RDB1	None	0	0	No	?
Silvanidae	Uleiota	planata		NSA	None	1b	2	Yes	
Cucujidae	Pediacus	depressus		NSA	None	2	2	No	
Cucujidae	Pediacus	dermestoides		None	None	3	3	No	
Laemophloeidae	Laemophloeus	monilis		RDB1	None	1a	0	Yes	?
Laemophloeidae	Cryptolestes	confusus		Unclear	None	0	0	No	?
Laemophloeidae	Cryptolestes	duplicatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Laemophloeidae	Cryptolestes	ferrugineus		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Laemophloeidae	Cryptolestes	spartii		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Laemophloeidae	Notolaemus	unifasciatus		NSA	None	2	2	No	
Cryptophagidae	Henoticus	serratus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	acuminatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	angustus		NS	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	confusus		RDBK	None	0	0	No	?
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	dentatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	falcozi		RDBI	None	0	0	No	Yes
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	fallax		RDBI	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	intermedius		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	labilis		NS	None	0	0	No	Yes
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	micaceus		RDBK	None	1	1	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	pallidus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	ruficornis		NS	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Cryptophagus	scanicus		?	None	0	0	No	
Cryptophagidae	Micrambe	bimaculata		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Atomariinae	Caenoscelis	sibirica		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Atomariinae	Atomaria	lohsei		Naturalised	None	1	0	Yes	
Atomariinae	Atomaria	morio		RDBK	None	0	0	No	

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Atomariinae	Atomaria	pulchra		None	None	0	0	No	
Atomariinae	Atomaria	puncticollis		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Atomariinae	Atomaria	umbrina		NS	None	0	0	No	
Erotylidae	Triplax	aenea		None	None	3	0	Yes	?
Erotylidae	Triplax	lacordairii		RDB3	None	3	3	No	
Erotylidae	Triplax	russica		None	None	3	3	No	
Erotylidae	Triplax	scutellaris		RDB3	None	3	3	No	
Erotylidae	Tritoma	bipustulata		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Erotylidae	Dacne	bipustulata		None	None	0	0	No	
Erotylidae	Dacne	rufifrons		None	None	0	0	No	
Biphyllidae	Biphyllus	lunatus		None	None	3	3	No	
Biphyllidae	Diplocoelus	fagi		NSB	None	2	3	Yes	
Cerylonidae	Cervlon	fagi		NSB	None	3	2	Yes	
Cerylonidae	Cerylon	ferrugineum		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Cerylonidae	Cerylon	histeroides		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Endomychidae	Symbiotes	latus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Endomychidae	Endomychus	coccineus		None	None	0	0	No	
Corylophidae	Orthoperus	mundus		None	None	0	0	No	
Corylophidae	Orthoperus	aequalis	nitidulus	None	None	0	0	No	
Corylophidae	Orthoperus	nigrescens		None	None	0	0	No	
Lathridiidae	Stephostethus	alternans		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Lathridiidae	Cartodere	constricta		None	None	0	0	No	
Lathridiidae	Lathridius	consimilis		NS	None	1	1	No	
Lathridiidae	Enicmus	brevicornis		NS	None	2	3	Yes	
Lathridiidae	Enicmus	fungicola		NS	None	0	0	No	
Lathridiidae	Enicmus	rugosus		NS	None	2	2	No	
Lathridiidae	Enicmus	testaceus		None	None	0	0	No	
Lathridiidae	Dienerella	elongata		None	None	0	0	No	
Lathridiidae	Dienerella	separanda		None	None	2	0	Yes	?
Lathridiidae	Corticaria	alleni		NS	None	1	1	No	
Lathridiidae	Corticaria	dubia		None	None	0	0	No	

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Lathridiidae	Corticaria	fagi		RDBI	None	grade	grade	(1986) Yes	?
Lathridiidae	Corticaria	linearis		NS	None	0	0	No	2
Lathridiidae	Corticaria	longicollis		RDBK	None	1	0	Yes	2
Lathridiidae	Melanophthalma	suturalis		None	None	0	0	No	1
Mycetophagidae	Pseudotriphyllus	suturalis		None	None	3	3	No	
Mycetophagidae	Triphyllus	bicolor		None	None	3	2	Yes	
Mycetophagidae	Litargus	connexus		None	None	0	0	No	
	0			None	None	3	3	No	
Mycetophagidae	<i>Mycetophagus</i>	atomarius		None	None	0	0	No	
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	multipunctatus				-	•		
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	piceus		NSB	None	3	2	Yes	
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	populi		NSA	None	0	2	Yes	
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	quadriguttatus		NSA	None	0	2	Yes	
Mycetophagidae	Mycetophagus	quadripustulatus		None	None	0	0	No	Yes
Mycetophagidae	Eulagius	filicornis		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Octotemnus	glabriculus		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Sulcacis	affinis		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Sulcacis	bicornis		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	alni		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	bidentatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	bilamellatus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	boleti		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	coluber		RDB3	None	2	2	No	
Ciidae	Cis	fagi		None	None	0	0	No	?
Ciidae	Cis	festivus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	hispidus		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	lineatocribratus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	micans		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	nitidus		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	punctulatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	pygmaeus		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Cis	setiger		None	None	0	0	No	

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Ciidae	Cis	vestitus		None	None	0	0	No	
Ciidae	Ennearthron	cornutum		None	None	0	0	No	
Tetratomidae	Tetratoma	ancora		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Tetratomidae	Tetratoma	desmaresti		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Tetratomidae	Tetratoma	fungorum		None	None	3	0	Yes	?
Melandryidae	Hallomenus	binotatus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Melandryidae	Orchesia	micans		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Melandryidae	Orchesia	minor		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Melandryidae	Orchesia	undulata			None	3	3	No	
Melandryidae	Anisoxya	fuscula		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Melandryidae	Abdera	biflexuosa		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Melandryidae	Abdera	flexuosa		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Melandryidae	Abdera	quadrifasciata		NSA	None	1	1	No	
Melandryidae	Abdera	triguttata		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Melandryidae	Phloiotrya	vaudoueri		NSB	None	2	2	No	
Melandryidae	Hypulus	quercinus		RDB2	None	2	1	Yes	
Melandryidae	Melandrya	barbata		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Melandryidae	Melandrya	caraboides		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Melandryidae	Conopalpus	testaceus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Melandryidae	Osphya	bipunctata		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Mordellidae	Tomoxia	bucephala		NSA	None	1	3	Yes	
Mordellidae	Mordellochroa	abdominalis		None	None	0	0	No	
Mordellidae	Mordellistena	humeralis		RDBK	None	0	0	No	?
Mordellidae	Mordellistena	neuwaldeggiana		RDBK	None	0	3	Yes	
Rhipiphoridae	Metoecus	paradoxus		None	None	0	0	No	
Colydiidae	Synchita	humeralis		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Colydiidae	Synchita	separanda		RDB3	None	1	3	Yes	
Colydiidae	Cicones	undatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Colydiidae	Cicones	variegata		NSA	None	2	2	No	
Colydiidae	Bitoma	crenata		None	None	3	3	No	
Colydiidae	Endophloeus	markovichianus		RDB1	None	0	0	No	Yes

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Colydiidae	Langelandia	anophthalma		RDB3	None	0	0	No	0
Colydiidae	Colydium	elongatum		RDB3	None	1	0	Yes	?
Colydiidae	Aulonium	trisulcum		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Colydiidae	Pycnomerus	fuliginosus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Colydiidae	Teredus	cylindricus		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Colydiidae	Oxylaemus	variolosus		RDB3	None	2a	2	No	
Tenebrionidae	Eledona	agricola		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Tenebrionidae	Palorus	subdepressus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Diaperus	boleti		RDB2	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Scaphidema	metallicum		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Platydema	violaceum		RDB1	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Alphitophagus	bifasciatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Alphitobius	diaperinus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Alphitobius	laevigatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Corticeus	bicolor		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Corticeus	fraxini		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Corticeus	linearis		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Corticeus	unicolor		RDB3	None	2	2	No	
Tenebrionidae	Tenebrio	molitor		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Helops	caeruleus		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Tenebrionidae	Cvlindrinotus	laevioctostriatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Prionychus	ater		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Tenebrionidae	Prionychus	melanarius		RDB2	None	1	1	No	
Tenebrionidae	Gonodera	luperus		None	None	0	0	No	
Tenebrionidae	Pseudocistela	ceramboides		NSB	None	2	2	No	
Tenebrionidae	Mycetochara	humeralis		NSB	None	3	2	Yes	
Tenebrionidae	Uloma	culinaris		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Oedemeridae	Nacerdes	melanura		None	None	0	0	No	
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	caerulea		RDB3	None	0	1	Yes	
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	cinerascens		RDB2	None	1	3	Yes	
Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	cyanea		NSB	None	3	3	No	

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Oedemeridae	Ischnomera	sanguinicollis		NSB	None	1	1	No	
Pyrochroidae	Pyrochroa	coccinea		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Pyrochroidae	Pyrochroa	serraticornis		None	None	0	0	No	
Pyrochroidae	Schizotus	pectinicornis		NSA	None	0	0	No	Yes
Salpingidae	Lissodema	cursor		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Lissodema	denticolle	quadripustulata	NSB	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Rabocerus	foveolatus		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Rabocerus	gabrieli		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Salpingus	castaneus		None	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Salpingus	ater		None	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Salpingus	reyi		None	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Vincenzellus	ruficollis		None	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Rhinosimus	planirostris		None	None	0	0	No	
Salpingidae	Rhinosimus	ruficollis		None	None	0	0	No	
Aderidae	Aderus	brevicornis		RDB2	None	1a	1	No	
Aderidae	Aderus	oculatus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Aderidae	Aderus	populneus		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Scraptiidae	Scraptia	fuscula		RDB1	None	1	1	No	
Scraptiidae	Scraptia	testacea		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	costai		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	fasciata	humeralis	None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	frontalis		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	garneysi		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	lurida		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	maculata		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	melanostoma		RDBK	None	0	0	No	?
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	pulicaria		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	regimbarti		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	rufilabris		None	None	0	0	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	septentrionalis	schilskyana	RDBI	None	1	1	No	
Scraptiidae	Anaspis	thoracica		NSA	None	0	0	No	Yes

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Cerambycidae	Prionus	coriarius		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Cerambycidae	Arhopalus	rusticus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Arhopalus	tristis	ferus	Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Asemum	striatum	<i>jcius</i>	None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Tetropium	castaneum		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Tetropium	gabrieli		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Rhagium	bifasciatum		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Rhagium	mordax		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Stenocorus	meridianus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Acmaeops	collaris		RDB1	None	0	0	No	?
Cerambycidae	Grammoptera	holomelina		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Grammoptera	ruficornis		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Grammoptera	ustulata		RDB3	None	1	1	No	
Cerambycidae	Grammoptera	variegata		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Cerambycidae	Alosterna	tabacicolor		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Anoplodera	fulva		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Anoplodera	rubra		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Anoplodera	sanguinolenta		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Anoplodera	scutellata		NSA	None	1	1	No	
Cerambycidae	Anoplodera	sexguttata		RDB3	None	0	2	Yes	
Cerambycidae	Judolia	cerambyciformis		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	aurulenta		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	maculata		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	melanura		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	nigra		NSA	None	0	0	No	?
Cerambycidae	Leptura	quadrifasciata		None	None	3	3	No	
Cerambycidae	Leptura	revestita		RDB1	None	2	2	No	
Cerambycidae	Trinophyllum	cribratum		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Gracilia	minuta		RDB2	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Obrium	brunneum		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Nathrius	brevipennis		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	

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Cerambycidae	Molorchus	minor		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Molorchus	umbellatarum		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Aromia	moschata		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Hylotrupes	bajulus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Callidium	violaceum		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Pyrrhidium	sanguineum		RDB2	None	1	1	No	
Cerambycidae	Poecilium	alni		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Cerambycidae	Phymatodes	testaceus		None	None	3	3	No	
Cerambycidae	Clytus	arietis		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Anaglyptus	mysticus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Lamia	textor		RDB1	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Mesosa	nebulosa		RDB3	None	2	2	No	
Cerambycidae	Pogonocherus	fasciculatus		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Pogonocherus	hispidulus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Pogonocherus	hispidus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Leiopus	nebulosus		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Saperda	carcharias		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Saperda	populnea		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Saperda	scalaris		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Cerambycidae	Oberea	oculata		RDB1	Priority	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Stenostola	dubia		NSB	None	0	0	No	Yes
Cerambycidae	Tetrops	praeusta		None	None	0	0	No	
Cerambycidae	Tetrops	starkii		RDBK	None	0	0	No	
Anthribidae	Platyrhinus	resinosus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Anthribidae	Platystomos	albinus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Anthribidae	Tropideres	sepicola		RDB2	None	1	1	No	
Anthribidae	Dissoleucas	niveirostris		RDB2	None	3	3	No	
Anthribidae	Choragus	sheppardi		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Dryophthoridae	Dryophthorus	corticalis		RDB1	Grouped	1	1	No	
Curculionidae	Cossonus	linearis		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Cossonus	parallelepipedus		NSB	None	3	3	No	

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Curculionidae	Rhopalomesites	tardyi		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Curculionidae	Pselactus	spadix		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Pseudophloeophagus	aeneopiceus		None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Stereocorynes	truncorum		NSA	None	1	1	No	
Curculionidae	Euophryum	confine		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Euophryum	rufum		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Pentarthrum	huttoni		None	None	3	0	Yes	
Curculionidae	Phloeophagus	lignarius		None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Cryptorhynchus	lapathi		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Acalles	misellus	turbatus	None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Acalles	ptinoides		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Acalles	roboris		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	armigera		None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	barbicornis		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	carbonaria		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	cerasi		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	duplicata		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	memnonia		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	phlegmatica		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Magdalis	ruficornis		None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Hylobius	abietis		None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Pissodes	castaneus		None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Pissodes	pini		None	None	0	0	No	
Curculionidae	Trachodes	hispidus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Scolytinae	Scolytus	intricatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Scolytus	laevis		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Scolytus	mali		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Scolytus	multistriatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Scolytus	pygmaeus		Unclear	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Scolytus	ratzeburgi		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Scolytus	rugulosus		None	None	0	0	No	

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Scolytinae	Scolvtus	usscolytusohthoruspubescenspalusasperatusporicuscaucasicusporicusfagiporustiliaephloeusbinoduluspurgussubcribrosuspoetesautographuspoorychusdalnicoetinusvillosusporychusbicolorporychusbicolorsexdentatustypographustomicuserosustomicuslaricistomicuslaricistomicussuturalisgeneschalcographusporusbidentatusgenestrepanatusporusdisparporusdisparporusdisparporusdryographusdendronlineatumdendronsignatuminuscrenatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Pityophthorus			None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Cryphalus	asperatus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Ernoporicus			NSA	None	1	2	Yes	
Scolytinae	Ernoporicus	fagi		NSA	None	3	3	No	
Scolytinae	Ernoporus			RDB1	Priority	0	2	Yes	
Scolytinae	Trypophloeus			None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Crypturgus	subcribrosus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Dryocoetes	autographus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Dryocoetinus			NSA	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Dryocoetinus	villosus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Lymantor			RDB1	None	0	0	No	?
Scolytinae	Taphrorychus	~		NSA	None	0	0	No	v
Scolytinae	Ips	sexdentatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Ips	typographus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Orthotomicus			Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Orthotomicus			None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Orthotomicus	suturalis		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Pityogenes	bidentatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Pityogenes	chalcographus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Pityogenes	quadridens		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Pityogenes	trepanatus		NSA	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Xyleborinus	saxeseni		None	None	3	3	No	
Scolytinae	Xyleborus	dispar		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Scolytinae	Xyleborus	dryographus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Scolytinae	Trypodendron	domesticum		None	None	3	3	No	
Scolytinae	Trypodendron	lineatum		None	None	3	0	Yes	
Scolytinae	Trypodendron			NSB	None	3	3	No	
Scolytinae	Hylesinus			None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylesinus	oleiperda		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Kissophagus	hederae		NSB	None	0	0	No	

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Scolytinae	Leperesinus	orni		NSB	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Leperesinus	varius		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Pteleobius	vittatus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylastes	angustatus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylastes	ater		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylastes	attenuatus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylastes	brunneus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylastes	cunicularius		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylastes	opacus		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Hylurgops	palliatus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Phloeosinus	thujae		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Polygraphus	poligraphus		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Tomicus	minor		RDB3	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Tomicus	piniperda		None	None	0	0	No	
Scolytinae	Dendroctonus	micans		Naturalised	None	0	0	No	
Platypodidae	Platypus	cylindrus		NSB	None	3	3	No	
Platypodidae	Platypus	parallelus		RDBI	None	0	0	No	

Histeridae		Microrhagus pygmaeus	3	Phloiophilidae		Corticaria alleni	1	Pyrochroidae	
Plegaderus dissectus	2	Eucnemis capucina	1	Phloiophilis edwardsi	3	Mycetophagidae		Pyrochroa coccinea	3
Abraeus granulum	1	Throscidae		Trogositidae		Pseudotriphyllus suturalis	3	Aderidae	
Aeletes atomarius	1	Aulonothroscus brevicollis	1	Thymalus limbatus	2	Triphyllus bicolor	2	Aderus brevicornis	1
Ptiliidae		Elateridae		Cleridae		Mycetophagus atomarius	3	Aderus oculatus	3
Ptenidium gressneri	2	Lacon querceus	1	Tillus elongatus	3	Mycetophagus piceus	2	Scraptiidae	
Ptenidium turgidum	2	Calambus bipustulatus	3	Opilo mollis	3	Mycetophagus populi	2	Scraptia fuscula	1
Micridium halidaii	1	Limoniscus violaceus	1	Thanasimus formicarius	3	Mycetophagus quadriguttatus	2	Scraptia testacea	1
Ptinella limbata	2	Stenagostus rhombeus	3	Korynetes caeruleus	3	Ciidae		Anaspis septentrionalis	1
Scydmaenidae		Ampedus cardinalis	1	Melyridae		Cis coluber	2	Cerambycidae	
Eutheia formicetorum	1	Ampedus cinnabarinus	1	Aplocnemus impressus	2	Tetratomidae		Prionus coriarius	3
Eutheia linearis	1	Ampedus elongantulus	3	Aplocnemus nigricornis	2	Tetratoma ancora	3	Grammoptera ustulata	1
Stenichnus bicolor	3	Ampedus nigerrimus	1	Hypebaeus flavipes	1	Tetratoma desmaresti	3	Grammoptera variegata	3
Stenichnus godarti	2	Ampedus pomorum	3	Nitidulidae		Melandryidae		Anoplodera scutellata	1
Microscydmus minimus	1	Ampedus quercicola	1	Carpophilus sexpustulatus	3	Hallomenus binotatus	3	Anoplodera sexguttata	2
Microscydmus nanus	2	Ampedus ruficeps	1	Epuraea angustula	3	Orchesia undulata	3	Leptura aurulenta	3
Euconnus pragensis	1	Ampedus rufipennis	1	Rhizophagidae		Anisoxya fuscula	3	Leptura quadrifasciata	3
Scydmaenus rufus	3	Ischnodes sanguinicollis	2	Rhizophagus nitidulus	3	Abdera biflexuosa	3	Leptura revestita	2
Staphylinidae		Megapenthes lugens	1	Rhizophagus oblongicollis	1	Abdera quadrifasciata	1	Pyrrhidium sanguineum	1
Phyllodrepa nigra	1	Procraerus tibialis	1	Silvanidae		Phloiotrya vaudoueri	2	Phymatodes testaceus	3
Xantholinus angularis	2	Elater ferrugineus	1	Silvanus bidentatus	2	Hypulus quercinus	1	Mesosa nebulosa	2
Velleius dilatatus	1	Lycidae		Silvanus unidentatus	3	Melandrya barbata	1	Saperda scalaris	3
Quedius aetolicus	3	Pyropterus nigroruber	3	Uleiota planata	2	Melandrya caraboides	3	Anthribidae	
Quedius maurus	3	Platycis cosnardi	1	Cucujidae		Conopalpus testaceus	3	Platyrhinus resinosus	3
Quedius microps	3	Platycis minutus	3	Pediacus depressus	2	Mordellidae		Platystomos albinus	3
Quedius scitus	2	Cantharidae		Pediacus dermestoides	3	Tomoxia bucephala	3	Tropideres sepicola	1
Quedius truncicola	3	Malthodes crassicornis	1	Laemophloidae		Mordellistena neuwaldeggiana	3	Dissoleucas niveirostris	3
Quedius xanthopus	3	Dermestidae		Notolaemus unifasciatus	2	Colydiidae		Rhynchophoridae	
Euryusa optabilis	2	Globicornis rufitarsis	1	Cryptophagidae		Synchita humeralis	3	Dryophthorus corticalis	1
Euryusa sinuata	2	Trinodes hirtus	1	Cryptophagus micaceus	1	Synchita separanda	3	Curculionidae	
Tachyusida gracilis	1	Bostrichidae		Erotylidae		Cicones variegata	2	Cossonus parallelepipedus	3
Bibloporus minutus	2	Lyctus brunneus	3	Triplax lacordairii	3	Bitoma crenata	3	Rhopalomesites tardyi	3
Euplectus nanus	1	Anobiidae		Triplax russica	3	Teredus cylindrus	1	Stereocorynes truncorum	1

Appendix 2. Checklist of saproxylic Coleoptera used in the calculation of the IEC

Euplectus punctatus	1	Xestobium rufovillosum	3	Triplax scutellaris	3	Oxylaemus variolosus	2	Trachodes hispidus	3
Plectophloeus nitidus	1	Gastrallus immarginatus	1	Tritoma bipustulata	3	Tenebrionidae		Scolytinae	
Batrisodes adnexus	1	Dorcatoma ambjoerni	2	Biphyllidae		Eledona agricola	3	Ernoporicus caucasicus	2
Batrisodes delaporti	1	Dorcatoma chrysomelina	3	Biphyllus lunatus	3	Corticeus unicolor	2	Ernoporicus fagi	3
Batrisodes venustus	1	Dorcatoma dresdensis	2	Diplocoelus fagi	3	Prionychus ater	3	Ernoporus tiliae	2
Scirtidae		Dorcatoma flavicornis	3	Cerylonidae		Prionychus melanarius	1	Xyloborinus saxeseni	3
Prionocyphon serricornis	3	Dorcatoma serra	2	Cerylon fagi	2	Pseudocistela ceramboides	2	Xyloborus dispar	3
Scarabaeidae		Anitys rubens	1	Endomychidae		Mycetochara humeralis	2	Xyloborus dryographus	3
Gnorimus nobilis	1	Ptinus subpilosus	2	Symbiotes latus	3	Oedemeridae		Trypodendron domesticum	3
Gnorimus variabilis	1	Lymexylidae		Lathridiidae		Ischnomera caerulea	1	Trypodendron signatum	3
Eucnemidae		Hylecoetus dermestoides	3	Lathridius consimilis	1	Ischnomera cinerascens	3	Platypodidae	
Melasis buprestoides	3	Lymexylon navale	2	Enicmus brevicornis	3	Ischnomera cyanea	3	Platypus cylindrus	3
				Enicmus rugosus	2	Ischnomera sanguinicollis	1		



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