

2008 UKBAP REPORTING ROUND – GUIDANCE FOR PARTNERS
(adapted from guidance prepared by Gareth Ellis, Wales Biodiversity Partnership)

BACKGROUND

UKBAP reporting takes place every 3 years and its aims are to highlight the success of UKBAP. It is done in response to the Convention of Biological Diversity and aims to be consistent in its approach, hence needing measurable targets using nationwide target types e.g. maintain extent, achieve condition, etc. It will be based on the original UKBAP list of species and habitats (prior to UKBAP review 2006) and partners can report upon other species and habitats listed in the Herefordshire LBAP.

For national guidance see link:

<http://www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk/uploaded/files/2008GuidanceNoteFinal.pdf>

WHEN?

The reporting round will take place between September and November 2008 using the Biodiversity Action Reporting System (BARS) <http://www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk/default.asp>

WHAT?

There will be a set list of questions for partners and you will be recording what you have achieved, how it was done, where it was done, how much it cost. See link for list of questions

<http://www.ukbap.org.uk/GenPageText.aspx?id=105>

WHY?

Reporting is essential and the data submitted by partners will inform the UKBAP group on the following..

- **Has biodiversity loss been halted?**
 - Maintain extent of habitats
 - Improved condition of habitats
 - Maintained range and / or population of species

- **Have declines been reversed?**
 - Restored habitats
 - Expanded habitats
 - Increased the range and / or populations of species

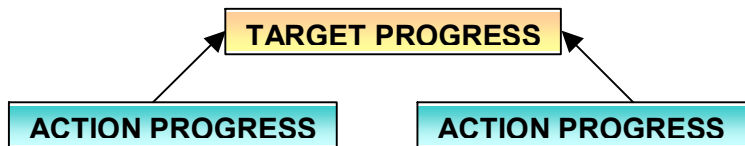
REASONS FOR REPORTING.....

- Assessing our progress
- What achievements have been made
- How did we achieve them
- What are we doing well
- What are we failing on / where more effort is to be made
- Justifying funding
- Barriers to success
- To provide a clear picture of the health of our local biodiversity
- Sharing our own good practice and learning from others
- To create a place where information on all projects can be stored for future reference
- To showcase the effort and work put into local biodiversity conservation
- To inform biodiversity conservation on a large scale

REPORTING ON ACTIONS

By logging onto BARS using user name and password you can record what you have achieved against “your actions”. This is done in 3 ways.....

- Record the quantity of work against an action goal
- Report what / how an action was done using a progress report (brief & only up to 50 words). Pictures, charts, spreadsheets can be uploaded.
- Update the status underway e.g., action complete, behind schedule, ahead of schedule.

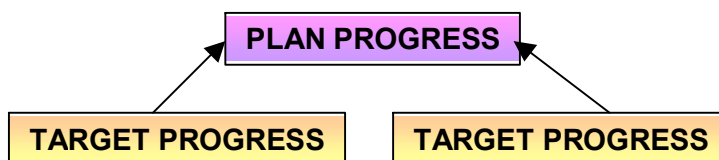


REPORTING ON TARGETS

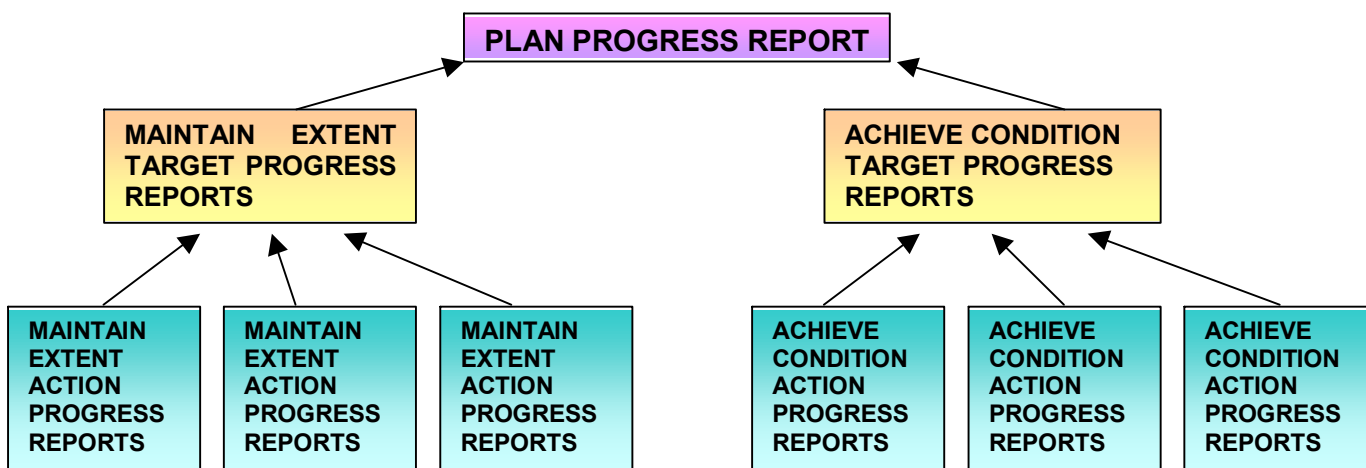
- Several actions work towards the same target
- Most partners have no need to report against each target
- Action reports inform the target reports

REPORTING ON HAP & SAPS

Reports to be made for all targets of habitats and species



REPORTING STRUCTURE



WHAT DO WE USE THE DATA FOR LOCALLY?

- Creates a constantly updated audit of biodiversity resource
- Tracking progress of LBAP delivery
- Stores a record of our work for future reference
- Builds up over time
- Reporting on funding, e.g. SITA, Countdown 2010.
- To prioritise successful actions
- Rapid production of reports (both internally and for partners)
- For biodiversity education, awareness projects
- To manage projects

SAMPLE REPORT

TARGET – Restore upland heath

TARGET GOAL – Upland heath / restoration / 5 / hectares / 31.12.2010

ACTION – Herefordshire Council to restore upland heath on Black Mountain SSSI

ACTION GOAL – Upland heath / restoration / 3 / hectares / 31.12.2008

RECORD ACHIEVEMENT OF ACTION GOAL – 3 – 31.12.2008

ACTION PROGRESS REPORT – Through SITA funding and partnership with BBNPA and NE, 3 hectares of upland heath restored at Black Daren in Black Mountains SSSI

SUMMARY

- Gathering data on our achievements is essential, locally and nationally (note: value for money)
- This is **your** chance to have **your** say
- Takes place every 3 years
- Not time consuming
- Easy & accessible

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