

Update on Phase 1 – Evidence Gathering

- Contract let at the start of June and was due to complete 31st August. Deadline for entire project has now been extended to mid-October due to problems with data collection.
- Regional workshop held on 25th June for LBAPs and Delivery organisations to raise awareness of this process.
- Information request/questionnaire was sent to partnership mid-June and has been followed up by data request.
- Response to this has been patchy and somewhat problematic. The following organisations have provided information or responded to questionnaire and should now have sent information to LUC:
 - Natural England
 - National Trust
 - Cotswold Water Park
 - MOD (Wilts)
 - North Somerset Council
 - South West Water
 - Forestry Commission
 - Gloucs County Council
 - Gloucs Centre for Environmental Records
 - Severn Vale Living Landscape project
 - EA
 - Dartmoor National Park
 - Cornwall LBAP
 - Exmoor National Park
 - Cranborne Chase and W Wilts Downs AONB
 - Woodland Trust
 - Wessex Water
 - Somerset LBAP
 - Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
 - RSPB
- There has been negotiation with the Local Record Centres to provide information on County Wildlife Sites (and Wildlife Trust Reserves). A cut-off date of 25 September has been set for the LRCs to either provide the data or otherwise.
- Next steps with LUC will be to analyse data to provide picture of delivery and gap analysis (to a degree). This must be the focus of remainder of budget.

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