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Introduction

This report contains notes from the wood-pasture and parkland habitat action plan (HAP) advisory group meeting held at Glenbruach Country House, Loch Achray in July 2003.

What was done

Presentations were given on a variety of topics summarised below. Additional projects and information that has come to the authors notice after the meeting have been included in the report for interest and completeness.

Results and conclusions

1. BARS update - The key messages from the BAP reporting round in Dec 2002 were presented, both overall and those specific to wood-pasture.
2. Update from Scotland- new rural stewardship options for wood-pasture, Dalkeith Oak woods saproxylic survey and Carls-Adam Haeggstrom's visit.
3. Update from Wales - inventory work.
4. Wood Pasture restoration projects - HLF and Leader+ project in Scotland.
5. The wood-pasture & parkland habitat action plan: Defining the way ahead? - a paper exploring the definition of wood-pasture and what next.
6. Definitions of Restoration and Expansion for Wood-pasture and Parkland a paper exploring the definition of restoration and expansion in the context of wood-pasture and parkland.
7. Report from English Heritage covering various projects and initiatives, particularly the parks and gardens register.

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8. Championing the Historic Environment Together- text of a presentation given by English Heritage and English Nature at the Association of Gardens' trusts' conference in November 2003.
9. Fresh woods and pastures new - summary of a project set up by English Nature to review Frans Vera's book and its applicability to England. The project will also look at the issues around using large herbivores to create and maintain wildlife-rich mixed landscapes of woodland, scrub and open grass or heath.
10. Provisional guidance on setting creating condition assessment tables for wood-pasture and parkland.

The wood-pasture and parkland information system add-in for Recorder

English Nature's viewpoint

This is just a selection of known projects and we recognise that there is a great deal of activity on this HAP which is not covered by this report, particularly in the NGO sector. As lead partner for the HAP English Nature is keen to hear about any projects that contribute to the national plan targets.

Selected references

www.ukbap.org.uk/ukplans.aspx?id=5

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