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1. ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 1. To raise awareness of local biodiversity issues and the Gwynedd BAP among the farming community and other land users.
- 2. To conserve and enhance on-farm biodiversity.

2. PROPOSED ACTIONS

Code	Action	Partner(s) ¹
1	Consider reforming the Agriculture and Land Use Working Group, to include representation from the farming unions, FC, FTA, BASC, large and small landowners and managers, with the twin aims of raising awareness of the Gwynedd BAP and delivering relevant actions. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Investigate, By 2005	GC
2	Encourage, support and aid farmers to join Tir Gofal and other agrienvironmental schemes TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	CCW, CLA, FWAG Cymru, FUW, NFU Cymru, NWWT
3	Seek funding for land management by developing a biodiversity grant scheme, which would include grants for appropriate management, restoration and creation of Gwynedd BAP habitats TARGET/TIMESCALE: By 2005	GC, relevant partners
4	Provide advice on enhancing on-farm biodiversity to the farming community TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	FWAG Cymru, NWWT
5	Encourage the use of local provenance species for all planting / restoration work by the provision of relevant advisory material at Agricultural shows, Country Fairs etc. e.g. "Planting Native Trees From Seed" CCW booklet. TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	GC
6	Attend agricultural shows, country fairs, sustainability fairs etc with Natur Gwynedd related display material and hands-on interactive material where possible TARGET/TIMESCALE: Ongoing	GC
7	Use local media and newsletters of relevant organisations, e.g. farming unions, DEPC, BASC to raise awareness of species and habitat protection issues. TARGET/TIMESCALE: ongoing	GC,DEPC, FWAG Cymru

3. PARTNERS & OPPORTUNITIES

3.1 Overall lead partner for TAP

Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Cymru (FWAG Cymru)

3.2 Key partners

Countryside Council for Wales (CCW)

Country Land and Business Association (CLA)

Department for Environment, Planning and Countryside (Welsh Assembly Government) (DEPC)

Farmers Union of Wales (FUW)

Gwynedd Council (GC)

National Farmers Union Cymru (NFU Cymru)

North Wales Wildlife Trust (NWWT)

¹ Lead partner for this action is indicated by bold typefæe, see section 3.2 for explanation of abbreviations

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3.3 Opportunities

Farming unions, Farmers, Gamekeepers, Shooting clubs, Timber growers

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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4. ABBREVIATIONS

BAP: Biodiversity Action Plan, BASC: British Association for Shooting and Conservation, FTA: Forestry and Timber Association

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