

Sub Group	Ref No.	Action	JUNE 2007- Progress Report
URBAN	USG1	Urban Red Squirrel Initiative 2006-10	Potential for expanding Dundee Red Squirrel Project to Tayside wide using best practice from Dundee. Discussions ongoing with FCS and SNH. Brief being put together for partners.
URBAN	USG2	Acoustic Ecology 2006-07	Programme of events planned for end June/July/August - Partners involved include Art Angel / Naturalists / Audio Artists / Storytelling / Poetry / Bat Project. Received grants from Breathing Places and Park IT (£11,000)
URBAN	USG3	Community Gardens/ Orchards and Allotments HAP 2006-10	Production of booklet due in August / September. LA's + SNH funded. Consultation with local groups once draft produced.
URBAN	USG4	Urban Grassland Management 2006-10	Two courses at end of June (SCRI and Flora Locale) Two potential trial / demonstration areas to be agreed at Forfar Loch and Dawson Park. Interpretation necessary and involvement of land managers on the ground vital.
URBAN	USG5	Invasive Species Project (Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam) 2007-12	Section 75 agreement by Angus Council for development at Baldovan House (source of GH on Dighty), but not for whole area. Still to investigate funding from Esme Fairbairn
URBAN	USG6	Green/ Living Roofs 2006-10	No update
URBAN	USG7	Local Patch Project 2007-10	No update. Engage a wide range of people in observing local wildlife. This now separate project (7a) ZOOM concentrating on Bumblebee Survey. Working with BFEP to progress project. Currently working on implementation plan.
URBAN	USG8	Sand Martins in Tayside 2006-10	Group are having meeting on 29th June
URBAN	USG9	Urban Watercourse Initiative 2007-10	HAP almost completed. Comments by group by 22nd June.
URBAN	USG10	Tayside Town Swift Project 2006-10	Swift boxes allocated. Swift newsletter out. Survey forms out and on website. Press release in June to encourage survey by public. Swift day held in Auchterarder. Investigate possibility of artificial sites on PFI schools in Dundee
URBAN	USG11	Green Kirk and Graveyard Initiative 2006-10	Dates to be set for training days in 3 local authority areas Sept / Oct 2007. Leaflet produced and circulated with training / demo dates.
WOODLAND	WSG1	Green Tourism Initiative 2006-10	2nd round of HLF applications due for submission this year. This will add in a No of other sites and also the Carse Orchards.
WOODLAND	WSG2	Woodland Management Awareness 2007-11	Native woodland discussion group hosted their annual event in Perthshire first week in June 07
WOODLAND	WSG3	Management of Non-Timber Forest Products 2007-11	
WOODLAND	WSG4	Red Squirrel Conservation 2006-10	
WOODLAND	WSG5	Tayside Wildlife Tree Project 2006-10	Carse of Gowrie Orchard project
WOODLAND	WSG6	Tayside Woodland Grazing Initiative 2007-11	Ongoing monitoring of the site conditions.

WOODLAND	WSG7	Ancient Tree Hunt 2007-10	
WOODLAND	WSG8	Tayside Juniper Project 2006-11 (Renamed the Veteran Trees Initiative and amalgamated the Death of our Heritage project – Ancient Tree Hunt)	
<b>COASTS &amp; ESTUARIES</b>	CESG1	Tayside Golf Course Initiative 2006-10	A change in staff at the Scottish Golf Environment Group has delayed the proposed project, but advice has been given for the Montrose Golf course Landscape Plan. Discussions have also been underway regarding the potential for a number of Angus/Dundee golf courses taking forward a Local Patch Project, Red Squirrel surveys and linking with the Dundee Bat Project.
COASTS & ESTUARIES	CESG2	Dune Habitat Restoration 2006-10	No Progress.
COASTS & ESTUARIES	CESG3	Geo-diversity Trails 2006-08	Geodiversity site leaflets (all voluntary work): Corsie Hill Quarry - final draft/artwork approved: PKC to colour photocopy 1,000 copies; Dundee Law - 1st draft circulated for comment; Seaton Cliffs (Arbroath) - text at 1st draft and project underway with support from British Geological Survey.
COASTS & ESTUARIES	CESG4	Tayside Terns 2006-10	Tern Working Group – a 3rd meeting planned at the end of the summer. Main focus is the current Montrose Tern Project, but the 2nd phase will be discussed this autumn (artificial rafts to attract Arctic and Common terns). (1) Montrose Beach Project - the Little terns are back; 3 or 4 have nested so far. The 24 hour wardening is in place and a fence put up with Angus Council's permission to help cordon off the nesting area. The Tern Code of Practice is being drawn up, together with an information flier. BBC Radio Scotland's 'Out of Doors' programme recently interviewed Hugh Bell, the main warden, about the project. (2) Montrose Basin - the decoy terns were put in place by a SWT 'Watch Group' at the end of April; there was an article in the press. Tape playing of tern calls has been on-going since the decoys have been in place. (3) Industrial Unit terns - unfortunately Glaxo staff have been clearing the area where the terns have nested in the past to prevent them nesting this year; this is ahead of the planned artificial rafts to attract them away from the site in 2008.
WET & WETLAND	WWSG2	Perth Lade Enhancement 2006-10	Tried to get involved with the next meeting of the group who have been dealing with the project. But no dates have yet been provided.
WET & WETLAND	WWSG3	Otter Road Death Survey 2006-10	No news
WET & WETLAND	WWSG4	River Earn Japanese Knotweed Eradication and Habitat Improvement 2007-10	TDSFB have completed catchment mapping exercise and are looking into progressing with a treatment program.
WET & WETLAND	WWSG5	River Tay Tributary Improvement Initiative 2007-10	Site meeting held to look at the Dalchonzie Burn, the bed of which is thought to be leaking into a power station outfall tailrace. Situation is complicated by a significant amount of natural looking deposition of sediment, SSE going to contact a geomorphologist to get an expert opinion on what is going on. Kinnaird Burn, Pitlochry, early stages looking at possible sources of funding/help from present owners of petrol station.
WET & WETLAND	WWSG6	Salmon in the Classroom (Funded to 2007; extension proposed 2008-10)	No news

WET & WETLAND	WWSG7	Water Voles and Mink Project 2007-10	No news
WET & WETLAND		OTHER REPORTING	A new proforma has been developed for a number of lochs in Perthshire which have been highlighted as being at risk of changing status. The lochs have historically supported rare aquatic plants like slender naiad and rare stoneworts. The lochs concerned are Monzievaird (Crieff), White Loch and Fingask Lochs (Lunan Chain), Craiglush, Butterstone, Drumellie/Marlee, Loch of the Lowes, and Clunie. Partners will be SEPA, SNH, FWAG, RSPB, SWT and TBP. The projects will look at improving the water quality by investigating what is happening in the loch catchments.
UPLAND	UPSG1	Tayside Upland Heath Project 2007-10	
UPLAND	UPSG2	Highland Tayside Paths Impacts Project 2007-10	
UPLAND	UPSG3	Tayside Upland Butterfly and Moth Initiative 2007-10	
FARMLAND	FSG1	Tayside Barn Owl Projects 2006-10	SAC visits under BOOLS Project completed for 06/07. 3 to do in 07/08. Good reception from farmers. Survey cards distributed. FWAG visits under BOOLS Project completed for 06/07. 13 to do in 07/08, some already completed. Some survey cards distributed (still to see if they can go in libraries, quite a few returned. Angus FWAG getting Mapmate so info can be entered. BOOLS newsletter produced and Barn Owl walk held for Tayside & Fife. Upland Barn Owl Project completed in Angus. Licensed ringer checking out a few boxes where Barn Owl may have taken up residence. Angus FWAG may have funding for another 10 visits but would need to get money for boxes (£350)
FARMLAND	FSG2	Calcareous Grassland Project 2006-10	Funding almost in place. Commenced feasibility study. Several sites visited and many discussions with interested parties.
FARMLAND	FSG4	Angus Glens Treelines Project 2006-07	Angus Glens Treelines Project now finished. 450 trees planted, over 7km of treelines planted/renovated. Angus & Perthshire FWAG have secured funding from FCS and SNH for Perthshire & Angus Tree Lines Project (PAT), 35 trees on offer to 42 farms for treelines, this will plant 1,500 trees & renovate/create 15-45km of tree lines in Tayside.
FARMLAND	FSG5	Farm Buildings for Biodiversity 2006-10	Letter to be sent by sub-group to PKC regarding concerns over lack of implementation of Protected Species Legislation. Angus Council Planning Dept have asked Angus FWAG for a map of where they should be taking account of Barn owls in planning applications.
FARMLAND	FSG6	Enhancement of Irrigation Ponds Project 2007/8-10	
FARMLAND	FSG7	Saving the Small Blue Butterfly in Angus 2006-10	Remnant population has been found near Friokheim by Craig Boreland.
FARMLAND	FSG8	Wet Grassland for Waders 2007-10	

FARMLAND	FSG9	The Living Field Study Centre (the Flora and Fauna of Scotland's Arable Farmland) 2006-07	Official launch later this summer, hosted farmland subgroup as the first meeting in the portacabins they have now got kitted out as lab/classrooms at the site.
FARMLAND	FSG10	Perthshire Hedgerow and Tree Project 2007-10	
FARMLAND	FSG11	Operation Bumblebee	*Total project funding required - £200 per hectare capital cost seed mix and cultivation. Initially 20 hectares of pollen and nectar mix established on farms in Tayside (total cost £4,000)
<b>EDUCATION</b>	ESG1	Sheltered Housing & Hospitals Biodiversity Project 2006-10	
EDUCATION	ESG2	Tayside Wildlife Festival 2008-10	Still no news regarding the proposed Scottish Biodiversity Festival 2008; however, the Education sub-group will discuss the potential for a Tayside Festival at their next meeting (mid-July).
EDUCATION	ESG3	Mammal Atlas 2007-08	No real progress, although Perth Museum continues to receive and collate records. There is now a backlog of Red Squirrel records which Mel Tonkin of the Red Squirrel National Survey may collate on the Museum's behalf.
EDUCATION	ESG4	Countryside on Wheels (Educational Bus) 2008-09	No progress - project to start 2008 or 2009.
EDUCATION	ESG5	Bee Wild Communities & Schools Project 2007-10	Funding not yet available to start Kinross-shire pilot project. Discussions under way with Grounds for Learning. Project will be discussed at the next Sub-group meeting in July.
EDUCATION	ESG6	Community & Education Biodiversity Awards (as part of the Bee Wild Communities & Schools Project) 2007-10	(no progress)
EDUCATION	ESG8	Practitioner Training 2007-10	Urban Grassland Workshop arranged, 26 June (to be held at Invergowrie); two Bats & Trees workshops also arranged for September. An Orchard Management Seminar/Workshop has been agreed for mid-October. Local authority staff will be invited to the "Getting to Know your Churchyard Biodiversity" workshops planned for late summer.
EDUCATION		OTHER REPORTING	Angus Countryside Trust and Royal Highland Education Trust ran an Estate Day in May – 153 "inner city" Dundee primary schoolchildren explored Kinnordy Estate, Kirriemuir. Funded by a private Trust, the highly successful day was held by Lord Lyell and his factor Jamie Stormonth-Darling. Angus Ranger Service, Forestry Commission, Angus FWAG, and the Angus Tree Officer all took part. Future Estate Days are now planned.
EDUCATION		OTHER REPORTING	Other ACI projects include the Potato and Berry Projects; 30 farm visits by Angus and Dundee classes; 50 farmer speakers going into classrooms; 250 children served with "healthy" Farmhouse Breakfasts; 400 Angus children involved in the "Farm and Countryside Set" with the Angus Ranger Service.