



### **Biodiversity Information and Reporting Group meeting**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008  
10.30am, Natural England, Exeter  
Chair: Ray Perrins

#### **Agenda**

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| 1. Welcome and apologies                            |                | 10.30 |
| 2. Regional Biodiversity Monitoring Framework       |                |       |
| Context: potential regional biodiversity monitoring | Naomi Brookes  |       |
| Background to the Devon project                     | Sarah Jennings |       |
| Summary of the Devon findings and proposals         | Ray Perrins    |       |
| Discussion of general approach                      | All            |       |
| Lunch   |                | 12.00 |
| Work programmes and potential issues                | Ray Perrins    |       |
| Discussion  | All            |       |
| Devon's way forward                                 | Sarah Jennings |       |
| Future options for the region                       | All            |       |
| 3. AOB  |                | 14.50 |
| 4. Date of next meeting and close                   |                | 15.00 |

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