

## Species Habitat Integration Work – Species Expert Group

### Progress Update

18 February 2014

#### The overall aims of the work is to:

- Confirm information on the requirements of Welsh s42 (NERC Act 2006) priority species to determine important habitat features.
- Produce guidance for each of the WBP Ecosystem Groups on species whose recovery is at least partly dependent upon the delivery of the habitat targets managed within one or more ecosystem group.
- Make management recommendations for how the requirements of priority species identified above can best be integrated into work delivering priority habitat targets.

#### The resultant outputs will include:

1. Compilation of a list of those priority species relevant to each s42 priority habitat.
2. Collation of known information sources/management guidance relating to habitat features required by each species.
3. To identify the habitat requirements of as many s42 species as current knowledge and capacity permits relevant to priority habitats.

#### Progress to date

1. Compilation of priority species relevant to each s42 habitat

Working drafts are complete and are being verified as we work through each habitat

2. Collation of known information sources/management guidance relating to habitat features required by each species.

On hold (capacity within WBP secretariat).

3. To identify the habitat requirements of as many s42 species as current knowledge and capacity permits relevant to priority habitats.

We've commenced with heathland (lowland and upland), woodland and wetland. Below is where we are at present. More input is required from WSEG members to finalise.

Lowland heathland – completed

Grazing marsh – draft

Upland heath – draft

Lowland raised bog – draft

Broadleaf woodland – draft

Lowland fen – draft

Conifer woodland – draft

Reedbed – draft