

# APPENDIX 14B: IDENTIFICATION OF BIODIVERSITY RECEPTORS

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**Box 14B.1 Designated wildlife sites, and priority habitats and species**

**Statutory nature conservation sites**

- Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and candidate SACs.
- Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and proposed SPAs.
- Sites of Community Importance.
- Ramsar sites.
- European offshore marine sites.
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).
- National Nature Reserves (NNRs).
- Local Nature Reserves (LNRs).

**Non-statutory nature conservation sites**

Non-statutory nature conservation sites in Somerset are notified as County Wildlife Sites.

**Priority habitats and species**

- Populations of species or areas of habitat for which European sites are designated.
- Populations of birds meeting the threshold for European importance (1% of the relevant international population).
- Species listed as Near Threatened, Vulnerable or Endangered in the UK on the IUCN Red Data List (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/apps/redlist/search>).
- Habitats and species of principal importance for the conservation of biological diversity in England. These are listed on <http://www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk/news/details.asp?X=45>. These include those UK BAP priority habitats and species that occur in England.
- Species listed as being of conservation concern in the relevant UK Red Data Book (RDB) or the Birds of Conservation Concern Red List.
- Nationally Rare and Nationally Scarce species, which are species recorded from, respectively, 1-15 and 16-100 10x10km squares of the national grid;
- Populations of birds comprising at least 1% of the relevant British breeding/wintering population (where data is available).
- Ancient woodland (i.e. areas that have been under continuous woodland cover since at least 1600).
- Habitats and species listed in the Somerset BAP.
- Species listed in County Red Data Books or other county lists of rare or declining species.
- Populations of birds comprising at least 1% of the relevant County breeding/wintering population (where data are available).
- Habitats and species listed in the Sedgemoor BAP.
- Habitat networks.

**Box 14B.2 Legally protected and controlled species**

**Legal protection**

Many species of animal and plant receive some degree of legal protection. For the purposes of this ES, legal protection refers to:

- species included on Schedules 1, 5 and 8 of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981* (as amended), excluding species that are only protected in relation to their sale (see Section 9[5] and 13[2]), reflecting the fact that the Scheme does not include any proposals relating to the sale of species;
- species included on Schedules 2 and 5 of the *Habitats Regulations 2010*; and
- badgers, which are protected under the *Protection of Badgers Act 1992*.

**Legal control**

Schedule 9 of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981* (as amended) lists species of animal that it is an offence to release or allow to escape into the wild and species of plant that it is an offence to plant or otherwise cause to grow in the wild.