



SITA TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY ACTION FUND

Up to March 2009

List of funded projects

Between May 2005 and March 2009:

- 49 projects funded
- £447,724 allocated, including PQLT Administration fee (£869,853 leverage)

Organisations	Projects	Amounts	Summary & progress	Contacts
<i>Forest Research</i>	Small Cow-Wheat Species Recovery Project (Perth and Kinross)	£23,100 (total project leverage: £31,770)	Habitat creation to recover the rare Small cow wheat plant by collecting seeds from 3 donor sites within Scotland and nurturing them on 3 sites within Perthshire. <i>Project completed</i>	Alice Broome, Alice.broome@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
<i>Broughty Ferry Environmental Project</i>	Following the Water of Life (Dundee)	£18,370 (total leverage: £30,890)	The three year project theme was water, both in terms of the habitats it provides and the species it supports. The first stage of the project included building an amphibian over-wintering habitat near a local pond located at Broughty Ferry Library. The second phase of the project focused on the restoration of a number of urban ponds across Eastern Dundee and Broughty Ferry. The third phase of the project undertook work on 5 urban wet grassland sites across Dundee. <i>Project completed</i>	Ann Lolley, Environ.projects@dundee.gov.uk
<i>Forest Research</i>	Juniper Natural Regeneration Management Trials (Perth and Kinross)	£19,304 (total leverage: £25,818)	Three year habitat management project to regenerate Juniper, a UKBAP priority species. The project monitors the impact of summer grazing by cattle at two identified sites in Perthshire. <i>Project in progress</i>	Alice Broome Alice.broome@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Angus Council	Artificial Sand Martin Wall (Angus)	£10,029 (100% funding)	Habitat creation through the construction of artificial sand martin wall within Crombie Country Park. <i>Project completed</i>	Tom McGrath, monikiepark@ol.co.uk
Tay Ringing Group	Saving Tayside's Ring Ouzels (Angus)	£1,065 (total leverage: £2,865)	Radio tracking of Ring Ouzels in Tayside, a rapidly declining red list species. <i>Project completed</i>	Les Hatton les@lydox.fsnet.co.uk
Tay Ringing Group (working with the RSPB)	Tay Reedbed Habitat Management (Perth and Kinross)	£1,875 (total leverage: £4,050)	The ringing of various species of birds that use the River Tay reedbeds. The species targeted for ringing were Reed bunting, Bearded tit, Sedge warbler and Swallow. <i>Project completed</i>	Les Hatton les@lydox.fsnet.co.uk
RSPB Scotland	Tay Reedbeds Biodiversity Enhancement Project (Perth and Kinross)	£26,000 (total leverage: £57,000)	The Tay reedbeds contain 15% of the British reedbed resource. The project helped conserve the reedbeds which support populations of Bearded tits, Water rail, Sedge warbler, Marsh harrier and Reed bunting. <i>Project completed</i>	Gregg Wilkie Gregg.wilkie@rspb.org.uk
Angus Council	Lilybank Bio-diverse garden (Angus)	£6,000 (total leverage: £9,086)	Creation of a biodiverse garden, including pond, nestboxes and feeders in the grounds of an Adult Resource Centre. <i>Project completed</i>	Pierre Bernard BernardP@angus.gov.uk
Tay Ringing Group (working with the RSPB)	Marsh Harrier Management (Perth and Kinross)	£3,400 (100% funding)	The purchase of two satellite tags to track Marsh harrier movements down the length of the UK and raise awareness <i>Project completed</i>	Les Hatton les@lydox.fsnet.co.uk
Sustain Dundee (working with Dundee City Council)	Dundee Red Squirrel project (Dundee)	£14,750 (total leverage £38,750)	Three year project to control Grey squirrels, and set up supplementary feeding stations to improve breeding success of Red squirrels <i>Project in progress</i>	Ken Neil Redsquirrel.project@dundee.city.gov.uk
Angus & Tayside Conservation Group (working with Crown Estates, SNH, Smith Glaxo Kline and Angus Bird Club)	Little tern Breeding Protection (Angus)	£31,968 (total leverage £56,468)	Interim safeguarding/ awareness-raising of tern colony at Montrose ahead of the 3 rd year project to build raft for the Tern spp. <i>Project completed</i>	Mechelle Coutts 01674 676336
Angus Council	Swift/Bat Housing Project (Angus)	£4,424 (total leverage)	Provision of Swift and bat boxes on William Wallace House, Orchardbank, Forfar (Angus Council Housing Dept.), and then on St Margaret's House,	John Morrow morrowj@angus.gov.uk

		£6,744)	Orchardbank, Forfar. <i>Project completed</i>	
<i>Dundee City Council</i>	Dundee Biodiversity Garden (Dundee)	£4,250 (total leverage: £6,500)	Creation of a biodiverse garden providing nesting/ roosting/ hibernating boxes and bird tables and plants to attract invertebrates. <i>Project in progress</i>	John Porter John.porter@undeecity.gov.uk
<i>Nature Bureau projects (on behalf of Bat Conservation Trust)</i>	Dundee Bat Project (Dundee)	£9,660 (total leverage: £20,570)	Survey and monitoring of bats in conjunction with the local bat group, to survey sites used by pipestrelle bats and how they can be improved. <i>Project completed</i>	Suzanne Marshall post@naturebureau.co.uk
<i>Field Studies Council</i>	Kindrogan Otter Project	£1,700 (total leverage: £1,950)	Riparian management and creation of otter holt <i>Project in progress</i>	Martyn Jamieson 01250 870150
<i>Field Studies Council</i>	Kindrogan Red Squirrel Project	£2,700 (total leverage: £1,950)	Woodland management and provision of Red Squirrel feeding areas <i>Project in progress</i>	Martyn Jamieson 01250 870150
<i>Scottish Agricultural College</i>	Perthshire Barn Owl Project	£6,040 (total leverage: £8,355)	Monitoring and research into 6 areas in Glen Isla to ascertain, and then safeguard, Barn owl population. Phase 2 of the project monitored and researched 6 new areas near the River Isla and near Dunkeld to continue the safeguarding of the area's Barn owl population. Working with local farmers, Barn Owl Management Plans were created for them to continue this work. <i>Project completed</i>	Christine Hall 01738 636611
<i>Dundee City Council</i>	Trottick Pond Restoration	£3,790 (total leverage: £8,200)	Community and Ranger Service restoration of historical rhetting pond for wildlife <i>Project completed</i>	George Potts - countrysiderangers@dundeecity.gov.uk
<i>Dundee City Council</i>	Den o'Mains Pond Restoration	£5,260 (total leverage: £10,825)	Community and Ranger Service restoration of historical rhetting pond for wildlife <i>Project completed</i>	George Potts - countrysiderangers@dundeecity.gov.uk
<i>Angus, Perthshire and Fife & Kinross FWAG</i>	Saving Tayside's Tree Sparrows	£24,440 (total leverage: £29,067)	Monitoring and research into 30 areas across Tayside (i.e. 10 in Angus, 10 in Perthshire, 10 in Kinross-shire) to ascertain, and then safeguard, Tree sparrow populations. <i>Project in progress</i>	Carol Littlewood - carol@littlewoodlandcare.co.uk

<i>Scottish Agricultural College</i>	Highland Perthshire Calcareous Grassland Project (Perth & Kinross)	£15,778 (total leverage: £22,764)	Feasibility study into suitable areas (Highland Perthshire) for demonstration sites and specific grassland management for invertebrates (inc. Mason bee). <i>Project in progress</i>	Christine Hall 01738 636611
<i>Angus FWAG (working with Angus Council)</i>	The Linnet Link (Angus)	£13,530 (total leverage: £15,280)	Provision of 11,250 new native shrub plantings along A92 cycle track to enhance the linnet population. <i>Project in progress</i>	Carol Littlewood - carol@littlewoodlandcare.co.uk
<i>Perthshire FWAG (working with SEPA, SNH, Blairgowrie Angling Club)</i>	Fingask and White Lochs Recovery Project (Perth & Kinross)	£2,848 (total leverage - £10,300)	The project undertook a catchment approach to tackle water quality issues. It involved local residents, farmers, anglers and golf club members. Separate funding from the SITA TBAF Promotions Fund paid for 250 educational tea-towels ("Make the Link with your Sink") which were distributed locally to septic tank owners, the anglers club, schools and golf club. <i>Project in progress</i>	Richard Lockett - lockett@agri-environmental.co.uk
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>	Tummel Shingle Islands Project (Perth & Kinross)	£15,000 (total leverage - £16,110)	A three year project to remove non-native Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam. This will safeguard one of the rarest habitats in the UK with over 380 plants recorded on the Reserve (Priority species include Common Tern and Ringed Plover). Common Rock Rose also hosts the rare Northern Brown Argus butterfly. <i>Project in progress</i>	Stephen Gardener sgardner@swt.org.uk
<i>Scottish Agricultural College (working with Field Studies Centre)</i>	The Highland Perthshire Water Vole Project (Perth & Kinross)	£3,576 (total leverage - £14,974)	A pilot project centred on the Kindrogan Field Studies Centre and involving staff and volunteers in monitoring four sites to identify areas used by Water voles. Habitat enhancement will include the safeguarding or creation of riparian strips, stock exclusion and control of non-native invasive species. <i>Project in progress</i>	Christine Hall 01738 636611
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>	Seaton Cliffs: Maritime Cliffs Communities Enhancement (Angus)	£11,880 (total leverage - £19,840)	Restoration over two years (by removal of non-native invasive plants) is encouraging the spread of Kidney vetch, the food plant of the Small blue butterfly, a UK Species of Conservation Concern and Britain's smallest butterfly. <i>Project in progress</i>	Stephen Gardener sgardner@swt.org.uk
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>	Osprey Protection Officers, Loch of the Lowes (Perth & Kinross)	£13,998 (100% funding)	A three year project to enable Osprey Protection Officers to offer a 24-hour, 7-days a week surveillance operation during the 8 weeks of sensitive breeding time. Payment of night-time Protection Officers enabled volunteers	Stephen Gardener sgardner@swt.org.uk

			to commit to day-time shifts only. <i>Project in progress</i>	
<i>Murton Trust (and Forfar Academy)</i>	Sand Martin Wall Extension (Angus)	£952 (total leverage - £3,017)	Extension of an existing sand martin wall to safeguard population of sand martins. <i>Project completed</i>	Al Borland - murtontrust@btconnect.com
<i>Murton Trust (and Forfar Academy)</i>	Murton Grey Partridge Breeding Programme (Angus)	£15,760 (total leverage - £27,735)	A new breeding programme for Grey Partridges to provide a suitable wildlife corridor for the birds to access different areas of the nature reserve (and beyond), and to ultimately use as nesting areas. <i>Project in progress</i>	Al Borland - murtontrust@btconnect.com
<i>Murton Trust (and Forfar Academy)</i>	Little Ringed Plover Habitat Enhancement (Angus)	£6,277 (total leverage - £16,623)	Improving habitat for Little Ringed Plovers <i>Project in progress</i>	Al Borland - murtontrust@btconnect.com
<i>RSPB</i>	Floodplain Grazing Marsh Project (Vane Farm) (Perth & Kinross)	£28,000 (total leverage: £42,834)	Biodiversity enhancement project <i>Project in progress</i>	Gregg Wilkie Gregg.wilkie@rspb.org.uk
<i>Perth & Kinross Council (working with Coupar Angus Primary School)</i>	Project Bumblebee (Perth & Kinross)	£8,006 (total leverage: £18,006)	Creation of a species-rich meadow in the centre of Larghan Park for the local community <i>Project completed</i>	Mike Messenger MMessenger@pkc.gov.uk
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>	Balnaguard Glen Juniper Regeneration Project (Perth & Kinross)	£8,800 (total leverage: £13,466)	Eradication of bracken and other invasive species to enable the safeguarding of existing Juniper. <i>Project in progress</i>	sgardner@swt.org.uk
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>	Northern Hay Meadow Management (Perth & Kinross)	£5,640 (total leverage: £11,910)	A rare example of an upland hay meadow rich in biodiversity - correct management will safeguard this. <i>Project in progress</i>	sgardner@swt.org.uk
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>	Calcareous Grassland Improvement (Perth & Kinross)	£9,400 (total leverage: £19,670)	Vigorous control of bracken and blackthorn on the site will safeguard this rare UK habitat. <i>Project in progress</i>	sgardner@swt.org.uk
<i>Tay Foundation</i>	Tay District Invasive Plant Control (Perth & Kinross)	£3,000 (total leverage: 34,500)	Control and removal of Japanese knotweed and Giant Hogweed from key sites along the Tay. <i>Project in progress</i>	t.b.c.

<i>Auchterarder Golf Club</i>	Auchterarder Pond Project (Perth & Kinross)	£800 (total leverage: £1,000)	Management of vegetation in pond and creation of new adjoining pond near a right of way for the community. <i>Project completed</i>	Elspeth.coutts@tiscali.co.uk
<i>Auchterarder Golf Club</i>	Lowland Heathland Mosaic Enhancement (Perth & Kinross)	£2,040 (total leverage: £3,600)	Expansion and enhancement of the mosaic heathland and acid grassland. <i>Project completed</i>	Elspeth.coutts@tiscali.co.uk
<i>Auchterarder Golf Club</i>	Auchterarder Red Squirrel Project (Perth & Kinross)	£2,440 (total leverage: £3,050)	Provision of feeding stations for Red Squirrels and the removal of inappropriate trees. <i>Project completed</i>	Elspeth.coutts@tiscali.co.uk
<i>Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust (working with Inchturre Primary School)</i>	Inchturre Redwood Ponds (Perth & Kinross)	£8,000 (total leverage: £34,000)	A management project to safeguard the unique avenue of giant Redwood trees and enhance the adjoining pond. <i>Project in progress</i>	PMcLennan PMcLennan@pkc.gov.uk
<i>Scottish Native Woods</i>	Highland Perthshire Aspen Restoration Project (Perth & Kinross)	£20,250 (total leverage: £33,500)	A restoration and survey project to widen the original Cairngorms Aspen project. <i>Project in progress</i>	Victor.clements@scottishnativewoods.org.uk
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>	Montrose Basin Wetland Project (Angus)	£7,102 (total leverage: £17,302)	Grassland management at Montrose Basin Nature Reserve. <i>Project in progress</i>	sgardner@swt.org.uk
<i>Bat Conservation Trust (working with Perth & Kinross Ranger Service)</i>	Perth City Bat Project (Perth & Kinross)	£9,515 (total leverage: £22,094)	Following on from the success of the Dundee City Bat Project, another community-based survey project to check which bats are present throughout the urban area. <i>Project in progress</i>	AYoungman@bats.org.uk
<i>Scottish Wildlife Trust (working with SNH)</i>	Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (Angus/ Perth & Kinross)	£10,000 (total leverage: £66,827)	A two year project to provide Grey Squirrel Control Officers in Tayside as part of the Scotland-wide SWT Red Squirrel project. <i>Project in progress</i>	Ken Neil Redsquirrel.project@dundee.city.gov.uk
<i>University of Dundee (working with Dundee Botanic Gardens)</i>	Small Wynd Woodland Wildflower Area (Dundee)	£2,000 (total leverage: £5,298)	Pilot project to introduce a range of wildflower meadows throughout the campus to enhance the University's biodiversity. <i>Project in progress</i>	T.Z.Cunningham@dundee.ac.uk

<i>Dundee City Council (working with Friends of Baxter Park)</i>	Baxter's Bugs, Bats and Birds Project (Dundee)	£2,000 (total leverage: £4,500)	A community-based project to improve a variety of habitats in a public park. <i>Project in progress</i>	Theresa.lynn@dundeecity.gov.uk
<i>Southern Cross Healthcare (working with Perth & Kinross Ranger Service)</i>	Muirtonhouse Biodiversity Project (Perth & Kinross)	£1,100 (total leverage: £1,285)	Part of the Sheltered Housing Biodiversity Project involving residents, staff and families in improving the surroundings for biodiversity. <i>Project in progress</i>	t.b.c.
<i>Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church</i>	Church Wildlife Garden (Perth & Kinross)	£440 (total leverage: 884)	Creation of a wildlife garden at Dunbarney Church. <i>Project in progress</i>	t.b.c.
<i>Auchtergaven and Moneydie Church</i>	Bankfoot Church Centre Bio Garden (Perth & Kinross)	£1,467 (total leverage: £11,209)	Establishment of wildflower meadows, orchard and plantings for bumblebees and butterflies. <i>Project in progress</i>	t.b.c.