

Wales Mammal Biodiversity Action Forum Terms of Reference

1. The purpose of the group is to:

- (i) Provide specialist mammal advice for and report to WBPs Species Expert Group;
- (ii) Provide a forum for dialogue between statutory, voluntary organisations and LBAP partnerships involved in the delivery of conservation action for Wales mammal BAP species;
- (iii) Encourage awareness raising of mammal conservation issues and threats throughout Wales
- (iv) Provide a link for the flow of information between local, regional, Wales and UK biodiversity action processes;
- (v) Encourage the recording, reporting and dissemination of conservation status assessments of mammal species and ensure information is available for the purposes of informing biodiversity and public decision making processes;
- (vi) Promote best practice survey and conservation management,

2. Membership

The membership of the Forum will include the relevant statutory nature conservation agencies CCW, EAW, FCW, local authorities and voluntary sector wildlife and conservation organisations (e.g. BCT, VWT, WTW, The MS).

3. Number of Meetings

Two meetings per annum.

Additional meetings may be held to facilitate the implementation of specific plans or projects.

4. Reporting

Any work or activities of WMBAF to be reported to WBPs Species Expert Group by those sitting on both groups.

5. Work Programme

Work programme to be prepared and agreed on an annual basis following consultation with SEG and representatives of UK Biodiversity Action Species Steering Groups.