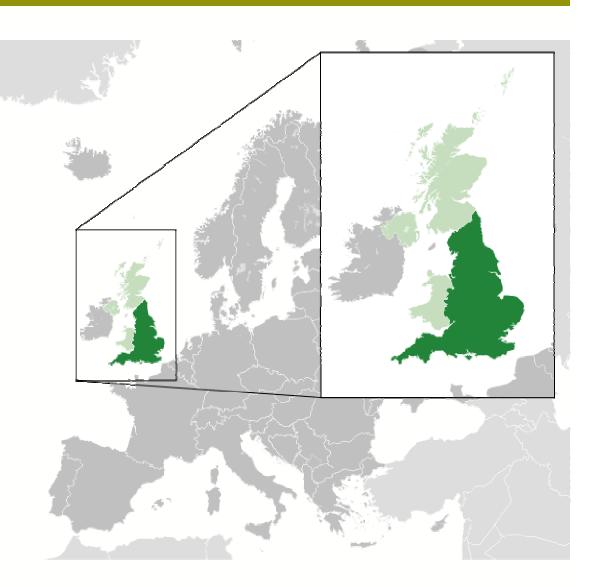




Updating England's NBSAP



- New CBD strategic plan agreed at Nagoya (2010), including the 20 'Aichi' targets.
- Update of England's NBSAP required to take account of Nagoya agreement



Context: the status of biodiversity in England



Biodiversity

- Previous England strategy had been in place since 2002
- Some successes but many priority habitats and priority species still declining

Ecosystem services

 30% of the services delivered in the UK by habitats and their constituent biodiversity assessed as currently declining.

Updating the NBSAP for England



- CBD Strategic Plan and Aichi targets provided a guiding framework
- Challenge was to refine these into a strategy specifically tailored for the context of England
- Initial stage Reviewed specific England evidence and context

The process (1)

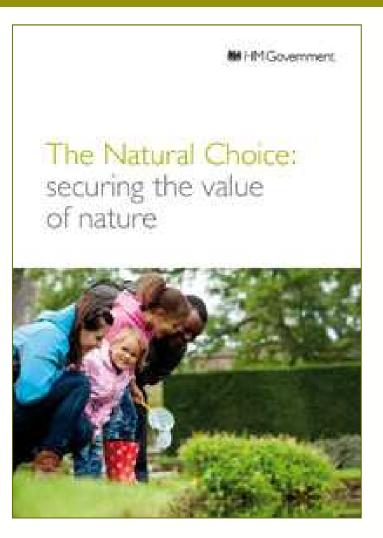


- Initial check of national action contributing to Aichi targets
- Considered major new initiatives already underway
 - Independent review of ecological networks
 - National Ecosystem Assessment
 - Development of major natural environment policy statement
- Checked evidence base
 - Key pressures and threats to biodiversity in England
- Developed initial ideas on priorities and structure, tested these with stakeholders

The process (2)



- Engaged policy leads across
 government for contributions
 (including through development of
 new policies on the natural
 environment in general).
- Several iterations to compile input and address all areas identified



Biodiversity 2020: New biodiversity strategy for England 2011-2020



- 2020 Mission :Our mission is to halt overall biodiversity loss with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.
- Underpinned by a suite of outcomes (covering habitats, species and people)
- Sets out action (in four themes, each with headline areas for action and specific commitments)

Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services







Biodiversity 2020 – areas for action



The four areas for action:

- a more integrated large-scale approach to conservation on land and at sea
- putting people at the heart of biodiversity policy
- reducing environmental pressures
- improving our knowledge

Re-structured:

- to give greater emphasis to those areas which are new approaches/high priority in England
- to simplify the structure (refined from 5 goals in the CBD strategic plan to 4 themes to avoid overlaps and duplication, and to make easier to understand for non-experts)

Strategy includes a table setting out how the actions link to the Aichi targets

Biodiversity 2020: Tracking action and progress



- Will use a annual delivery plan, looking three years ahead
- Will use a set of indicators to track progress with the strategy
- Established a new governance structure to take the work forward in partnership



Conclusion – key messages



- Aichi targets provide a really useful framework, but tailor approach to specific national context
- Evidence-based approach helps identify the most important threats and pressures, and highest priority actions
- Ecosystem services evidence on value of nature can be important in making the case
- Role of stakeholders
- Consider implementation how will the strategy be delivered on the ground

Weblinks



 The Natural Choice: Securing the value of nature (Natural Environment White Paper)

http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/natural/whitepaper/

Biodiversity 2020 (NBSAP for England)

http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/natural/biodiversity/