

Environment Agency
Midlands Region
Biodiversity Plan 2010-2015

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EA Biodiversity Plan

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Priority Outcomes

- Biodiversity will thrive in urban and rural areas
- Habitats will be improved and extended, priority species will have their populations enhanced
- Consideration of biodiversity will be embedded in the work of all Agency staff and partners
- There will be recognition of the role that biodiversity plays for people and the economy

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A Context

- National biodiversity strategy
- Regional interpretation of the national strategy
- Legal duties
- Partnership work

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B Policy Drivers

- Creating a Better Place
- Corporate Strategy
- Business Plans
- Service Levels

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C The Biodiversity Resource

- West Midlands
- East Midlands
- South-West
- Yorkshire and Humberside
- Wales

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D Issues

- Habitat Creation and Restoration
- Biodiversity Action Plans
- Water Framework Directive
- Climate Change
- SSSI/PSA Target
- Habitats Directive
- Non-native Invasive Species
- Biodiversity Data
- Agency Operations and Activities
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Habitat Creation and Restoration

- Multi-functional benefits
- Service levels
 - habitat creation
 - river restoration
 - ponds
- Strategies – Wetland Vision, CFMPs etc

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Biodiversity Actions Plans

- Hierarchy
- Lead Responsibility for 39 species, 5 habitats
- Partnerships

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Water Framework Directive

- RBMPs: Severn, Humber
- Protected Areas
- Alien Invasive Species
- Physical Modifications

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Climate Change

- Impacts
- Adaptation
- Mitigation

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SSSI/PSA Target

- 95% of SSSIs in favourable condition by 2010
- Remedies – 238 remedies, 67 SSSIs
- Variety of mechanisms

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Habitats Directive

- 32 SACs, 5 SPAs
- Review of Consents
- New Authorisations

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Non-native Invasive Species

- Problems
- WFD
- Priority areas for control

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Biodiversity Data

- EA data
- Local Records Centres
- Local Wildlife Sites
- Species data

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Agency Operations and Activities

- EA Operations – capital, maintenance
- EA SSSIs

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External Influencing

- Regional Initiatives
- Partnerships

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Agency Regulation and Planning Liaison

- Planning
- Agency consents

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E Actions

- Actions
- Timescale
- Resources