

WBP Coastal Ecosystem Group Priorities 2014/16

ACTIVITIES	MILESTONES									
	YEAR 1 (2014-2015)					YEAR 2 (2015-2016)				
	Lead	Ptnrs	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov	Dec-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov	Dec-Feb
<b>Develop and refine coastal priority habitat mapping</b>										
Provide advice/guidance where requested on appropriate habitat management practices for priority species. Timescales dependent on NRW coastal ecologist recruitment	CEG	CEG	NRW coastal ecologist recruitment process		Review priority habitat map layers. NRW coastal ecologist in post	Complete coastal vegetated shingle priority map		Review priority habitat map layers		
<b>Prioritising coastal projects and funding</b>										
Provide technical advice identifying and ranking national priorities for action including prioritising REF coastal projects	CEG	CEG	CEG participation in REF application screening for coastal projects	CEG field meeting to discuss saltmarsh creation CEG participation in REF funding panel July 2014	Sea Cliff Symposium Report		CEG participation in REF application screening for coastal projects	CEG participation in REF funding panel July 2015		
Project priorities	NRW	CEG	NRW to continue dune rejuvenation project, with further management work in winter 2014-15 if funding is available. Progress to be reported to CEG			Dune rejuvenation project, management work	Review at spring meeting			
<b>Species Integration</b>										
Progress species integration work with SEG	SEG	SEG		Review at spring meeting						Review
<b>Information and Databases</b>										
Ensure CEG actions are reported on through BARS	HY		Ensure 2013 REF projects are on BARS			Review	Ensure 2013 and 2014 REF projects are on BARS			
<b>Communications – Advisory</b>										
Membership review	CEG		Recruitment process for NRW coastal ecologist	NRW to review its membership (attending and corresponding) of CEG to account for key functions inherited from legacy bodies by spring meeting. Other members to undertake similar review to ensure better participation and more geographically-spread membership	NRW coastal ecologist in post		Review at spring meeting			

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	YEAR 1 (2014-2015)					YEAR 2 (2015-2016)				
	Lead	Ptnrs	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov	Dec-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug	Sep-Nov	Dec-Feb
Communicate the progress of sand dune rejuvenation work at Kenfig, Merthyr Mawr and Newborough Warren.  Publish proceeding of 2012 sand dune workshop		CEG		Feature updates on sand dune projects & display on WBP website.  Display coastal REF projects on WBP website		Produce Kenfig 2011 workshop proceedings				
Compile and maintain a reference list of species management information sources and identify any gaps.		CEG			Develop reference list of information sources and identify any gaps and display on WBP website	Review				
Develop programme of communications with LBAPs in Wales.	SM/MH	CEG	Review CEG LBAP reps	CEG comment on LBAP ecosystem plans		Review		CEG comment on LBAP ecosystem plans		
<b>Research</b>										
Identify relevant species evidence gaps in Wales and work with academic representatives to ensure those gaps are addressed, providing student support where capacity allows. Work to be reviewed annually.		CEG	submitted	Review Evidence Gaps & identify further gaps/prioritise		Review				
<b>Policy and Legislation</b>										
Compile a list of policy drivers which influence the management of priority species and update information annually.		CEG			Identify coastal issues in WFD and MSFD	Review				
<b>Survey and Monitoring</b>										
Produce a national overview of the condition of coastal priority habitat within protective ownership or management (LAs and NGOs) and within designated sites.	MH	CEG		Article 17 Reporting- filter coastal habs & sps & report to group	Draw out relevant coastal ecosystem issues from on-going coastal environmental change Report	Review issues and feasibility annually				