

AYRSHIRE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN : MONITORING

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1) Core Theme Action Plan: ABAP Implementation, Reporting and Monitoring

Obj. Ref.	Objective	Target	Action Ref	Action	Target	Lead partner	Other delivery agents	Progress
CTIR-1	To ensure effective coordination of, and communication within, the ABAP Partnership to enable effective partnership working towards its overall aim	ABAP Partnership meeting held annually	CTIR-1.1	The ABAP Management Group to meet quarterly to ensure effective coordination of whole ABAP	ABAP Management Group meeting quarterly and minutes of meetings available to all ABAP partners.	ABAP Coordination	ABAP Management Group	Quarterly meetings of Steering Group agreed and underway. Minutes etc. now available on AJPU website. See below (CTIR - 1.4) for details of website.
		Regular updates on progress to ABAP website.	CTIR-1.2	The full Partnership to meet annually to share experience and contribute to the overall monitoring of effectiveness of ABAPs	ABAP Partnership meeting annually and proceedings of meetings available to all ABAP partners.	ABAP Coordination	ABAP Partnership	First annual meeting to be programmed for September 2009. Partnership proceedings to be made available on web site. See below (CTIR - 1.4)
			CTIR-1.3	Widen the ABAP Partnership by publicising the ABAP projects and progress to increase number of organisations and individuals involved in promoting, using and implementing the ABAP	An increase of 25 individuals involved in delivering ABAP actions each year between 2007 and 2009	ABAP Coordination	ABAP-Management Group, ABAP-Partnership, ABAP-Partners	Not started
			CTIR-1.4	Establish Website to act as an information hub for the ABAP partnership, including core information about the ABAP works, progress on action plans and links to monitoring data	Website established with full information on the ABAP during 2008	ABAP Coordination		Website completed May 2009.
			CTIR-1.5	Maintain ABAP website to ensure current information is always available.	New material posted to the website every month. Updates on dated information made within 3 weeks of expiry	ABAP Coordination		Regular updating now available through AJPU website.
			CTIR-1.6	All Plan Leaders providing feedback on progress, issues and solutions affecting ABAP actions to ABAP Management Group	Written update to Management Group from each Plan Leader at least once a year.	ABAP Coordination	ABAP-Plan Leaders, ABAP-Management Group	Action replaced by quarterly verbal reporting of Group Leaders to Steering Group and report back at Annual meeting (see CTIR - 1.2)

CTIR-2	To ensure effective communication with Scottish BAP process, UK biodiversity process and other LBAPS	ABAP's activities known to all Scottish LBAPs, Scottish Biodiversity Group and UKBAP movement through contact with each at least once a year	CTIR-2.1	Participate in the UK and Scottish biodiversity fora to ensure effective communication	ABAP represented at all relevant Scottish and UK LBAP partner meetings	ABAP Coordination		Some progress but dependent on resources
			CTIR-2.2	Maintain regular contact with the Scottish Biodiversity Implementation team, in particular in relation to the use and interpretation of the Scottish Biodiversity List and work of the Local Implementation Group	Contact with SBIT at least once a quarter	ABAP Coordination		Not started
			CTIR-2.3	Carry out appropriate liaison with neighboring LBAP partnerships to share experience and identify opportunities for joint working	At least one joint action plan initiated with a neighboring LBAP by Summer 2010	ABAP Coordination		Not Started
CTIR-3	To ensure effective reporting and review of ABAP to enable monitoring of progress to targets and to contribute to reporting at a Scottish and UK level.	Full update on progress towards all actions entered into BARS every year. Annual report on progress towards objectives and aims publicly available annually	CTIR-3.1	Enter new ABAP actions and targets on BARS	ABAP fully available on BARS during 2008.	ABAP Coordination		Not started
			CTIR-3.2	Maintain current data on all action and targets on BARS, including adding new action plans as they are agreed.	Full update on progress towards all actions every year.	ABAP Coordination		Not started
			CTIR-3.3	Complete an annual review of progress towards objectives of all action plans	Annual statement of overall progress towards objectives agreed by Management Group and published on website.	ABAP Coordination	ABAP-Management Group	Part of CTIR - 1.5.
			CTIR-3.4	All action plans should be reviewed and assessed on a cyclical basis, including the need for new action plans as further information /resources become available.	Review of all action plans completed 6-months before the end of the plan and proposals for new action plans invited by the Management Group annually.	ABAP Coordination	ABAP-Management Group	Not started

2) Core Theme Action Plan: Data and Information

Obj. Ref.	Objective	Target	Action Ref	Action	Target	Lead partner	Other delivery agents	Progress
CTDI-1	To establish an Ayrshire-wide biological records centre	A biological records centre covering Ayrshire established, systems in place to collate data and progress identifying services needed by key users completed by Summer 2009	CTDI-1.1	Convene a regional meeting to consider geographic options for managing biological data across central/western Scotland.	Regional meeting held by October 2007	SNH		
			CTDI-1.2	Establish a management group to oversee the development of a LBRC in either in Ayrshire or a wider area	First meeting of Management group held and terms of reference and membership agreed by May 2008	NAC	AJSPTU SAyC EAyC SWT SNH	
			CTDI-1.3	Prepare and implement development programmer to setup data management systems and collate high priority datasets for Ayrshire	Suite of data policies completed by December 2008. Links with key recorders developed by April 2009 and initial base of 50,000 priority records computerized and verified.	NAC	AJSPTU SAyC EAyC SWT SNH	Links with some key recorders established. Development programmer not currently seen as fundamental to the project as it mostly involves links with NBN datasets. Local core management group to identify priority records. NBN have been contacted to establish protocols to obtain data at the appropriate resolution for decision makers. Procedures should be in place by the end of the financial year. Some slippage with pilot display of data.
			CTDI-1.4	Develop a funding package for LBRC for three years, linked to initial provision of services especially to LAs	Three-year funding package secured by April 2009	NAC	AJSPTU SAyC EAyC SWT SNH	
			CTDI-1.5	Set up LBRC	LBRC begins providing core service to key users by August 2009	NAC	AJSPTU SAyC EAyC SWT SNH	

3) Habitat Action Plan: Lowland Raised Bog

Obj. Ref.	Objective	Target	Action Ref	Action	Target	Lead partner	Other delivery agents	Progress
HPLRB-1	To understand the lowland raised bog resource in Ayrshire and its condition by producing a full list of raised bogs with their size, location, ownership, vegetation cover, current condition, associated wildlife, the conservation measures already being taken and using this data to rank the sites in order of their conservation importance	Database set up and sites ranked by 2007	HPLRB-1-1	Collate and analyse available information from Lowland Raised Bog Inventory, Wildlife Sites register and species records using a GIS database	Database set up and mechanism for updating in place by December 2007	Bruce Philp, Scottish Agriculture College,	SNH	Existing information gathered and collated. All information is old (ie 1990) so only general conclusions can be drawn from it.
			HPLRB-1-2	Preparation of recording methodology and recording proforma	Proforma prepared by December 2007			Draft methodolgy prepared and tested. Modifications made by Gill Smart and training given to renger services in N and E Ayrshire. Survey proforma modified to simplify and speed up survey work.
			HPLRB-1-3	Rank sites in order of their known conservation importance based on size, intactness, condition of the moss surface, associated wildlife and need for management (This ranking to be reviewed as more data becomes available)	Sites initially ranked by February 2008 which includes data on hydrology and topography.		FWAG SAC SEERAD	Initial ranking carried out. Given the nature of the existing information this is very preliminary but has provided a basis for some sort of prioritisation.
			HPLRB-1-4	Contact owners and visit bogs to establish all ownership boundaries, its current use, its condition and the degree of empathy of the owner to bog restoration	All owners visited and data added to database by October 2008		FWAG SWT SEERAD SAC	More information received re South of Scotland Bog Project. Training session held at Low Moss for N&E Ayrshire Rangers. Survey work under way.
HPLRB-2	To identify the relative value of the raised bogs based on their invertebrate importance using water beetle communities as indicators.	All bogs ranked based on invertebrate surveys by 2009	HPLRB-2-1	Survey bogs for water-beetle populations using standard sampling method and expert identification of samples	Site status report produced by December 2009		Garth Foster	No progress

HPLRB-3	To safeguard the specialist wildlife of lowland raised bogs by encouraging their management through providing owners and managers with advice and guidance on best practice.	30 owners provided with guidance by 2009 20 owners visited demonstration sites by 2009	HPLRB-3-1	Make best practice advice available to bog owners by training all LRB HAP surveyors and advisors and equipping them with information for a structured programme of visits to owners	30 owners provided with management information by 2009	Gill Smart, SWT	FWAG SAC SNH	No progress to date. This will depend on completion of the first parts.	
			HPLRB-3-2	Provide access to two exemplar managed raised bogs for bog owners through a programme of guided site visits with appropriate literature to Dalmellington Moss and, if possible , to one other	20 owners visited demonstration sites by 2009		SNH SWT	As above.	
HPLRB-4	To rehabilitate example lowland raised bogs in Ayrshire through, initially, remedial work on two raised bogs not currently under conservation management, including a monitoring programme and proposals for the management of further sites.	Management of two raised bogs in progress by 2009	HPLRB-4-1	Select target bogs by ranking sites on available data (see HPLRB-1-2) and their suitability for restoration	Two sites selected with the owners agreement on the work by 2008	Tommy Loudon, FWAG	SWT SNH SAC LRB Site Owners	Incidental' progress as advice is being given via the South of Scotland Bog Project.	
			HPLRB-4-2	Draw up proposed management actions for both bogs, cost work and seek funding	Detailed plans for conservation work complete by 2008 Conservation work funded by 2009		SWT SNH SAC	As above.	
			HPLRB-4-3	Implement management work	Programme of management work begun by 2009				Not due.
			HPLRB-4-4	Draw up and implement monitoring programme to establish the medium to long-term effects of management	Monitoring programme in place by 2009				Not due.
			HPLRB-4-5	Prepare proposals for further conservation actions for lowland raised bogs based on the experience gained during the HAP	Proposals available for consideration of ABAP Management Group by 2009				Not due.

4) Habitat Action Plan: Coastal Habitats

Obj. Ref.	Objective	Target	Action Ref	Action	Target	Lead partner	Other delivery agents	Progress
HPCH-1	To conserve, as far as possible, the condition & importance of sand dune wildlife habitat & its biodiversity in the 'south Irvine area' and identifying opportunities for habitat de-fragmentation, rehabilitation and re-creation.	Proposals for a network of potentially linked and managed biodiversity sand dune habitat sites in the 'south Irvine area' identified by 2009	HPCH-1-1	Collate all known data about the soils, habitats, plants and invertebrates of the 'south Irvine area' to define the area and to produce ranked lists of nationally and locally important plants and invertebrates	Boundary to the sand dominated area defined by June 2008 Ranked lists of plants and invertebrates produced by October 2008.	SWT	SWT SNH KAGM Carol Crawford	Gill Smart has almost completed the GIS aspect of this action to define area. Anticipated that when complete will contact C. Crawford re: plants and ranking
			HPCH-1-2	Establish contact with all relevant site owners and evaluate their reaction to the biodiversity aspects of their land	All relevant owners approached and their responses recorded by December 2008		SWT NAyC	
			HPCH-1-3	Re-survey to Phase 1 the habitats of the area with the emphasis on identifying core areas, areas which could be linked to help with de-fragmentation, future habitat improvements and habitat management requirements.	Detailed annotated habitat map on GIS produced by September 2009		NAyC Consultant	
			HPCH-1-4	Produce biodiversity opportunities, site linkage, habitat rehabilitation, habitat enhancement and habitat management proposals for the 'south Irvine area' with stakeholders.	Proposals document produced by December 2009		SNH Nayc	

HPCH-2	To assess the importance of the biodiversity of coastal cliff woods, coastal glen woods and coastal scrub sites and produce proposals for their management and expansion potential.	State of the coastal woodlands report with proposals for management produced by 2009	HPCH-2-1	Review all available GIS based and written record information (e.g. woodland inventories, Phase 1 maps, SSSI records/ WGS/SFGS records) in order to identify appropriate sites, establish their ownership and make contact with the owners	database of sites with boundary and ownership details and mechanism for updating established by May 2008	Bruce Davidson (EAW)	SNH FCS NTS (poss use of Girvan Community Groups who are currently involved in community woodlands)	Bruce Davidson has started this work however due to lack of staff resources at EAW progress has been delayed
			HPCH-2-2	Collate and analyse existing survey information. Survey a representative sample of non-designated coastal woods and scrub areas using standard techniques	Site survey reports completed by October 2009		EAW staff Volunteers Contract surveyors	
			HPCH-2-3	Produce state of the coastal woodlands report covering the wildlife importance, management required and expansion potential, for consideration by the ABAP	Report with proposals produced by December 2009			
			HPCH-2-4	Identify, seek agreement for, and commence implementation of coastal woodland management demonstration sites – 1ea in North & South Ayrshire	2 no. Publicly accessible examples of coastal woodland demonstrating practical approaches to sustainable management by December 2009		EAW Landowners	
HPCH-3	To establish the extent and abundance of the butterfly species associated with the coast and their food plants and to identify the actions needed for their conservation.	State of the coastal butterflies report with proposals for management produced by 2009	HPCH-3-1	Survey, over two seasons, five target species and their food plants through a public survey and a structured specialist survey	Produce collated and annotated records of sightings with distribution maps for all species and their food plants by May 2008 Produce site descriptions for the main butterfly populations by September 2009	David Welham BC-A	BC-SW	The target species Small Blue, Dark Green Fritillary, Grayling, Northern Brown Argus and Dingy Skipper. The weather in 08 was very poor and as such progress is slow
			HPCH-3-2	Draw up Small Blue re-introduction proposal to IUCN guidelines for consideration by the ABAP	Proposal paper produced by April 20		Keith Futter BC-SW	
			HPCH-3-3	Produce state of the coastal butterflies report summarising survey results and proposing necessary conservation actions for consideration by the ABAP	Report with proposals produced by April 2010		BC-SW	

HPCH-4	To establish the conservation importance of the coastal terrestrial invertebrate species, communities, the sites where they occur, the threats to their habitats and the actions needed for their conservation	State of the coastal invertebrates report with proposals for management produced by October 2010	HPCH-4-1	Collate and analyse all known data to produce ranked lists of target species based on their rarity and perceived threat to them and a descriptive lists of the sites from which they have been recorded	Ranked list of species produced by August 2008 Annotated list of notable sites produced by August 2008	SNH to lead on 1st action		G Smart assisting in the development of a funding bid to SNH to facilitate the survey of invertebrates
			HPCH-4-2	Produce a structured survey plan to cover species on known sites and suitable other sites	Produce survey plan by August 2008			
			HPCH-4-3	Implement structured survey through visiting experts, commissioned survey and volunteers	Survey sites and species as identified in survey plan by August 2010		Consultants Visiting experts	
			HPCH-4-4	Produce state of coastal invertebrates report with proposals for conservation action	Report produced for consideration by ABAP by October 2010			
HPCH-5	To establish the current conservation importance of the coastal plants the rare plants, the sites where they occur and the actions needed for their conservation.	State of the coastal plants report with proposals for management produced by 2009	HPCH-5-1	Collate and analyse existing data of notable coastal plants including key butterfly food plants (see HPCH-3) to produce ranked lists of target species and target sites for survey	List of target species produced by September 2008 List of target sites produced by October 2008	Carol Crawford NRC	BSBI SWT NAYC-R SNH	Started
			HPCH-5-2	Implement a structured survey of target coastal plants using the public, Ayrshire botanists and visiting botanists	Survey coastal plants by September 2010		BSBI SWT NAYC-R SNH NTS	
			HPCH-5-3	Produce state of the coastal plants report including distribution maps and annotated site lists showing key areas for coastal plants and the conservation measures needed to conserve them	Report produced by December 2010			

HPCH-6	To assess the coastal bird species and their biodiversity importance, abundance, rate of population change and the health of their habitats including sites of importance for over-wintering, migrating and breeding species associated with the coast and any conservation actions needed.	State of the coastal birds report with proposals for management produced by 2009	HPCH-6-1	Collate and analyse existing data on coastal breeding, migrating and wintering birds and their sites supplemented with further survey if required..	Annotated list of coastal bird species produced by September 2008 Annotated list of coastal bird sites produced by September 2008	David Grant SAC	RSPB	Completed
			HPCH-6-2	Produce state of the coastal birds report along with recommendations of conservation actions needed	State of the coastal birds report produced by September 2009			
HPCH-7	Provide detailed guidance for decision makers on the species of importance, the places where they are currently found and the conservation measures needed to safeguard and enhance their habitats.	Produce detailed guidance on Ayrshire's coastal wildlife and its conservation within an updated Coastal Habitats action plan by 2010	HPCH-7-1	Collate, map and analyse existing data on coastal habitats, coastal conservation sites and others sites of biodiversity importance. (providing a baseline of current knowledge)	On-going GIS system for mapping importance coastal sites established by November 2008. (see CTDI – 1)	North Ayrshire Council for first action	ALL	Cannot be completed until HPCH 1-7
			HPCH-7-2	Co-ordinate and analyse all data gathered from previous objectives. Identifying biodiversity rich sites, areas needing conservation action, species needing conservation action. (providing up to date picture of coastal status)	Updated Coastal Habitats action plan produced by December 2010			
			HPCH- 7-3	Analyse action7-2 & provide appropriate guidance	March 2011	All		

5) Species Action Plan: Water Vole

Obj. Ref.	Objective	Target	Action Ref	Action	Target	Lead partner	Other delivery agents	Progress
SPWV-1	To establish the extent of the populations in the upper reaches of the Stinchar catchment based on the data from the 2006 survey.	The extent of the areas occupied by water vole populations identified by spring 2008	SPWV-1-1	Survey the tributaries of the Stinchar catchment using the standard water vole survey methodology, based on the 2006 survey data but extending the area of search to one kilometre beyond any known or new populations	Survey started in autumn 2007 and completed in spring 2008. All populations mapped on GIS.		Consultant	Desk top survey and GIS mapping of known colonies is complete. No survey planned due to time and funding constraints. Little progress expected over next 6 months.
			SPWV-1-2	Contact Dumfries and Galloway LBAP to establish the presence of any water vole populations contiguous with those in the Ayrshire catchment.	Any relevant population data identified by spring 2008. Any joint working arrangement with D&G agreed by spring 2008.		DGLBAP	Data received from Dumfries and Galloway LBAP, Jim Green and Galloway Fisheries Trust.
SPWV-2	To establish the condition and potential of the riparian, marshland and bog habitats within the areas identified as occupied by water voles and to identify the threats to them	Annotated habitat condition maps available by spring 2008.	SPWV-2-1	Survey the habitats within the water vole areas using Phase 1 methodology with target notes on habitat condition and threats.	Survey complete by spring 2008.		Consultant	Darley Burn is no longer the focus of the Water Vole project. Darley Burn re surveyed for South Ayrshire Council, April 09. Know condition and issues identified. Further surveys in other areas are no longer planned for 2009 due to lack of resources.
			SPWV-2-1	Analyse habitat maps to establish the potential extent of riparian and wetland areas within the water vole areas.	Analysis available by summer 2008		WVSAP	
SPWV-3	To improve the riparian and/or wetland habitats for water voles within the areas currently occupied by the water voles	Two riparian and/or wetland improvement projects in progress by winter 2008.	SPWV-3-1	Work with the owners and fishery interests to identify which stretches of river or wetland occupied by water voles might benefit from management action	Two areas identified by spring 2008.		ART RSDSFB FWAG landowners	Areas identified: Darley Burn and surrounding project area. Appropriate management for the Darley Burn site have been identified and the owners informed. Garrier Burn is currently subject to survey and monitoring to assess the most suitable improvement actions for the burn.
			SPWV-3-2	Cost identified projects and seek funding for the necessary works.	Project details confirmed and funding available by summer 2008.		FWAG	Darley project is suspended due to loss of species. Stinchar Valley water vole project designed. Funding application rejected.
SPWV-4	To monitor and report on the known water vole populations in the Stinchar catchment both within any improved areas and out with such areas.	Monitoring scheme in place by spring 2008	SPWV-4-1	Design monitoring scheme for known water vole populations and develop methodology for implementation and reporting	Monitoring scheme in operation spring 2008			Habitat improvement planned for Darley Burn project suspended.

SPWV-5	To establish the presence and extent of other water vole populations in Ayrshire based on surveying any sites where voles have been reported from recently.	All sites with water vole records since 2002 surveyed by spring 2008.	SPWV-5-1	Collate all post 2002 records from commercial environmental surveys and reports from water bailiffs etc. to identify possible populations of water voles	Possible population identified by winter 2007.			Desktop survey and GIS mapping of known colonies is ongoing. Two new reports this month from East Ayrshire.
			SPWV-5-2	Survey all sites identified using standard water vole survey techniques.	All possible sites surveyed by spring 2008.			No further action planned due to limited resources.

6) Species Action Plan: Farmland Birds

Obj. Ref.	Objective	Target	Action Ref	Action	Target	Lead partner	Other delivery agents	Progress
SPFB -1	To assess the distribution and significant range contractions of target farmland bird species in Ayrshire	Map key areas for target farmland bird species by December 2007	SPFB -1-1	Hold workshop with local experts to map key areas and sites for target farmland bird species based on local knowledge	Maps produced and circulated by December 2007	RSPB	SOC BTO FWAG SNH SAC SGRPID	Meeting held and maps produced to show areas of remaining species concentrations, as well as areas in most need of management.
		Identify areas of significant range contraction for target farmland bird species by December 2010	SPFB -1-2	Compare BTO atlas data from 2007/08 with SOC atlas data from 1991/97 to identify areas of significant range contraction	Map areas of significant range contraction of target species by December 2010	RSPB	SOC BTO	Not started
		Confirm the breeding status of corn bunting in Ayrshire by 2009	SPFB -1- 3	Keep and follow up any reports of breeding corn bunting	Report on the known status of corn bunting in Ayrshire in Autumn 2009	SOC	BTO RSPB FWAG	Ongoing action but none recorded in 2009
SPFB -2	To establish the potential of significantly improving the value of hedgerows and field margins for farmland birds through management	Map key areas where hedgerows and field margins are in good and poor condition by December 2007	SPFB -2-1	Hold workshop with local experts to map key areas and sites where hedgerows and field margins are in good or poor condition	Maps produced and circulated by December 2007	RSPB	SOC BTO FWAG SNH SAC SGRPID	Meeting held and maps produced to show areas of remaining species concentrations, as well as areas in most need of management.
		Identify land managers with potential to improve management of hedgerows and field margins who are keen to participate in management and demonstration projects.	SPFB -2-2	Identify 2 large commercial dairy farms within the mapped areas who are willing to improve habitats on their farms for demonstration purposes	Agreement reached with 2 commercial dairy farmers to alter management to benefit farm operations and wildlife, by February 2008	FWAG	SAC SGRPID	Not being progressed because of problems with SRDP. RSPB looking at alternative ways of delivering this through SAC.
			SPFB -2-3	Identify a cluster of c.10 farmers within the mapped areas who would be receptive to improving their hedgerows and field margins for farmland birds through changes in management.	Agreement reached with c. 10 farmers to alter management to benefit farm operations and wildlife, by February 2008	FWAG	SAC SGRPID	Aim to take this forward with small number of farms to the north of Kilmarnock, particularly focusing on tree sparrow. RSPB has contacted SAC advisors to find out whether they are already working with farmers in this area and if so, would they be willing to work together to include tree sparrow measures. SAC are looking at their client lists to see whether there are options for joint working.
			SPFB -2-4	Identify stretches of hedgerow and road verges that are managed by Local Authority Roads Departments or AMEY.	Maps produced and circulated by December 2007	SayrC	EAC NAC AMEY	South Ayrshire Council have met with roads departments to discuss the issue and which areas are cut

SPFB - 3	To demonstrate how changes in management can benefit farmland birds and be compatible with a successful commercial farm	Improve hedgerow and field margin habitats on 2 large commercial dairy farms and use to demonstrate techniques and benefits to others	SPFB -3-1	Produce plans for changes in management to improve hedgerow and field margin habitats on 2 commercial dairy farms.	2 plans written and agreed by LBAP group and farmers by April 2008	FWAG	SAC RSPB SNH SGRPID	not taken forward due to problems with SRDP and FWAG funding. RSPB considering alternative mechanisms but little progress to date.
			SPFB -3-2	Implement plans and obtain funding to do so if required	Plans implemented by December 2008	FWAG	SAC RSPB SNH SGRPID	not taken forward due to problems with SRDP and FWAG funding. RSPB considering alternative mechanisms but little progress to date.
			SPFB -3-3	Hold an event at both farms to demonstrate benefits to other farmers and advisors	Hold event at each farm during 2009	FWAG	SAC RSPB SNH SGRPID	not taken forward due to problems with SRDP and FWAG funding. RSPB considering alternative mechanisms but little progress to date.
	Improve hedgerow and field margin habitats on a cluster of c.10 farms and use to demonstrate effects on target species	SPFB -3-4	Produce plans for changes in management to improve hedgerow and field margin habitats on a cluster of c.10 farms.	Plans written and agreed by LBAP group and farmers by April 2008	FWAG	SAC RSPB SNH SGRPID	Aim is to take this forward for small number of farms north of Kilmarnock, focusing on tree sparrow. Awaiting feedback from SAC (see above)	
		SPFB -3-5	Implement plans and obtain funding to do so if required	Plans implemented by December 2008	FWAG	SAC RSPB SNH SGRPID	not taken forward due to problems with SRDP and FWAG funding. RSPB considering alternative mechanisms - currently awaiting feedback from SAC	
		SPFB -3-6	Monitor the changes in populations of target species on the farms with plans	Carry out baseline surveys of farms in 2008 and repeat surveys in 2009	SOC	RSPB	SOC volunteers willing to help once farms are identified	
	To integrate advice on management for farmland birds within existing advice to farmers	SPFB -3-7	Attend 6 demonstration events and give advice on management for farmland birds	Attend 3 events in 2008 and 3 in 2009	RSPB	FWAG SNH SOC	LBAP group attended SRDP event at SAC.	
	To integrate advice on management for farmland birds within agricultural teaching programmes	SPFB -3-8	Provide input into teaching courses at SAC	Give 1 lecture and run 1 field visit for agricultural students on farmland birds in 2008 and 2009	SAC	FWAG RSPB	Contacted Jan Connell at SAC with aim of running lecture and field trip in 2009 - in principle agreed to include in course during October, details to be agreed nearer the time.	

SPFB - 4	To demonstrate how changes in management can benefit farmland birds and be compatible with safe, well managed roads	Improve management of hedgerow and verge habitats on sections of road to demonstrate techniques and benefits	SPFB -4-1	Hold a workshop with road managers and conservation groups to identify opportunities to improve management of hedgerows and verges	Workshop held in February 2008 with output including a map of project areas and a list of general measures to be taken more widely	SAyC	EAC NAC AMEY RSPB FWAG SNH	South Ayrshire Council have met with roads departments to discuss the issue and degree of cutting with the aim of identifying areas where management could be altered in the Action Plan target areas.
			SPFB -4-2	Produce plans for changes in management to improve hedgerow and verge habitats for sections of roads	Produce plans by April 2008 and implement plans during 2008	SAyC	EAC NAC AMEY RSPB FWAG SNH	Not started
			SPFB -4-3	Monitor the changes in populations of target species on the road sections with plans	Carry out baseline surveys of farms in 2008 and repeat surveys in 2009	SOC	RSPB	Not started

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