

Reporting on the Biodiversity Action Plan

There are four standard target types used in the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) to ensure a consistent approach is taken across the UK to reporting habitat action.

Maintaining extent - maintaining the current extent of the habitat. For certain dynamic habitats such as sand dunes this may represent no net loss of habitat rather than no loss, in recognition that distribution may change.

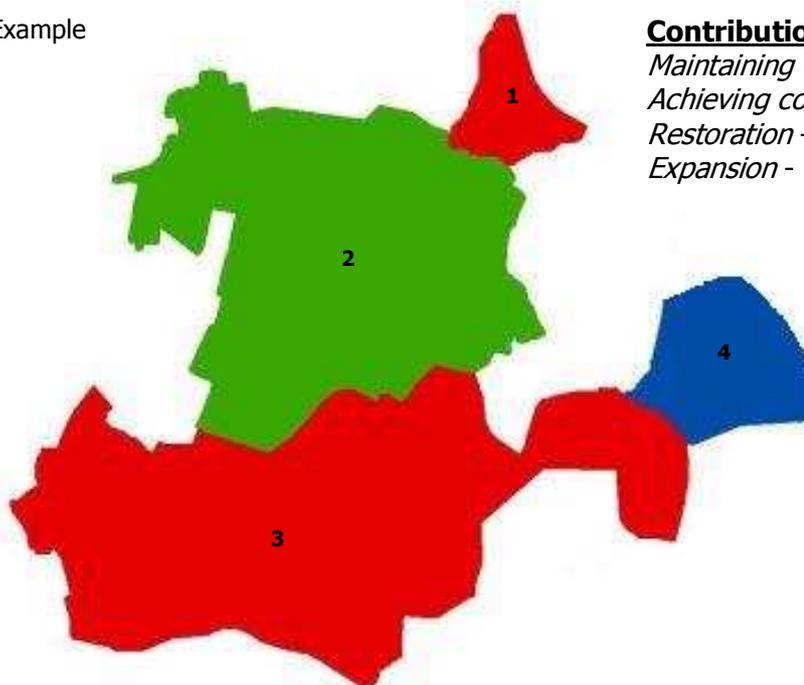
Achieving condition - maintaining condition (where it is good) and/or improving condition (where it is unfavourable) through ongoing management and/or one-off interventions with a long-term impact.

Restoration - restoring areas of degraded habitat which still have some species characteristic of that habitat type. Restoration generally requires substantial effort to bring a site with relict features (or historic former habitat) into consideration as part of the BAP resource. The restoration target is contributed toward once the land is in appropriate management, not when the area of land becomes BAP habitat.

Expansion - establishing BAP habitat on land where it is not present and where no significant relicts or species characteristic of the BAP habitat currently exist. The expansion target is contributed toward once the land is in appropriate management, not when the area of land becomes BAP habitat.

For further information and description of the habitats listed in the UK BAP
<http://www.ukbap.org.uk/library/UKBAPPriorityHabitatDescriptionsRevised20100730.pdf>

Example



Contribution to BAP Targets

Maintaining extent - 71 hectares of woodland
Achieving condition - 71 hectares of woodland
Restoration - 58 hectares of heathland
Expansion - 14 hectares of acid grassland

1 - 6 hectares of lowland mixed deciduous woodland managed to remove invasive Rhododendron

2 - 58 hectares of failed conifer crop removed where there are scattered patches of heathland vegetation

3 - 65 hectares of lowland mixed deciduous woodland managed traditionally in rotation

4 - 14 hectares of topsoil stripped from ex-arable field and sown with native seed from characteristic acid grassland species