

A Review of the Biological Recording Infrastructure in Scotland

Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum



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A Review has been completed towards transforming Scotland's biological recording infrastructure – covering Scotland's land, freshwaters and seas. This has been a collaboration informed by an Advisory Group of 16 government and non-government bodies, interviews with 42 organisations, 290 public questionnaire responses, and four workshops attended by 39 organisations.

It looked at the collection, management and use of wildlife data to improve our knowledge of biodiversity. It recognises the need to improve geographical and taxonomic data coverage, and ensure that information is sufficiently up-to-date and accessible to inform action for the people and wildlife of Scotland.

While the Review was undertaken in Scotland it is designed to be widely applicable and of interest elsewhere.

The Review makes 24 recommendations grouped by five outcomes, underpinned by a costed business case.

Running through the SBIF Review is a sense of willingness and partnership for a resilient and inclusive information infrastructure built on skills, technology and endeavour. It is seen as a solution to knowledge needs across government and wider society, as well as a route to physical and mental health and enjoyment.

The next step is to discuss the Recommendations with all interested parties to identify how best to implement an improved biodiversity information infrastructure by 2025 (see over).

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Where to find out more

More information about the SBIF Review is available at <https://nbn.org.uk/about-us/where-we-are/in-scotland/the-sbif-review/>.

Follow @sb_info_forum on Twitter for latest news.

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A healthy natural environment is the foundation for prosperity and wellbeing, for which we have responsibilities to young and future generations. The goal is to become a well-informed, confident, modern society so that by 2030 Scotland is recognised as a world leader in looking after and improving nature.

By 2025...



Clear data flows



Central data repository



Clear submission points



Affiliated data channels



National and
Regional Hubs



Links to voucher specimens



Links to metadata



Online verification portal



Online data
management portal



Definitive evidence base



Happy staff and volunteers



Feedback on quality



Feedback on use



Access to high
quality training



Access to support



Data easily accessed
through single location



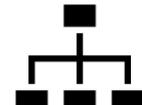
Accessible, universal
services



Data of known quality



Sufficient funding



Efficient use of resources



National biodiversity centre with regional hubs for Scotland

Definitive provider of biological records in Scotland

