

Regional Update

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Landscapes for Living

Terra Consult, have now been appointed to work with the WMBP on this project to take forward the Vision for large areas and the opportunity mapping. The outline timetable for this work is as follows:

- Oct/Nov – Preparatory Work
- Dec – Regional Visioning and Preliminary Mapping Workshop
- Jan/Feb 07 – 6 Sub-Regional Workshops
- Feb/Mar 07 – Final Regional Workshop
- Mar 07 - Final Map and Framework for Sub-regional Mapping process
- April 07 on - Feed into RSS Phase 3 Review; Sub-regional mapping process

The **Regional Visioning Workshop** will take place on **Wednesday December 14th**, location to be advised - there will be a formal invitation to attend distributed in due course, but, in the meantime, do make a note of this date.

National Pond Monitoring Network Newsletter.

Pond Conservation is the UK national charity working For Life in Fresh Waters through research, education, , training, practical conservation, projects, and influencing national and international policy.

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New Biodiversity Duty on Local Authorities

From the 1st October 2006, all LAs and other public bodies will have a duty to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity in exercising their functions. The duty aims to ensure that biodiversity becomes a natural consideration in policy and decision-making. The duty extends to all public bodies, including regional organisations such as Regional Assemblies, Regional Development Agencies and Government Offices. Defra is producing guidance to assist public bodies in implementing this duty.

The guidance will need to consider the roles and responsibilities of a wide range of Government departments, agencies and publicly funded organisations and their relationship with biodiversity.

A Workshop is to be held on Friday 17th November 2006 at the Leeds Hilton Hotel, Neville Street, Leeds,

To **reserve a place contact**

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Regional Biodiversity Strategy

Biodiversity News

Link <http://www.ukbap.org.uk/library/bn36.pdf>

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GrantScape has released details of its Biodiversity Challenge Fund for 2007, and is inviting applications for projects aimed at creating, conserving or enhancing the biodiversity of England and Wales.

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