

Beyond 2010: Strategies for understanding and responding to long-term trends in UK biodiversity

Group discussion sessions

You have about 80 minutes for group discussion. During the session, we would like all groups to consider a range of issues, as set out below. There is quite a lot to cover, so some indicative timings are given. Do not worry if you don't manage to cover everything!

1. The past

1. List **two examples** that demonstrate how long-term biodiversity monitoring has informed our response to biodiversity decline or helped us to answer key environmental and social questions. 15 mins

2. Societal needs: ends and means

1. List what you feel are the 'big' environmental and social issues that require an understanding of how biodiversity is changing. Aim to capture the group's suggestions without too much discussion.
2. Identify the **three** most pressing of these issues. 20 mins
3. For these three, identify the fundamental requirements in terms of information/knowledge that biodiversity monitoring may provide.

3. Developing biodiversity monitoring capability

1. The need for a more integrated UK monitoring framework is generally accepted. Does your group agree?
2. If YES ...
 - a. what are the key features of an integrated framework (e.g. how should it be coordinated; what should be the relative mix of professional and public involvement, etc.)? 45 mins
 - b. what steps need to be taken to deliver it?
3. If NO ...
 - a. can you identify other areas of development?
 - b. what steps are needed to deliver these?

Again, please don't worry if your group doesn't cover all of the above.