



**West Midlands Biodiversity Partnership
Data & Monitoring sub-group
Notes of Meeting September 11th**

Present

Jeff Edwards
Dave Lowe
Claire Edwards
Shelley Howard
Phil Vincent?
Bill Butcher

Apologies

Ali Glaisher
Sue Lawley
John Walker
Dan Wrench

1 - Notes from last meeting (May 22nd)

Actions from previous meeting

- Priority habitats (top 10 list) - JE to prepare guidance paper for use by LBAPs - Still to progress
- Priority Species (TOPCONS spreadsheet) - BM to discuss with DH. - Still to progress

Future Group Activities

RSS Targets & Indicators Review

Future Meetings to continue but new chair still required

National Inventory work, implications for West Midlands

Our bid was unsuccessful – all suggested that we investigate why and what we needed to do to ensure that any future bids were successful.

Action JE to discuss with RA

2 – Relationships between LRCs & WMBP – Dave Lowe

Dave sought clarification regarding 2 recent contracts for regional work. JE explained why the LRCs had not been asked to tender for the RA RSS Targets Review contract, and why the contract for the Stage 2 of the Regional Habitat Data Project was not awarded to them. It was agreed that as the LRCs are members of the WMBP that we ought to maintain and improve our joint working arrangements.

Action – CE to re-circulate the proposed MOU for debate at the next meeting

3 - Regional Habitat Data Project – update from Bill Butcher

Bill provided an update on progress with the development of this work and sought clarification on a number of technical issues. It was agreed that we required 3 different GIS layers; 1 for definite BAP habitat, 2 for possible BAP habitat and 3 the working layer of all data

4 – RSS Targets Review Project – Brief attached

Brief circulate for information

5 - Defra Innovation Project – Up date from LRCs

Richard Alexander's e-mail suggests that confirmation of funding should be with us soon. Action: LRCs to liaise with RA to take this forward