

List of abbreviations and acronyms

AEWA	African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement
ASSI	Area of Special Scientific Interest
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
BASC	British Association for Shooting and Conservation
BIOT	British Indian Ocean Territory
BMP	Best Management Practice
BVI	British Virgin Islands
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCW	Countryside Council for Wales
CoP	Conference of the Parties
CPS	Countryside Premium Scheme
CSS	Countryside Stewardship Scheme
DANI	Department of Agriculture (Northern Ireland)
DETR	Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions
DFID	Department for International Development
DoE(NI)	Department of Environment in Northern Ireland
DWI	Drinking Water Inspectorate
EA	Environmental Agency
EAF	Environmental Action Fund
EHS	Environment and Heritage Service
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EN	English Nature
EPA	Education and Public Awareness
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area
FA	Forest Authority
FC	Forestry Commission
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FE	Forest Enterprise
FWAG	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
GIS	Geographical Information System
GONHS	Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society
HAP	Habitat Action Plan
ICBP	International Council for Bird Preservation
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
ITE	Institute of Terrestrial Ecology
IUCN	The World Conservation Union
I-WeBS	Irish Wetland Bird Survey
IAWQ	International Association on Water Quality
IDD	International Designations Database
IDG	International Designations Group
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
IWC	International Waterfowl Census
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
JWP	Joint Working Party
LCN	Lead Co-ordination Network
LEAP	Local Environmental Agency Plans
LPS96	Lowland Pond Survey 1996
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
NCC	Nature Conservancy Council
NCMS	National Countryside Monitoring Scheme

NIWT	National Inventory of Woodland and Trees
MNCR	Marine Nature Conservation Review
MNR	Marine Nature Reserve
MPMMG	Marine Pollution Monitoring Management Group
NBN	National Biodiversity Network
NCR	Nature Conservation Review
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NNR	National Nature Reserve
NPPG	National Planning Policy Guidance on Natural Heritage
NPRI	National Peatland Resource Inventory
NVZ	Nitrate Vulnerable Zone
OFWAT	Office of Water Services
OSPAR	Oslo and Paris Commissions
OT	Overseas Territories
PCC	Peatlands Campaign Consortium
RIS	Ramsar Information Sheet
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SAC	Special Areas of Conservation
SAP	Species Action Plan
SCoBR	Sub-Committee on Biological Recording
SEEC	Sea Empress Environmental Evaluation Committee
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SERCON	System for Evaluating Rivers for Conservation
SMS	Site Management Statements
SNGF	Scottish National Goose Forum
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SNIFFER	Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research
SO	Scottish Office
SOAEFD	Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
STRP	Scientific and Technical Review Panel
TIBRE	Targeted Inputs for a Better Rural Environment
TWT	The Wildlife Trusts
(UNEP)	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation
UKOT	United Kingdom Overseas Territories
WCL	Wildlife and Countryside Link
WeBS	Wetland Bird Survey
WGS	Woodland Grant Scheme
WHT	Wildlife Habitat Trust
WI	Wetlands International
WO	Welsh Office
WWD	World Wetlands Day
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature-UK
WWT	Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust
WWW	World Wide Web