

**Species Biodiversity Delivery Group Meeting  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
S2 Klondyke Building**

**Attendees**

Damien McFerran	(CEDaR)
Roy Anderson	(Consultant)
Mark Wright	(NIEA)
Brian Nelson	(Ulster Museum)
Michael Simms	(Ulster Museum)
Claire Goodwin	(Ulster Museum)
Richard Weyl	(NIEA, Chair)
Hugh Edwards	(NIEA)
Larry Toal	(NIEA)
Martin Bradley	(NIEA)
Helen Paul	(NIEA, Minute Taker)

**1. Apologies**

James Robinson, Godfrey McRoberts & Dave Allen.

**2. Minutes of Previous meeting**

Richard apologised for not having arranged a meeting sooner. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**3. Matters Arising**

<b>Action Points from meeting held</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>21/11/07</b>	
<b>AP3 – Richard</b> to send out invites for new representatives of the group	C/F
<b>Action Points from meeting held</b>	
<b>2/07/08</b>	
<b>AP2 – Mark</b> to explore the possibility of a scoping exercise	C/F
<b>AP3 – Hugh/Martin</b> to arrange a separate marine meeting and possibly involving AFB I	C/F

Richard informed the group that since the last meeting NIEA had reported on all habitats and some species for BARS and information for selected priority species had also been provided to the NIBG. He informed the group that the BARS report and the NIBG report due to be published by May 2009. Richard pointed out that

although this group hadn't been involved in this reporting round he hoped that they could be more involved in future.

#### **4. Terms of Reference**

Richard advised the group that the changes that were agreed at the last meeting had been made. He asked if everyone was content with the draft as it was. The following changes were agreed.

3.2 'peatland & upland' to be replaced with 'species'

4. 'relevant' to be added before 'species experts'

#### **5. Draft Work Programme**

A copy of the new draft work programme had been circulated to the group prior to the meeting. Richard asked for comments on the draft. He advised that there were some typing errors and some other changes that were required and that a revised draft work programme would be issued to the group. The following amendments were agreed.

3.2 – Point 9 – 'peatland and upland' to be replaced with 'species conservation'

4. Representation – 'Relevant' to be inserted before 'species experts'

Objective 1 – 'NI' to be inserted before 'priority species requiring conservation action.'

Objective 3 – It was agreed to include MCZs, SACs, SPAs and Nature Reserves.

4. Management of species in the wider countryside – 'and marine environment' to be added.

4.1.2 – 'species' to be added after priority.

**4.2.2** – 'Ensure key information is available to those making planning decisions (see 4.1.2)' to be added to comments section.

**'4.3.1 - Marine Policy'** – a new section to be added

**'4.4.1 - Water Policy'** – a new section to be added.

**6.1.3** – '2010' to be changed to '2011' & 'A pilot using new UK priority species will be undertaken first' to be added to comments section.

**'6.1.4 Produce an exhibition on NI Priority Species'** to be added.

**Action Point 1** – Richard to issue a draft work programme to the group.

**Action Point 2** – Richard agreed to talk to Godfrey McRoberts re objective 4 and the information DARD holds on where the priority species are.

**Action Point 3** – Richard to send the list of priority species to Damien.

Richard informed the group that the minutes, terms of reference and work programme for all the other delivery groups are placed on the internet. Richard asked for and received agreement from the group to place minutes etc on to the internet.

## **6. Northern Ireland Priority Species Review**

A representative from each of the species group gave a brief update on the lists they are working on and the timescale for completion. Richard gave a power point presentation of the list of birds, terrestrial invertebrates and vascular plants which he had already received.

A discussion took place on the way the selection criteria had been used to draw the bird list and its implications for other species groups. It was agreed that Richard would contact James Robinson to discuss the issue and inform the group of the outcome.

**Action Point 4** – Richard to contact James Robinson re the NI priority species list for birds and inform the group of the outcome.

**Action Point 5** – Richard to email Brian the papers he received from David Griffiths re *Mysis relicta* (now known as *Mysis salemaai* following the split of the former *relicta* into four segregate species).

Everyone agreed that all the lists with the exception of the lichens would be completed within the next month. It was agreed that a provisional draft list would be published with lichen revised in June.

## **7. Introduction to signposting**

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

## **8. AOB**

There was no other business.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at the end of April/beginning of May. Date and time to be confirmed.