

Welcome to the workshop on: NATURAL HERITAGE TRENDS REPORTING

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Who we are and
- Where do we come from?



BACKGROUND

- SoE Reporting in UK *cf* EU and International
- Lack info. on processes driving environmental change
- SNH Natural Heritage Trends 2001 (Mackey et al.) also lacks such info.
- Question: can we improve the value of SoE reporting in Scotland by adopting the DPSIR framework?



WHY NOW?

- Ongoing debate on SD and biodiversity indicators
- Real enthusiasm for joined-up working in Scotland and prepared to fund it!
- Scottish Executive and SNH keen to develop practical approaches that “*make a difference*”
- Strong encouragement to:

“Bite the bullet” Head of SNH Advisory Services



WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

1. Examine experiences with DPSIR framework.
2. Produce a set of criteria for evaluating candidate indicators at a range of scales.
3. Produce a set of candidate indicators and prioritise them.
4. Develop a co-operative proposal for testing the DPSIR framework in NH reporting in Scotland



OUTPUT

- Recommendations on how NH reporting be taken forward.
- Proposal to Scottish Executive for funding a co-operative project to develop and test a prototype.



3 part Programme

1. Scene setting

- Statutory/organisational/other requirements (Ed Mackey)
- A critical review of current best practice (David Briggs)
- The EEA perspective (Jock Martin)



Programme

2. Decision Workshop (Neil Bayfield and Phil Bacon)

- Identifying candidate indicators
- Prioritising indicators



Programme

3. Getting it right (recommendations)

- What needs to be done?
- Working together?
- Common research themes?
- Shared action plan?



Rules: What Rules?

1. This is a workshop not a seminar
2. It has not been micro-organised
3. Things might not work quite as we anticipated!
4. Every view is welcome
5. Equal air time
6. No right of veto
7. Please relax and have fun!



Introductory Talk

“ Statutory, organisational and other justifications for SoE Reporting”

Ed Mackey SNH

