

STATEMENT OF INTENT OF THE MANX BIOLOGICAL RECORDING PARTNERSHIP

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP DOCUMENT IS TO RECORD OUR COMMITMENT TO:

- ❖ our shared vision
- ❖ our agreed Principles and Scope of our Partnership
- ❖ our basis for establishing and running a biological records centre
- ❖ the list of organisations initially committing to our Partnership

VISION

To hold biological information in a well-managed database and mapping system, with the provision of appropriately controlled access, in a Records Centre that is partnership-led, comprehensive, dynamic, adequately resourced and widely accessible.

The establishment of this centre is essential in order to sustain and enhance the rich biological diversity of the Isle of Man and its waters, and understand it in the British and Irish context. It will assist in understanding and raising awareness of the Manx heritage of wild plants and animals, enabling better engagement with the public and the education of all. Without an understanding of the distribution and abundance of species and habitats it is impossible to make informed decisions for the protection of the Island's wildlife, or to facilitate research and survey to fill the gaps in our knowledge. This includes monitoring the arrival and spread of invasive non-native species. It is also vital to maintain such a system in order to meet the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio Convention, 1992).

PRINCIPLES OF OUR PARTNERSHIP

1. Openness and sharing of information, concerns and ideas and where possible resources.
2. To do what is best for the conservation of our biological diversity and engagement of the public with this part of our heritage.
3. Establishment of best working methods for the Island.
4. Embrace the worldwide effort to protect biological diversity.

The National Biodiversity Network (NBN) will be used as the primary means of providing publicly available information about the distribution of Manx flora and fauna.

SCOPE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

Our Partnership will:

1. include relevant government bodies, relevant non-government organisations and voluntary recorders, and others may be added as appropriate.
2. look at options for funding and seek the resources it needs to fulfil its functions at an early stage in order to establish a fully operating Biological Records Centre (BRC).
3. be co-ordinated in the formative stages by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.
4. be called the Manx Biological Recording Partnership (MBRP).

THE PARTNERSHIPS' OBJECTIVES

The partnership will work towards establishing a biological records centre which will:

5. cover the Isle of Man and its territorial sea.
6. aim to meet the biological information needs of all its partners and the wider community.
7. work towards having the functions and providing the services set out by the NBN for Local Records Centres. These will include holding species and habitat data, combining or linking with existing databases and having maps, aerial photographs and other biological information, primarily in digital format.
8. will work towards the highest achievable standards of data validity, completeness and currency.

Signed for the following Partner organisations on June 25th 2010 by



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