



Biodiversity Information and Reporting Group meeting

Wednesday 3rd October 2007
13.30pm, SW Observatory, Taunton
Chair: Ray Perrins

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and apologies | 13.30 |
| 2. Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 19 th June 2007 | 13.35 |
| 3. Interpretation of current biodiversity indicators (State of the South West) | 13.45 |
| 4. Biodiversity Activity Reporting System (BARS). Introduction by Neil Sherwood followed by discussion on regional data possibilities | 14.30 |
| 5. Biodiversity South West reporting possibilities: existing figures, expert opinion and case studies | 15.15 |
| 6. AOB | 15.55 |
| 7. Date of next meeting and close | 16.00 |

The South West supports a high proportion of some of the UK's rarest and most endangered habitats and species. Nearly a tenth of the region's land area is designated as nationally and internationally important wildlife sites. It has the highest ratio of coastline to land area of any region making the maritime environment particularly significant.

The South West Regional Biodiversity Partnership aims to promote and enable the delivery of the UK Biodiversity Action Plan through regional and local biodiversity action in line with the England Biodiversity Strategy. The South West Regional Biodiversity Partnership includes Association of Local Government Ecologists, Countryside Agency, Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Government Office for the South West, Local BAPs, Local Record Centres, National Trust, RSPB, South West Protected Landscapes Forum, South West Water, South West Wildlife Trusts, Wessex Water and Woodland Trust