

## **UK Biodiversity Action Plan - Independent Evaluation of Progress** UK Biodiversity Secretariat, DETR (now the Biodiversity Policy Unit, DEFRA)



*Measuring  
the UK's  
progress in  
delivering action  
for biodiversity*

The UK Government made a commitment at the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 1993 to produce a Biodiversity Action Plan for the UK. The UK 'BAP' was published in the following year. Its 49 recommendations provided the stimulus for a wide range of actions relating to biodiversity conservation. Government, statutory agencies, local authorities, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and the general public have all played a role in their implementation.

The Government made a commitment that, five years after the launch of the UK BAP, a review would be undertaken of performance against the plan's objectives. Much of this review was undertaken by organisations that had been closely involved in the implementation of the BAP. However, it was also considered necessary for an independent evaluation to be carried out to obtain the views of interested organisations about the successes and failures of implementing the BAP.

Entec was commissioned to undertake this evaluation. The work involved interviewing representatives of over 70 organisations, which were asked for their views about how the BAP process had performed against a series of objectives. Entec's final report detailed information about the perceived successes and failures of the process, and set out recommendations for future action. The findings were drawn on by the UK Biodiversity Group in compiling 'Sustaining the variety of life - 5 years of the Biodiversity Action Plan' (DETR, 2001). This report, prepared for the UK Government, the Scottish Executive, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Executive, brought together the results of the various reviews that had been undertaken.

A copy of Entec's report can be accessed at [www.ukbap.org.uk/Library/Entec.pdf](http://www.ukbap.org.uk/Library/Entec.pdf)

