

5. 25 Key Actions

Each of the Habitat and Species Action Plans that follow have been written so that, as far as possible, they can stand alone. However, throughout many of the Action Plans there are recurring themes and actions, some of which are central to meeting the Biodiversity Action Plan's objectives and targets as a whole. 25 key actions, to complement the actions in individual Habitat and Species Action Plans, are therefore identified below. Proposed implementing organisations are listed, with lead agencies shown in bold type where relevant (for list of acronyms see Appendix 8.1).

Ref.	KEY ACTION	When	Who
Data Collation and Survey			
K1	Collate existing basic habitat data and where necessary carry out further survey work to provide a full habitat map for the area based on a geographical information system.	2001 onwards	PDNPA/EN WTs/LAs LRCs
K2	Produce a "Red Data Book" for the Peak District, listing those species considered to be of particular conservation concern in each of the three Peak District "Natural Areas".	2005	PDNPA WEG/LRCs Voluntary Sector
K3	Establish a biological records system for the area as part of a network of local and national record centres, ensuring issues of data ownership, exchange and confidentiality are addressed.	2005	PDNPA/EN WTs/LAs LRCs Voluntary Sector
Strategic Policies			
K4	Produce Action Plans for all remaining habitats and assess priorities for further Species Action Plans.	2005	WEG Biodiversity Partnership
K5	Ensure that statutory and non-statutory policy documents such as regional policy documents, Development Plans, sectoral strategies and detailed National Park Management Action Plans incorporate and implement policies consistent with the objectives and targets of the Biodiversity Action Plan.	2001 onwards	PDNPA LAs/WEG
K6	Agree a strategy for safeguarding sites of particular wildlife importance where this cannot be achieved through the normal channels of negotiation, in liaison with landowning, farming and other land management interests.	2002	WEG/NFU CLA/Mineral Companies RLMEG
Conservation Action and Incentives			
K7	Continue to operate existing "Wildlife Sites" systems to safeguard sites of particular importance and establish a system across the whole of the Peak District in liaison with landowning and farming interests. Establish common published criteria and protocols and a regular review procedure. Such sites would be a focus for positive conservation/enhancement action.	2004	WTs/LAs PDNPA WEG/NFU RLMEG/CLA LRCs Voluntary Sector
K8	Consider recommending review of agri-environment, woodland and conservation grant schemes with the aim that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Priority habitats and species remain/become adequately targeted and prioritised 	2001 onwards	Biodiversity Partnership MAFF/EN PDNPA/FC WEG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Management prescriptions are both rigorous and flexible enough to meet local conservation objectives ● Payment levels provide sufficient incentive for landowners and managers of the majority of important sites to enter schemes at a tier appropriate for the conservation and enhancement of such sites ● As far as possible the safeguarding of particular features on a landholding does not jeopardise the conservation of other important wildlife, landscape or cultural heritage features on the holding ● The conservation value of a feature being conserved, enhanced or created is reflected in payment levels 		
K9	Ensure a whole-holding approach is taken as far as possible when negotiating conservation agreements. Review existing agreements to ensure all priority features on the holding are adequately safeguarded as far as possible.	2001 onwards	MAFF/PDNPA EN/FWAG/WTs
K10	Investigate the potential economic benefits which could arise from implementation of the Plan and, in particular, encourage the development of alternative or “added value” incomes such as environmentally branded products, sustainable tourism etc which help deliver biodiversity objectives.	2001 onwards	ALL
K11	Encourage sustainable use of resources, both within each organisation and by others, to minimise greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, generation of pollutants and waste production by reducing, re-using and recycling.	2001 onwards	ALL
K12	Review desirability and opportunities for establishment of Local Nature Reserves, and establish if appropriate.	2001 onwards	PDNPA/LAs WEG
K13	Ensure that the conservation value of important sites is safeguarded when sold or leased by public bodies and utilities, through appropriate means such as management agreements or sale covenants.	2001 onwards	PDNPA/LAs WCs/CA
K14	Encourage the appropriate provision of integrated advice on environmental land management, environmental grants, diversification and other conservation-related information to landowners/managers.	2001 onwards	MAFF/FC/PDNPA LAs/WTs/WEG
K15	Provide practical conservation management help to landowners/managers where appropriate through the use of conservation volunteers.	2001 onwards	BTCV/PDNPA FWAG/WTs
K16	Consider opportunities for delivering Biodiversity Action Plan objectives through the planning process - in particular by considering habitat creation in all quarry restoration proposals – and implement as appropriate.	2001 onwards	LAs/PDNPA Mineral Companies

Resources

K17	Seek opportunities for increased resourcing of conservation work including agri-environment schemes, rural development, community grants, European funding, sponsorship, targeting and pooling of existing resources, voluntary effort, local “champions” for particular habitats/species etc. Make information on resource sources widely available through a central database/website.	2001 onwards	WEG
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Monitoring			
K18	Collate data on progress towards meeting objectives and targets, and produce annual report.	Annual	BAP sub-groups WEG
K19	Ensure that all conservation schemes are achieving their biodiversity objectives by regular monitoring.	2001 onwards	EN/PDNPA/MAFF FC
Awareness-Raising and Public Enjoyment			
K20	Establish a Peak District Biodiversity Partnership website.	2001	PDNPA/WEG
K21	Produce a strategy for interpretation/education/promoting understanding of biodiversity, wildlife and nature conservation, to include identification of key messages (both general and specific to individual habitats and species), target audiences, sensitive sites/areas and “promotable” ones, and methods (leaflets, info boards etc). Integrate this with other relevant strategies for the Peak District.	2001	WEG/PDNPA
K22	Encourage involvement of local people and communities in biodiversity conservation, e.g. by developing links between the Biodiversity Partnership and Local Agenda 21/Community Strategy initiatives.	2001 onwards	WEG/LAs/PDNPA
K23	Enhance opportunities for people to enjoy the rich wildlife resource of the Peak District in a sustainable way.	2001 onwards	PDNPA/LAs/WTs NT/EN/WEG
K24	Ensure that landowners and managers are made aware of wildlife features of importance on their land, that the results of surveys are fed back to them and that they are involved in conservation measures.	2001 onwards	PDNPA/EN/WTs RSPB/NT/FWAG MAFF
Research			
K25	Establish a local shared database for information about management techniques, initiatives relating to biodiversity and sources of information on local biodiversity.	2003	WEG

Several of these Key Actions are likely to require significant additional resources for implementation, notably:

- K2 Production of a Red Data Book (2005)
- K3 Establishment of a biological records system (2005). This action will be particularly important in helping delivery and monitoring of biodiversity targets. Funding for biological recording in the East Midlands is currently being explored at regional level.
- K7 Development of a Wildlife Sites system (2004)
- K8 Providing adequate financial incentives to landowners and managers through agri-environment and conservation grant schemes (2001 onwards). This action is absolutely central to the delivery of virtually all targets.

In order to further the objectives, targets and actions set out in this Action Plan resources will also be needed to co-ordinate the whole process, provide administrative support, seek funding for actions and liaise with other biodiversity groups. Consideration will therefore be given to the need for a dedicated Biodiversity Project Officer and, if appropriate, the necessary funding will be sought.