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## 5. PERFORMANCE AGAINST KEY TARGETS FOR 2004/2005

Providing advice on international nature conservation issues		
Provide scientific advice to Defra, devolved administrations and country agencies on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	<i>Target achieved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided influential support to Defra at meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and at EU preparatory meetings.</li> </ul>
Provide scientific advice to Government on UK, European and global Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) policy and practice	<i>Target achieved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided scientific support to the UK delegation to the 13<sup>th</sup> CITES Conference of Parties and participated in other global and EU meetings. Provided advice on over 32,000 CITES licence applications within service standards.</li> </ul>
Provide the OSPAR lead on marine habitat classification and mapping, and by February 2005 complete a programme to map 14 priority habitats across the OSPAR area	<i>Target substantially achieved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSPAR-wide programme to map distribution of 14 priority habitats established and substantially progressed, including the development of a web-based mapping facility linked to the NBN Gateway.</li> </ul>
Provide support to FCO and Overseas Territory governments on the development and implementation of conservation initiatives and conventions in the UK Overseas Territories, and in particular support the implementation of Environment Charters	<i>Target achieved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JNCC review of non-native species in the Overseas Territories completed and made available to interested parties. Commented on various draft legislation and reports. Helped to assess funding bids for the Overseas Territories Environment Programme.</li> </ul>

<b>Furthering nature conservation in a European context</b>		
<p>By providing high-quality technical advice, seek to influence the relevant thematic strategies of the 6<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Programme, the EC Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans, the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (EUSDS), and where possible debate on the new constitution for Europe, so that collectively they deliver nature conservation gains in the UK and across Europe</p>	<p><i>Target substantially achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made a significant contribution to reviews of the EU Biodiversity Action Plan for Economic and Development Co-operation, the Lisbon strategy, and the EU Sustainable Development Strategy. Worked with the country agencies through the Inter-agency International Network on preparations for the UK Presidency of the EU.</li> </ul>
<p>Support full implementation of the Habitats Directive in the marine environment and especially beyond 12 nautical miles</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five potential offshore SACs recommended to Defra. Contributed towards one chapter of a European Commission guidance document on implementing Natura 2000 in the marine environment.</li> </ul>
<p>Support full implementation of the Birds Directive in the marine environment and especially beyond 12 nautical miles</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing to identify inshore SPAs. Generic guidance on seaward extensions to breeding colony SPAs reviewed and refined.</li> </ul>
<b>Providing scientific advice on the sustainable use of natural resources</b>		
<p>Provide advice to DTI, devolved administrations and others on about 40 Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), 400 EIA dispensations, 40 oil spill contingency plans, 30 dumping licences, 120 seismic applications and 30 miscellaneous items within timescales established in negotiation with customers</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided advice on 57 EIAs, 326 EIA dispensations, 78 oil spill contingency plans, 87 dumping consents, 173 seismic applications and 53 miscellaneous items advised upon through the year.</li> </ul>

<p>Provide advice to DTI to enable the 5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of offshore energy to be carried out prior to oil and gas licensing and further renewables licensing</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided advice on SEA5 throughout the year. Harmonised work on SEA, Environmental Impact Assessments and Special Protection Areas in relation to wind farms and seabirds.</li> </ul>
<p>Provide advice to mitigate the damaging environmental impacts of air pollution</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and Defra to ensure that nature conservation interests are taken fully into account in the development of policies and guidance.</li> </ul>
<p>Promote the application of ecosystem management approaches in the UK through discussion with the CBD secretariat, country agencies, Government and others, and prepare best-practice guidance</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully produced an ecosystem approach sourcebook in collaboration with the CBD secretariat.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Developing common standards for nature conservation and co-ordinating UK approaches</b></p>		
<p>In partnership with Defra, promote and enable biodiversity research that supports the delivery of UK BAP objectives</p>	<p><i>Target substantially achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued to support the UK Biodiversity Research Advisory Group, completed a socio-economic research strategy and organised a successful meeting to discuss the latest research findings for woodland Species Action Plans.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessing the status of UK biodiversity and earth heritage</b></p>		
<p>With partner organisations, develop a framework and standards for the surveillance and monitoring of terrestrial, freshwater and coastal Annex I and BAP priority habitats</p>	<p><i>Target not achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some preparatory work undertaken through development of the concept of favourable conservation status and discussion with Habitat Action Plan groups.</li> </ul>

<p>Establish an EU Interreg-funded project to develop a framework for Mapping European Seabed Habitats (MESH) and deliver the first year's work programme</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As lead partner, successfully established the EU-funded Mapping European Seabed Habitats (MESH project), with 12 partners across five countries.</li> </ul>
<p>Publish the first overview report for the UK mammal surveillance programme (<i>Tracking Mammals</i>)</p>	<p><i>Target Achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report published in March 2005.</li> </ul>
<p>Develop a system for monitoring habitat, species and earth heritage interest features on A/SSSIs, SACs, SPAs and Ramsar sites, in close collaboration with the country agencies and other organisations</p>	<p><i>Target substantially achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared third interim report on work completed within the first 6-year monitoring cycle. Continued to develop guidance for monitoring interest features on designated sites. Preparatory work undertaken to develop a quality assurance programme.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Making nature conservation information accessible</b></p>		
<p>Deliver improvements to the NBN Gateway so that it meets the needs of the JNCC and partner organisations</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major release version of Gateway launched in June 2004. Update mechanism improved so content can now be prepared by any data owner using a data checking tool, and significant work done to make the gateway reliable, improve its performance and manage business continuity risks.</li> </ul>
<p>By December 2004, deliver the JNCC website via a content management system so that it contains balanced coverage of UK-level conservation issues and improves the ease with which detailed information and advice can be found</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JNCC website and MESH website delivered using a content management system and improvements made to address balance of subject coverage.</li> </ul>

<b>Support JNCC's business with high-quality services</b>		
<p>By December 2004, make the necessary changes to management structures and systems to facilitate implementation of the JNCC's strategy, and develop stakeholders' understanding of the strategy</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New programme and project framework put in place. Management structures have been changed and through corporate planning work have been aligned with the strategy.</li> </ul>
<p>By April 2005, implement the recommendations arising from the JNCC's FMPR</p>	<p><i>Target achieved</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company limited by guarantee became operational in April 2005, with successful transfer of staff to JNCC employment. Revised corporate governance, finance and HR procedures and policies established.</li> </ul>