

**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Surrey county  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

Ref. No. 3

**Organisations involved**

Surrey WT	Coordinating
Surrey County Council	Coordinating
English Nature	Funding
RSPB	Source of information
FWAG	Source of information
Env. Age. CLA, WWF-UK and Herpetological Conservation Trust	

**Role**

**Purpose** Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience** Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale** First draft Audit planned end 1997

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Greater London  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

Ref. No. 4

**Organisations involved**

London Wildlife Trust	Coordinating
London Ecology Unit	Coordinating
EN/EA	Coordinating
BTCV/RSPB	Coordinating
WWT / Nat.His. Soc.	Source of information
The above make up the steering group together with another six	

**Role**

**Purpose** Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience** General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers  
 Members/volunteers

**Timescale** Unknown

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Hampshire county  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

Ref. No. 5

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Hampshire Wildlife Trust	Coordinating
Hampshire County Council	Coordinating
Local Authorities	Funding
English Nature / Env Age	Source of information
RSPB	Source of information
CLA, NFU, CPRE, FA, FE	

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**

General public  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Audit planned summer 1998

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**Plan name** Kent Biodiversity Action Plan  
**Area** Kent county  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

Ref. No. 6

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Kent Wildlife Trust	Coordinating
Kent County Council	Coordinating
English Nature	Coordinating
Local Authorities	Endorsing
RSPB/EA/FA/CLA/NFU	Endorsing

**Purpose**

Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**

General public  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

Final draft Published November 1997

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Unknown **Ref. No.** -  
**Area** East & West Sussex  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Sussex Wildlife Trust	Coordinating
English Nature	Endorsing
Countryside Commission	Endorsing
County Councils	Endorsing
Local Naturalists	Endorsing
District Councils, FA, MAFF, CLA, NFU, MPs, MEPs	

**Purpose** Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work

**Audience** General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale** Final draft 'Vision' published in March 1996

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**Plan name** 50 Year Vision for the Wildlife & Natural Habitats **Ref. No.** 11  
**Area** Hertfordshire  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Herts & Middlesex WT	Coordinating
Local Authorities	Funding
English Nature	Funding
Env Age	Funding
Herts Countryside Forum and Herts Environment Forum are	

**Purpose** Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience** General public  
 Local Councillor/decision makers  
 Members/volunteers

**Timescale** Consultation Produced June 1997

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**Plan name** Berkshire Biodiversity Challenge  
**Area** Berkshire county  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

Ref. No. 12

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

BBONT	Coordinating
RSPB	Coordinating
Voluntary Wildlife Groups	Endorsing
	Endorsing

Circulated to all relevant organisations to stimulate debate on a

**Purpose** Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience** General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers  
 Members/volunteers

**Timescale** Final draft Published January 1996

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**Plan name** The Biodiversity of SE England: Audit & Assessment  
**Area** SE England (Area covered by 7 WTs in region)  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

Ref. No. 13

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

WTs in SE region	Funding
	Source of information
	Endorsing
Hant & loW WT	Coordinating
RSPB	Endorsing
Probably Biodiversity Challenge partners	

**Purpose** Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience** Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale** First draft Planned for summer/autumn 1997

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Buckinghamshire county  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

BBONT	Coordinating
RSPB	Coordinating
Local Authorities	Endorsing
EN	Endorsing
National Trust	Endorsing
Biodiversity sub-group of Nature Conservation Forum set up	

**Purpose** Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience** General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers  
 Members/volunteers

**Timescale** Final draft Challenge document published Jan 1996

**Contact** Iain Corbyn / Christine Bailey  
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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Oxfordshire county  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

BBONT	Coordinating
RSPB	Coordinating
Local Authorities	Endorsing
NFU, CLA	Endorsing
EN, EA	
Biodiversity sub-group of Nat. Cons. Forum set up.	

**Purpose** Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience** General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers  
 Members/volunteers

**Timescale** Final draft Challenge document published Jan 1996

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Guernsey  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

**Organisations involved****Role**

Env Policy Working Group	Coordinating Source of information Funding
La Societe Gueresiase	Coordinating Coordinating

Consultation with relevant State committees will take place.

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

**Timescale** Unknown  
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**Plan name** Canterbury City Council Nat. Cons. Strategy  
**Area** Canterbury  
**Region** SOUTH EAST

Ref. No. 72

**Organisations involved****Role**

Canterbury City Council	Coordinating
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**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale** Final draft Completed December 1996

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Gloucestershire county  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

EN	Coordinating
County Council	Coordinating
Gloucestershire WT	Coordinating
RSPB	Coordinating
Corswold District Council	Coordinating

A Task Group of the above organisations has been established.

**Purpose**

Unknown

**Audience**

General public  
 Local Councillor/decision makers  
 Members/volunteers

**Timescale**

First draft Planned for the end of 1997

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Mendip Biodiversity Action Plan  
**Area** Mendip district  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Mendip DC	Funding
Somerset WT/SERC	Coordinating
EN	Funding

None during plan writing. General public & land owners for

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

Final draft Published 1995

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Mid-Somerset Hills Natural Area BAP  
**Area** Mid-Somerset Hills Natural Area  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

	Role
Somerset WT/SERC	Coordinating
EN	Funding
South Somerset DC	Funding
None	

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Published November 1996

**Contact**

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**Plan name** SW Regional Biodiversity Initiative  
**Area** South West Region  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

	Role
RSPB	Coordinating
7 Wildlife Trusts	Coordinating
SW Reg Planning Confer	Coordinating
EN	Coordinating
EnvAge	Coordinating
The above organisations form the steering group with RSPB	

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

Final draft Phase 2 Action Plans published June 1997

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Cornwall Biodiversity Initiative  
**Area** Cornwall county  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Cornwall CC	Coordinating
Cornwall WT	Coordinating
EN/MAFF/EnvAge/LAs	Endorsing
North Cornwall D.C.	Coordinating
ECC Quarries	Endorsing

A small steering group has been established with a larger forum

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**

General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Vol 1 Audit published June 1997

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Devon county  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Devon CC	Coordinating
Devon WT	Coordinating
RSPB	Coordinating
EN / EnvAge	Coordinating
National Park Authorities	Coordinating

The above form the steering group with the County Council acting

**Purpose**

Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Planned for Autumn 1997

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Dorset county  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

Ref. No. 42

**Organisations involved****Role**

Dorset County Council	Coordinating
Dorset WT	Coordinating
EN/RSPB/EnvAge	Coordinating
CLA, FA	Coordinating
Steering group made up of the above organisations. Dorset	

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**

General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Planned for 1997/98

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** North Somerset district  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

Ref. No. 43

**Organisations involved****Role**

N Somerset District Council	Coordinating
EN	Source of information
The Wildlife Trust	Source of information
A nature conservation officers working group has been formed	

**Purpose**

Unknown

**Audience****Timescale**

Unknown

**Contact**

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 North Somerset District Council  
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**Plan name** Wiltshire Biodiversity Action Plan  
**Area** Wiltshire county  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Wiltshire WT	Coordinating
LAs	Source of information
EN	Source of information
MAFF	Source of information
Forum established comprising the above and: RSPB, FWAG,	

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Planned for Spring 1998

**Contact**

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**Plan name**

Unknown

**Area**

Swindon Unitary Authority boundary

**Region**

SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Swindon Unitary Authority	Coordinating
Wiltshire WT	Source of information
Unknown	

**Purpose**

Unknown

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations

**Timescale**

**Contact**

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**Plan name** BAP for East Devon's Heathlands  
**Area** East Devon District  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

Ref. No. 64

	<b>Organisations involved</b>	<b>Role</b>
	Devon Wildlife Trust	Coordinating
	East Devon DC	Funding
	RSPB	Source of information
	East Devon Heathland Forum has been formed and has met once.	
<b>Purpose</b>	Outline long term (50 yrs) vision for area Set targets for existing work Identify priorities Coordinate partners	
<b>Audience</b>	Conservation staff in partner/related organisations Local Councillor/decision makers Members/volunteers	
<b>Timescale</b>	First draft	Produced spring 1996
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**Plan name** Exmoor local BAP  
**Area** Exmoor National Park  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

Ref. No. 65

	<b>Organisations involved</b>	<b>Role</b>
	English Nature	Coordinating
	Exmoor NP Authority	Coordinating
	Unknown	
<b>Purpose</b>	Unknown	
<b>Audience</b>		
<b>Timescale</b>	Unknown	
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**Plan name** Dartmoor Natural Area Profile  
**Area** Dartmoor National Park  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Ref. No.** 66

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

English Nature	Coordinating
Dartmoor NP Authority	Coordinating
WT, RSPB, LAs etc	

**Purpose**

Identify priorities

**Audience**

General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Phase I profile produced July 1996

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Cotswold Water Park BAP  
**Area** Cotswold Water Park  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Ref. No.** 69

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

RSPB	Coordinating
EN	Coordinating
EnvAge	Coordinating
Worcestershire WT	Endorsing
Local residents have been given a questionnaire to put forward	

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

General public  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations

**Timescale**

Consultation December 1996

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Greater Purbeck Biodiversity Initiative **Ref. No.** 74  
**Area** Purbeck district  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved****Role**

RSPB Coordinating  
 Steering group coordinated by RSPB

**Purpose**

Unknown

**Audience**

**Timescale** First draft September 1997

**Contact** Mark Robins  
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**Plan name** South Somerset BAP **Ref. No.** 76  
**Area** South Somerset District  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved****Role**

South Somerset Council Coordinating  
 English Nature Funding  
 SERC / Somerset WT Coordinating

**Purpose**

Unknown

**Audience**

**Timescale** Unknown

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 Somerset Environmental Records Centre  
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**Plan name** Sedgemoor District BAP **Ref. No.** 77  
**Area** Sedgemoor District  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved****Role**

Sedgemoor District Council Coordinating  
 SERC / Somerset WT Coordinating  
 Unknown

**Purpose**

Unknown

**Audience**

**Timescale** Unknown

**Contact** David Westbrook  
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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Stroud District  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Stroud Valleys Project Funding  
 Unknown

**Purpose** Unknown

**Audience**

**Timescale**

**Contact** Caroline Aistrop  
 Strous Valleys Project  
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**Plan name** Torbay Local Biodiversity Action Plan  
**Area** Torbay Borough Council  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Torbay Borough Council Coordinating  
 The council is coordinating the plan by drawing together a

**Purpose** Unknown

**Audience**

**Timescale** First draft Planned for 1999

**Contact** Dominic Acland  
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**Plan name** Taunton Deane Biodiversity Action Plan  
**Area** Taunton Deane District  
**Region** SOUTH WEST

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Taunton Deane BC Funding  
 SERC Coordinating  
 Somerset WT  
 A wide range of consultees have been involved in putting the draft

**Purpose** Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale** First draft Completed May 1997

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**Plan name** Unknown  
**Area** Northern Ireland  
**Region** ULSTER

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

RSPB  
 Ulster Wildlife Trust  
 WWF / Plantlife  
 Friends of the Earth  
 Butterfly Conservation  
 Specialist groups consulted for data.

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale**

First draft Challenge document published Aug 1996

**Contact**

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**Plan name** Wales Biodiversity Audit  
**Area** Waies  
**Region** WALES

**Organisations involved**

Weish Wildlife Trusts	Coordinating
RSPB	Coordinating
WWF, Plantlife	Source of information
Butterfly Conservation	Source of information
Nat. Museum of Wales	Source of information
CCW, FA, National Trust, EnvAge, national special interest	

**Role**

**Purpose**  
 Identify priorities  
 Coordinate partners

**Audience**  
 Conservation staff in partner/related organisations  
 Local Councillor/decision makers

**Timescale** First draft Planned for end 1997

**Contact** John Clarkson  
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**Plan name** Snowdonia Biodiversity Action Plan  
**Area** Snowdonia National Park  
**Region** WALES

**Organisations involved**

National Park Authority	Coordinating
Partnership involves 24 bodies with Park Authority as the lead	

**Role**

**Purpose**  
 Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

**Timescale** First draft March 1998

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**Plan name** Unknown **Ref. No.** 92  
**Area** Bridgend Unitary Authority  
**Region** WALES

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Bridgend Unitary Authority Coordinating  
 Glamorgan WT  
 Unknown

**Purpose**

**Audience**

**Timescale** Unknown

**Contact** Steve Moon  
 Bridgend Unitary Authority  
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**Plan name** Unknown **Ref. No.** 93  
**Area** Flintshire  
**Region** WALES

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

Flintshire Authority Coordinating  
 North Wales WT

**Purpose**

**Audience**

**Timescale** Unknown

**Contact** Greg Carson  
 Flintshire County Council  
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**Plan name** Unknown **Ref. No.** 96  
**Area** Conway County Borough  
**Region** WALES

**Organisations involved**

**Role**

North Wales WT Coordinating  
 Conway CBC Funding  
 CCW Funding  
 EA Funding  
 Unknown

**Purpose**

Set targets for existing work  
 Identify priorities

**Audience**

**Timescale** Unknown **Audit produced summer 1997**

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## **APPENDIX 6**

### **GLOSSARY OF USEFUL TERMS**

#### ***Agenda 21***

A global action plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, part of the Convention on Biological Diversity which arose from the Rio Earth Summit (the UN Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992). Agenda 21 aims to bring about more sustainable development in the next century, and calls specifically for the private sector's active involvement in biodiversity matters. It emphasises that over and above the business case, and self-interest, companies have a responsibility to be part of the broader efforts to conserve biodiversity.

#### ***Agri-Environment Schemes***

A series of government funded initiatives to enable farmers to pursue more conservation orientated land management. The schemes of greatest relevance to nature conservation in England include Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Countryside Stewardship.

#### ***Alien species***

A plant or animal species introduced to this country by non-natural means.

#### ***Ancient woodland***

Sites believed to have been continuously wooded since at least 1600AD.

#### ***Ancient semi-natural woodland***

Ancient woodland which still consists of mainly native species, but which may have been subject to various types of management, such as coppicing. In many cases the woodland is likely to have descended from the original 'wildwood' which originally covered most of England.

#### ***AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)***

A statutory designation to conserve the natural scenic beauty of an area. Identified by the Countryside Commission and administered by local authorities.

#### ***Assemblage***

A group of species characteristically found in the same location due to the similarity of their habitat requirements.

#### ***Atlantic***

Botanical term for species with a western distribution in the British Isles, where the climate is at its wettest and mildest.

#### ***Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats***

Imposes obligations to conserve plants and animals with emphasis on endangered and vulnerable species and their habitats. The provisions of this Convention underlie the EC Habitats Directive.

### ***Biodiversity***

Describes the 'variety of life' including diversity between and within habitats and ecosystems, of species and at a genetic level within individual species. It encompasses the whole range of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects and other invertebrates, plants, fungi and micro-organisms.

### ***Biodiversity conservation***

Similar to the idea of 'nature conservation' but places emphasis on threatened habitats and species. There is also a strong and implicit message that cultural / social and economic values are important in conservation planning.

### ***Biodiversity: The UK Action Plan***

Drawn up in response to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) signed at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, this document (HMSO 1994) identified the means by which the United Kingdom should contribute to the global conservation of biodiversity over the next 20 years, in particular establishing the Biodiversity Steering Group to compile action plans for habitats and species.

### ***Biodiversity: The UK Steering Group Report***

This report (HMSO 1995) prioritised 'key' habitats and species for which action plans are to be produced. Each habitat or species action plan is national in scale and incorporates an assessment of current status, actions to be taken, quantifiable national targets and estimated costings. Species action plans are to be reviewed every 5 years, while those for key habitats run through to 2010.

### ***Biogeographic***

Pertaining to the geographical distribution of living organisms, past and present, their habitats and their ecological interrelationships.

### ***Birds Directive***

EC directive (79/409/EEC) relating to the conservation of all species of native wild birds in the EU. It provides for measures to protect, manage and control birds and habitats. The directive also institutes *Special Protection Areas*.

### ***Common Agricultural Policy***

The agreement between members of the EC to support farmers by paying subsidies to fix prices of farm produce.

### ***Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)***

An agreement signed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 by more than 160 governments, including the UK. Signatories accepted responsibility for conserving biodiversity. The CBD calls for more active engagement in biodiversity from business. Biodiversity: the UK Action Plan is the UK Government's response to the CBD.

### ***Countryside Stewardship Scheme***

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme is operated by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food (MAFF) to conserve and enhance some key English landscapes, features and habitats, and where appropriate, improvements in access to them. The scheme offers 10 year agreements with annual management payments and a wide range of accompanying capital grants.

### ***Demand Management***

Increasing demand for resources can be met either by expanding supply or by managing demand. Demand Management is the institution of measures that seek to ensure the right balance of demand and supply-side options is achieved, usually with the aim of increasing both environmental and economic benefits in a sustainable manner. Demand management may be achieved through a mix of policy measures such as legislation, pricing, incentives and information dissemination.

### ***Ecosystem***

An interacting community of independent organisms and the environment they inhabit.

### ***Endemic species***

A species of animal or plant confined to a particular region and having, so far as is known, originated there.

### ***Environmental Appraisal - see Strategic Environmental Assessment***

### ***Environmental Assessment***

Environmental Assessment is the term chosen by the UK authorities to describe the process by which the environmental effects of development proposals are systematically assessed and taken into consideration before the determination of an application for development consent.

### ***Environmental Capacity***

The capacity of the environment to absorb change, of whatever kind, without passing a threshold level of damage or loss of quality / function deemed unacceptable.

### ***Environmental Capital***

A metaphor for the environment as consisting of assets which can provide a stream of benefits or services. Often broken into 'critical', 'constant' and 'tradeable', it is now increasingly seen as linked to environmental function or attribute and the benefits provided.

### ***Environmental Management Systems (EMS)***

Environmental management systems are designed to help companies reduce risk and plan to maximise environmental opportunities. An EMS approach is integral to companies maximising their biodiversity contribution, eg through risk management, objective setting, feedback / learning systems and ultimately improved performance. The main standards used are ISO14000 and EMAS.

### ***Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)***

The MAFF ESA scheme was introduced in 1987 to help safeguard areas of the countryside where landscape, wildlife or historic interest is of national importance. It operates through a system of incentives to landowners who are willing to adopt agricultural practices which help protect and enhance the environment.

### ***Estuary Management Plans (EMPs)***

EMPs are voluntary plans which aim to provide an integrated approach for the sustainable management of estuaries. They are often prepared by a number of organisations working in partnership and in full consultation with all relevant users.

### ***Favourable conservation status***

Refers to a species or habitat which meets a series of defined criteria designed to ensure the optimal conservation of the species or habitat into the foreseeable future.

### ***Habitat***

A place in which a particular plant or animal lives. Often used in a wider sense, referring to major assemblages of plants and animals living together.

### ***Habitat Action Plan***

One of the UK national action plans which identify targets for maintaining and enhancing the 38 key habitats identified in the UKBAP.

### ***Habitats Directive***

EC directive (92/43/EEC) which aims to ensure biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species in the EU. It provides for the setting up of ***Special Areas of Conservation*** and other conservation measures such as research and monitoring.

### ***Habitat Scheme (MAFF)***

Incentive to farmers to take land out of production for 10 or 20 years and manage in environmentally beneficial ways.

### ***Heritage Coast***

Heritage Coasts are defined in development plans by Local Authorities in consultation with the Countryside Commission. Heritage coast policies now include the conservation of natural marine and coastal habitats, flora and fauna.

### ***Integrity***

The coherence of a site's ecological structure and function across its whole area that enables it to sustain the habitat, complex of habitats and/or the levels of populations of the species for which it was designated.

### ***Internationally important numbers (of birds)***

1% or greater of either the world or European population of a species.

### ***Invertebrate Site Register***

A database of invertebrate species of conservation importance and an evaluation of sites. *Notable 'A'* - known from 30 or fewer 10km squares. *Notable 'B'* - known from 100 or fewer 10km squares.

### ***Key feature***

A characteristic habitat or species particularly associated with and/or widespread within a Natural Area.

### ***LEAP - Local Environment Agency Plan***

LEAPs are being produced by the Environment Agency for all river catchments in England and Wales by the end of 1998. These will replace the National Rivers Authority's Catchment Management Plans and will seek to integrate the EA's wide range of responsibilities into one management plan.

### ***LNR - Local Nature Reserve***

Local Authorities may establish Local Nature Reserves in consultation with English Nature under Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. They are sometimes managed by local wildlife trusts.

### ***Local Agenda 21***

Local Agenda 21 plans are developed by local authorities in conjunction with other local bodies to deliver sustainable development at a local level. They are one strand of the wider 'Agenda 21' which was a key part of the Rio Convention signed up to by the UK Government in 1992.

### ***Local Biodiversity Action Plans***

Developed for local or regional areas, usually led by local authorities. These local plans are contributions to delivering the wider UK commitment on the Biodiversity Convention. Ideally, they deliver a share of the wider UK targets.

### ***Long List (UK Steering Group Report)***

The initial list of 1250 species of conservation concern, drawn up by the Steering Group (HMSO 1995), from which species requiring individual Action Plans were selected. Criteria for inclusion on this list included assessments of rarity (in international and national terms), rates of decline and presence on legislative schedules (eg Wildlife and Countryside Act, Habitats Directive).

### ***Middle List (UK Steering Group Report)***

All the species on the Long List (see above) which are globally threatened or rapidly declining in the UK (i.e. by over 50% in the last 25 years) comprise this list of approximately 400 species which require Action Plans (HMSO 1995).

### ***National Biodiversity Network (NBN)***

The NBN is a project to collate and share information about biodiversity and wildlife held in many separate sources. It aims to make records accessible and spread knowledge, allowing decisions to be based on accurate, up-to-date information. The NBN forms one of the strands which aim to achieve the UK BAP objectives, laid out in the UK Biodiversity Steering Group Report.

### ***NNR - National Nature Reserve***

A reserve declared under section 19 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, or section 35 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and managed by English nature or by a body approved by English Nature. All NNRs are also SSSIs.

### ***NVC - National Vegetation Classification***

A system providing a detailed phytosociological classification of Britain's vegetation according to the presence / abundance of characteristic plants. They are described in 5 volumes entitled British Plant Communities, published by Cambridge University Press (Rodwell 1991 *et seq.*).

### ***Nationally important numbers (of birds)***

1% of the UK population of a species.

### ***Nationally rare species***

A terrestrial species of plant or animal which occurs in 15 or fewer 10km squares in Great Britain, or a marine species which occurs in eight or fewer 10km squares within the three mile territorial limit of seas for Great Britain.

### ***Nationally scarce species***

A terrestrial species of plant or animal which occurs in between 16 and 100 10km squares in Great Britain, or a marine species which occurs in between 9 and 55 of the 10km squares within the three mile limit of territorial seas for Great Britain.

### ***Natura 2000 sites***

The Natura 2000 network of protected sites will consist of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

### ***Natural Area***

Natural areas are biogeographic zones which reflect the geological foundation, the natural systems and processes and the wildlife in different parts of England. They are used by English Nature to set objectives for nature conservation, and are increasingly being linked to Local Biodiversity Action Plans.

### ***Natural resource accounts***

Attempt to monitor the stock of environmental resources over time, drawing their name from analogies with national accounting of economic and financial measures. As well as presenting

indicators of environmental stocks, these accounts generally attempt to present indicators of changes in stock levels, known as 'flows'.

### ***Nature Conservation***

The maintenance and enhancement of the Earth's natural heritage. This includes its wildlife (habitats and species) and its landforms and geological heritage. Modern nature conservation is concerned more with active management rather than preservation, encapsulating sustainability.

### ***Nature Conservation Review Site***

One of more than 700 sites listed in *A Nature Conservation Review* (Ed. D.A. Ratcliffe, Cambridge University Press, 1977), and considered at the time to be of national or international importance.

### ***Precautionary Principle***

The principle whereby some form of risk assessment is used when potentially environmentally damaging outcomes of an action are identified, but where uncertainty exists and there is insufficient proof either way.

### ***Prime Biodiversity Area***

Area identified as having a high concentration of high priority habitats and biodiversity.

### ***Ramsar Site***

An area that has been designated a 'Wetland of International Importance' as defined by the 'Ramsar Convention' of 1971, designated to promote wetlands and to foster their wise use. Ramsar is the town in Iran where this convention was adopted. The UK Government signed the convention in 1973.

### ***Red Data Book (RDB)***

Catalogues published by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) or by the national authority listing species which are rare or in danger of becoming extinct either nationally or globally. RDB listings categorise species on rarity grounds, with the categorisations based on geographic range and population size (where known).

### ***Reserves Enhancement Scheme***

Grant scheme operated by English Nature to encourage positive management of SSSIs managed by the Wildlife Trusts.

### ***Semi-natural vegetation***

Vegetation which has been modified by humans but is still of significant nature conservation interest because it is composed of native plant species, is similar in structure to natural types and it supports native animal communities.

### ***Short List (UK Steering Group)***

A list of species selected by the Steering Group (HMSO 1995) for early action. Action Plans for these species were completed by 1995, in advance of those on the middle list. The list was based on species which are highly threatened on an international scale, covered by Directives, Conventions or legislation, endemic or those species which have undergone substantial decline (in numbers or range) in recent years.

### ***Shoreline Management Plan***

Prepared by Coastal Defence authorities (in consultation with other interested parties), SMPs assess a range of strategic coastal defence options and agree preferred options for stretches of the coastline based on sediment cell or subcell boundaries.

### ***Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)***

SSSIs form a nationally important series which contribute to the conservation of our natural heritage of wildlife habitats, geological features and landforms. SSSIs are areas of land that have been notified as being of special interest under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

### ***Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)***

SACs are sites designated under the Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora). Together with SPAs they will form the Natura 2000 network of sites. All sites are SSSIs.

### ***Special Ecosystem Classification***

A water quality classification for river SSSIs.

### ***Special Protection Area (SPA)***

SPAs are sites designated under the Birds Directive (Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds). Together with SACs they will form the Natura 2000 network of sites. All sites are SSSIs.

### ***Species***

A group of individuals that interbreed with each other but not with other groups.

### ***Species Action Plan (SAP)***

One of the action plans which identifies UK national targets for the maintenance and enhancement of each of the 406 species most at risk. Some of these are integrated with related HAPs (eg reedbeds and bittern).

### ***Species Recovery Programme***

Scheme initiated by English Nature in 1991 to promote and fund autecological studies, translocations and habitat management work to enhance population of endangered species in England.

### ***State of the Environment Reports (Sustainability Reporting)***

State of the Environment Reports are national, regional or local reports on every aspect of the environment in an area. Often produced by local authorities, they are very resource intensive and difficult to keep up-to-date. Increasingly, SoERs are focusing more on aspects of the environment of greatest concern for sustainability in their area.

### ***Strategic Environmental Assessment***

Also known as Environmental Appraisal, this is an appraisal of the effects on the environment of policies or programmes of activity. It means considering the effects on air, water, land, wildlife, the countryside and the built environment as well as on people. SEA is not limited to regulatory based policies and programmes and can be adopted by business as well as legislators (DETR 1998).

### ***Succession***

The process by which a series of plants colonise a substrate over time, such as a change from open water, through swamp and scrub to woodland.

### ***Sustainable Development***

Defined by the Brundtland Report (1989) as development that meets the needs of present generations without compromising its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations. The more general term 'sustainability' extends this philosophy to cover lifestyles and ways of operating as well as development *per se*.

### ***Sustainability Indicators***

Prepared by national and local government and other bodies, these aim to provide a clear picture of whether society is becoming more or less sustainable, increase awareness and provide greater understanding of trends and impacts.

### ***Water Level Management Plan***

A study and strategy to maintain appropriate water-tables in wetland sites to be prepared by the 'Operating Authority', usually the Environment Agency or a Local Authority.

### ***Woodland Grant Scheme***

Planting, restocking and management grants to encourage the creation of new woodlands, available throughout England. A Woodland Improvement Grant is available throughout England for special projects; providing public recreation in woodlands, under managed woods, and woodland biodiversity. The scheme is run by the Forestry Authority.