

Species Biodiversity Delivery Group Meeting
Monday 29th March 2010
G4 Klondyke Building

Attendees

Roy Anderson	(Consultant)
Mark Wright	(NIEA)
Brian Nelson	(Ulster Museum)
Claire Goodwin	(Ulster Museum)
Ann Marie McDevitt	(RSPB)
Richard Weyl	(NIEA, Chair)
Hugh Edwards	(NIEA)
Martin Bradley	(NIEA)
Larry Toal	(NIEA)

1. Apologies

Damien McFerran, Godfrey McRoberts & Michael Simms

2. Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Action Points from meeting held	Progress
21/11/07	
AP3 – Richard to send out invites for new representatives of the group	C/F
Action Points from meeting held	
2/07/08	
AP2 – Mark to explore the possibility of a scoping exercise	C/F
AP3 – Hugh/Martin to arrange a separate marine meeting and possibly involving AFBI	To take place pm, 29/03/2010

4. Terms of Reference

Richard outlined the purpose of the species group

A forum to review the priority species list

Coordinate action plans for species

MW enquired as to how the effectiveness of the group can be reviewed.

RW said that it will report to NIBG who in turn report back on a 3 yearly basis.

MB suggested it could be integrated with the annual BARS review.

There was a discussion on the new NI priority species list, what amendments are required and how to present it to the public.

5. Signposting - presentation

Targets and delivery of actions for Priority Species – RW presentation

Most action plans to be delivered through habitat action plans.

Proposed actions

- Check the 214 Signposted actions relevant for the NI priority species – May
- Identify remaining 267 NI priority species which are UK priority species – May
- Refine action – September
- Present to habitat BDGS – October

The group discussed major issues relevant to NI priority species including factors causing their decline.

RW said that the species group would be involved in the process of identifying signposting actions as far as possible.

The group discussed how this could be achieved. Suggested sources of information included the RSPB Species Integration Groups, HAPs and data from designated sites.

This action to be integrated into the Work Programme.

Action: - Send out links to the UK list and England list

RW 4 – Update Godfrey

7. Membership Look at how the group should expand in relation to the signposting exercise in the autumn.

8. AOB

9. Date/venue of next meeting - Late May 2010