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JOINT NATURE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

MATTERS ARISING

This paper deals with points not covered by substantive items on the agenda. Number relate to the March 2007 minutes.

- 4.1 The European Parliament and the Commission reached a political agreement in March 2007 that the LIFE+ programme would be managed centrally by the Commission. JNCC had previously been asked to consider acting as the UK's national agency, a role that will now not exist.
- 5.5 'Biodiversity Indicators in Your Pocket' which it was hoped at the last meeting would be published in May should now be published in June to coincide with Green week in Brussels. The detail behind the indicators will be available on JNCC's website.
- 6.3 Chairman will meet the Minister later this month. Following this it is expected that the Minister will write to the devolved ministers to seek their approval for the draft Corporate Plan agreed by Committee in March.
- 7.3 JNCC has made a response to a consultation on non-native species and raised Committee's view that a stronger leadership role for the programme board is required. The proposal to raise this directly with the Minister will be reviewed once the longer term Ministerial position is clear.
13. The Common Standards Monitoring advice to Government letter was drafted following the last Committee meeting and circulated to Committee members for comment. The letter was revised in the light of comments for submission by the Chairman to the Defra Minister.