

## Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

**10 August 2010**

<b>Priority</b>	A World Class Environment
<b>Outcome</b>	Targeted conservation and enhancement of Devon's biodiversity and geology (LAA8).
<b>Lead Contact:</b>	Sarah Jennings
<b>RAG Status:</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>Review:</b>	Quarter 1 Programme Review 2010-11

### Recommendations

### Summary Statement

Targets all amber. Work progressing on the development of a State of Nature Report for Devon and County Wildlife Site monitoring. Devon Nature Map about to be signed off. Funding to be sought for Parish work and County Wildlife Site management / advisory work.

#### Key to Performance Status:

Status	<b>No Data</b>	<b>Milestone Missed</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Completed</b>
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### Projects

#### Strategic Nature Areas written profiles (Target A1) (LAA-WCE8a1) **Green** Responsible Officer: Sarah Jennings

Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review
12/04/2010	Profiles placed on DCC website. Work begun finalising profiles in key green infrastructure areas	Achieved. Profiles for ALL SNAs drafted and can be found on: <a href="http://www.biodiversitysouthwest.org.uk/nm_del_prof.php">www.biodiversitysouthwest.org.uk/nm_del_prof.php</a> Relevant Green Infrastructure work includes:- Newton Abbot GI strategy- Exeter and East of Exeter GI Strategy- Plymouth GI Strategy Other work in SNAs includes:- DWT Working Wetlands Project and proposed Avon Valley Project- EDDC work at Seaton Marshes- DNP projects such as Darmoor Blanket Bog Restoration Project- work on East Devon Pebblebed Heaths by Clinton Devon Estates and the RSPB- Exe Estuary Partnership
31/03/2011	Project End	

#### Refinement of the South West nature map (Target A2) (LAA-WCE8a2) **Amber** Responsible Officer: Sarah Jennings

Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review
10/08/2010	Project Start	Devon Nature Map currently awaiting being signed off by Devon Biodiversity Partnership
10/08/2010	Devon Nature Map to be signed off by Devon BAP Working Group and incorporated into Devon Green Infrastructure Strategy	Nature Map with the Working Group partners and will be signed off by end of August.
30/08/2010	Produce Devon Biodiversity Network Map	
31/12/2010	Achieve adoption of Devon Biodiversity Network Map by end 2010/11	
31/03/2011	Project End	

#### Undertaking proactive nature conservation work targeted at local sites and key species (Target B) (LAA-WCE8b) **Amber** Responsible Officer: Sarah Jennings

Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review
09/04/2010	24.3% of sites in positive conservation management (total 487)	70 CWSites monitored / provided with advice through the pilot project. Data on number of Local Sites in positive management not yet known. Will be available in June 2010.
10/08/2010	30 sites visited by DBRC as part of the CWS project- data for 2009/10 collated and issues of progress identified- CWS Action Plan finalised	Sites visited and data collated for 2009/10
10/08/2010	30 sites visited by DBRC as part of the CWS project- data for 2009/10 collated and issues of progress identified- CWS Action Plan finalised	Site visits currently being undertaken. Work continues on other milestones
31/03/2011	27.3% of sites in positive conservation management (total 547)	
31/03/2011	Project End	

Community delivery of Biodiversity Action Plans (Target C) (LAA-WCE8c)			Amber	Responsible Officer: Sarah Jennings
Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review		
08/04/2010	Biodiversity audits produced for 43 parishes (i.e. an additional 17 parishes in Year 2) and plan produced to take this work forward in 2010/11	17 audits completed in East Devon, Blackdown Hills, Tamar, North Devon and South Devon AONBs. Audits to be on DCC website imminently – see <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/parishaudits.htm">http://www.devon.gov.uk/parishaudits.htm</a> . 29 produced in 2008/09 – running total for 2009-10 is 47.		
10/08/2010	Promotion of the ability of parishes to produce their own plans and integration with Parish Plan processes + how to help parishes find funding for activities	No progression on parish audit work this quarter - funding opportunities to be investigated as soon as possible.		
10/08/2010	Promotion of the ability of parishes to produce their own plans and integration with Parish Plan processes + how to help parishes find funding for activities	Milestone missed. New milestone for this work is March 2011.		
31/03/2011	An additional 60 Parish Biodiversity Audits produced by end 2010/11, with community engagement in nature conservation related activity resulting in not less than 40% of these parishes by the same date			
31/03/2011	Project End			

Establish a Biodiversity Monitoring Framework for Devon (Target D) (LAA-WCE8d)			Amber	Responsible Officer: Sarah Jennings
Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review		
10/08/2010	Project Start	Devon State of Nature Report currently being drafted.		
20/12/2010	Devon State of Nature Report finalised or near finalisation for 2009/10			
31/03/2011	Biodiversity monitoring framework in place, funded and functioning at a County and sub-County level by end 2010/11			
31/03/2011	Project End			

**Key to Performance Status:**

Performance Indicators: No Data Well Below Target Below Target On Target Above Target Well Above Target

**Key to change on same period in previous year:**

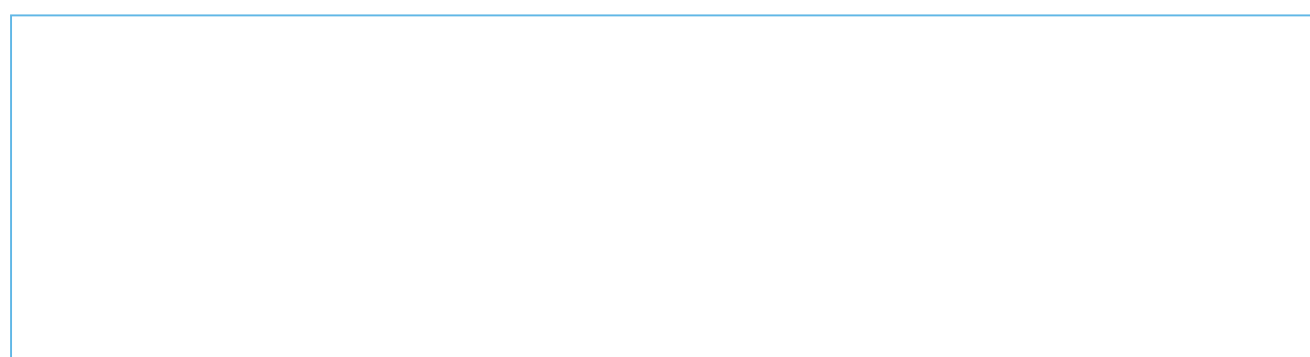
↑ Improved Performance ↓ Worse Performance ↔ Unchanged

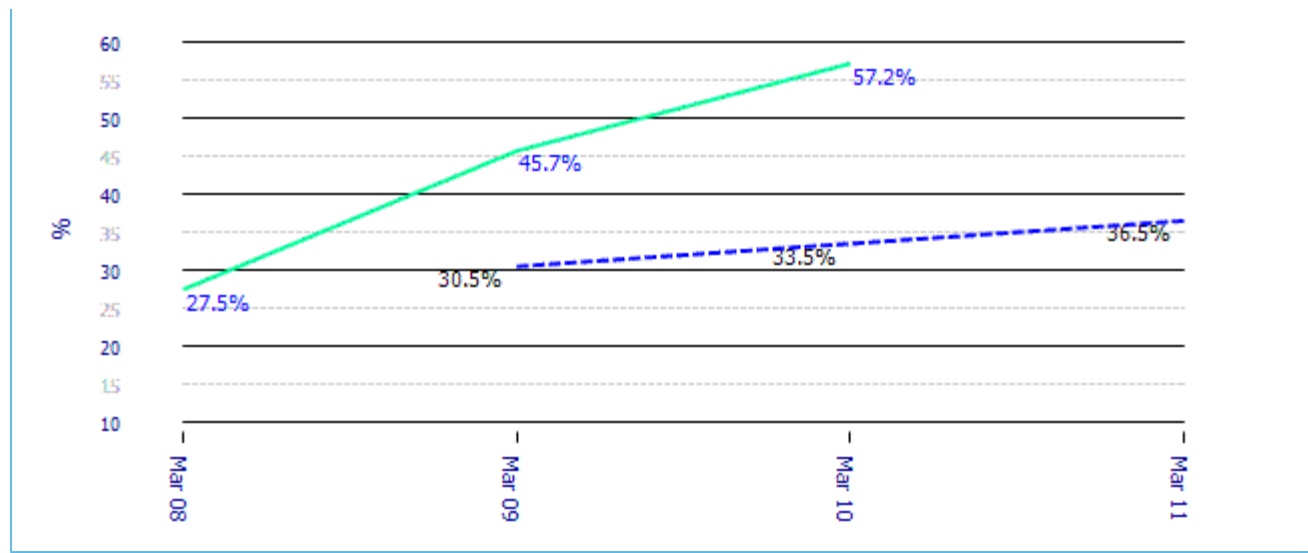
**Key to +/- Column:**

+ Higher figures are better - Lower figures are better OFF Direction cannot be determined.

Performance Indicators								
Code	Title	+/-	Instance	Annual Target	Status	Improvement	Actual to Date	Officer Notes
NI 197	<b>Improved Local Biodiversity – proportion of Local Sites with positive conservation management</b>	+	FY 2007-08	Baseline for LAA	No Target	n/a	27.5%	(2007 - 2008) 550 of the 2002 sites (KB)
		+	FY 2008-09	30.5%	Well Above Target	↑	45.7%	
		+	FY 2009-10	33.5%	Well Above Target	↑	57.2%	(2009 - 2010) Out of 2245 Local Sites (2023 County Wildlife Sites and 222 County Geological Sites) - 88 were brought into +ve management in 2009/10 = 4% increase in the number in +ve management. (SJ)
		+	FY 2010-11	36.5%	Data not due	n/a	n/a	

**NI 197 - Improved Local Biodiversity – proportion of Local Sites with positive conservation management**





**Key to Performance Status:**

Risks: Review overdue (0+) Very high (20+) High (12+) Medium (8+) Low (1+)

Risks						
Code	Title	Review Date	Risk Impact	Risk Likelihood	Status	Notes
LAA 8 risk 1	Partners lack time to input into finalising the profiles	12/04/2010	5 - Catastrophic	3 - Possible/Probable	High (15)	
LAA 8 risk 2	Land managers do not respond to requests for permission	12/04/2010	5 - Catastrophic	3 - Possible/Probable	High (15)	
LAA 8 risk 3	Lack of capital funding available to bring sites into positive management	12/04/2010	5 - Catastrophic	5 - Very likely	Very high (25)	
LAA 8 risk 4	Low profile for County Wildlife Sites	12/04/2010	4 - Major	5 - Very likely	Very high (20)	
LAA 8 risk 5	Lack of funding to set up an annual monitoring / advisory programme for CWS.	12/04/2010	5 - Catastrophic	5 - Very likely	Very high (25)	
LAA 8 Risk 6	Lack of interest from parishes	12/04/2010	5 - Catastrophic	1 - Very unlikely	Low (5)	Low risk mitigated through contacting lots of parishes and good publicity