APPENDIX 3

ORIGINAL COMPOSITION OF STEERING AND WORKING GROUPS

Gwynedd Biodiversity Action Plan Steering group

The original membership consisted of a representative from each of the 11 Working Groups (below), and a representative from the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales, North Wales Wildlife Trust, Gwynedd Council, Conwy County Borough Council and the Snowdonia National Park Authority. The main aim of the Steering Group was to provide advice and information on the process and production of Gwynedd's BAP (GBAP).

Working Groups

The Working Groups consisted of 4 habitat groups, 4 species groups, and 3 community groups. The initial aim of the Working Groups was to draft a list of potential species and habitats to include in Gwynedd's BAP, and provide a source of information and expertise in order to produce species and habitat action plans. Each Working Group elected a representative to sit on the Steering Group. It was hoped that this would act as a two-way system to feed information up to the Steering Group, and then feed information back down to the Working Groups.

Individuals joined the Working Groups at various stages in the process, and played various roles in the process of GBAP production. For example a number of post-graduate students at University of Wales Bangor joined after the original Working Groups had been established, and wrote the majority of the species action plans for the Mammals, Fish, Reptiles & Amphibians Working Group. Many members remained as contacts only for advice or information, commented on the draft HAPs and SAPs, or wrote one or several plans for the GBAP.

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BAP = Biodiversity Action Plan, GBAP = Gwynedd Biodiversity Action Plan, SAP = Species Action Plan, HAP = Habitat Action Plan