



UK priority species pages – Version 2

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SPECIES PAGES FOR 2007 UK BAP PRIORITY SPECIES

(see endnotes for an explanation of the various components of this compilation).

Ziphius cavirostris G. Cuvier, 1823

Cuvier's Beaked Whale

1 General information

Level 1	Marine species
Level 2	sea mammal
On 1997 UK BAP list	Grouped plan species

2 UK BAP criteriaⁱ

1. International threat	2. International responsibility (2a) + moderate decline in UK (2b)	3. Marked decline in the UK	4. Other important factor(s)
False	False	False	True

3 Evidence for Criteriaⁱⁱ

Criterion 1	
Criterion 2a	
Criterion 2b	
Criterion 3	
Criterion 4	Long-lived, vulnerable and low recovery: Nationally scarce

4 Distribution by Country

England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	International Waters
Y	Y	N	N	

5 Distribution Information

Distribution data source	Cetacean Atlas
Distribution data notes	These judgements are all based on the Atlas and also expert judgement. For example it is assumed that species that occur offshore (in areas deeper than 200m) will occur in the offshore waters of England even if they have not been recorded.
number of sites (where less than or equal to 10)	
Units used for number of sites	

6 Actions identified by expertsⁱⁱⁱ

Action number	Action text	Reporting category
	Undertake research on cetaceans using UK waters to identify areas of particular importance for breeding, feeding or migration	Research
1	Develop and implement a UK Cetacean Surveillance Strategy	Monitoring/survey
2	Maintain the UK stranding scheme, which provides an indication of the extent of anthropogenic mortality, and implement appropriate remedial action when necessary	Monitoring/survey

8 Additional information from specialists^{iv}

Attribute	Value
NBN current scientific name	Ziphius cavirostris
NBN common name	Cuvier's Beaked Whale
classification level 1	Marine species
classification level 2	sea mammal

10 Species designations^v

Abbreviation	Reporting Category	Designation	Designation description	Year	Source	Comment
HabReg:Sch2	The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010	Schedule 2	Schedule 2: European protected species of animals.	1994	The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010	
Bern:A2	Bern Convention	Appendix 2	Special protection (`appropriate and necessary legislative and administrative measures`) for the animal taxa listed, including: all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing; the deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites; the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention; the deliberate destruction or taking of eggs from the wild or keeping these eggs even if empty; the possession of and internal trade in these animals, alive or	1988	Bern Convention	

			dead, including stuffed animals and any readily recognisable part or derivative thereof, where this would contribute to the effectiveness of the provisions of this article.			
HabDir:A4	Habitats Directive	Annex 4	Animal and plant species of Community interest (i.e. endangered, vulnerable, rare or endemic in the European Community) in need of strict protection. They are protected from killing, disturbance or the destruction of them or their habitat. Note that the contents of this annex have been updated in April 2003 following the Treaty of Accession.	1992	Habitats Directive	
England NERC S.41	Biodiversity Lists - England	England NERC S.41	Species “of principal importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity” covered under section 41 (England) of the NERC Act (2006) and therefore need to be taken into consideration by a public body when performing any of its functions with a view to conserving biodiversity.	2008	Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 - Species of Principal Importance in England (section 41) and Wales (section 42)	Geographic constraint=Listing is for England only
Scottish Biodiversity List	Biodiversity Lists - Scotland	Scottish Biodiversity	The Scottish Biodiversity List is a list of flora, fauna and habitats	2005	Scottish Biodiversity	Geographic constraint=Listing is

		List	<p>considered by the Scottish Ministers to be of principal importance for biodiversity conservation. The development of the list has been a collaborative effort involving a great many stakeholders overseen by scientists from the Scottish Biodiversity Forum. Completion of the list is the first time such a stocktake has been done in Scotland.</p> <p>The Scottish Biodiversity List is a tool for public bodies and others doing their Biodiversity Duty. The publication of the Scottish Biodiversity List satisfies the requirements of Section 2(4) of The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.</p>		List of species of principal importance for biodiversity conservation	for Scotland only
Wales NERC S.42	Biodiversity Lists - Wales	Wales NERC S.42	Species “of principal importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity” covered under Section 42 (Wales) of the NERC Act (2006) and therefore need to be taken into consideration by a public body when performing any of its functions with a view to conserving biodiversity.	2009	Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 - Species of Principal Importance in England (section 41) and	Geographic constraint=Listing is for Wales only

					Wales (section 42)	
BAP:2007	Biodiversity Action Plan UK list of priority species	Priority Species	The UK List of Priority Species and Habitats contains 1150 species and 65 habitats that have been listed as priorities for conservation action under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP).	2007	UK list of Priority Habitats and Species	status on former BAP list: Grouped plan species
ECCITES:A	EC Cites	Annex A	All CITES Appendix I species. Some CITES Appendix II and III species, for which the EU has adopted stricter domestic measures. Some non-CITES species.	1997	CITES UK Species only	
WACA:Sch5Sect9.4A*	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	Schedule 5 Section 9.4A*	Ceteaca/basking shark that are not allowed to be intentionally or recklessly disturbed.	2000	Wildlife and Countryside Act Schedules 1,5 and 8 (protected birds, animals and plants)	Geographic constraint=Designation does not apply in Scotland since 15/02/2007.
WACA:Sch5_sect9.5a	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	Schedule 5 Section 9.5a	Section 9.5 Animals which are protected from being sold, offered for sale or being held or transported for sale either live or dead, whole or part.	1988	Wildlife and Countryside Act Schedules 1,5 and 8 (protected birds, animals and plants)	Geographic constraint=Designation does not apply in Scotland since 15/02/2007.
WACA:Sch5_sect9.5b	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	Schedule 5 Section 9.5b	Section 9.5 Animals which are protected from being published or advertised as being for sale.	1988	Wildlife and Countryside Act Schedules	Geographic constraint=Designation does not apply in

					1,5 and 8 (protected birds, animals and plants)	Scotland since 15/02/2007.
ConsRegsNI:Sch2	The Conservation (Nature Habitats, etc.) Regulations (NI) 1995	Schedule 2	Schedule 2: European protected species of animals.	1995	The Conservation (Nature Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995, amended 2004	

UK BAP 2008 reporting^{vi}

(nb this only applies to species on the original 1997 UK BAP priority species list)

ENDNOTES

ⁱ An explanation of these criteria is included at Annex 3 of [UK Biodiversity Action Plan: Report on the Species and Habitat Review](#). BRIG (ed. Ant Maddock) 2007. This review was organised in two stages. Stage 1 looked at the scientific evidence for selecting the UK List of Priority Species and Habitats while stage 2 considered the conservation action needed for these species and habitats and provided signposts to the means of implementing action.

ⁱⁱ The information on evidence and the species distribution is as presented on the UK BAP website. Users can download a spreadsheet of the [Stage 1 species evidence](#) from the home page of the UK BAP website.

ⁱⁱⁱ Actions were assigned to each and every priority species by expert groups convened at Stage 2 of the Review process. These were subsequently categorised into “signpost categories”. This information is as shown on the UK BAP website See the link for [categorisation \(signposting\) of UK priority species](#).

^{iv} This information has been derived from Stage 1 of the priority species review, and is presented in the “marine”, “terrestrial invertebrates” and “other terrestrial species” sheets within the spreadsheet of the [Stage 1 species evidence](#). The information presented here varies according to the taxonomic group. Please note that some of these data have been written for other Expert Group members and may not be of great value to a wider audience.

^v Information on conservation designations has been extracted from JNCC’s collation of information on [species designations](#). The designations shown in version 2 of these pages are as at December 2010.

^{vi} As part of the 2008 UK BAP reporting round lead partners of national plans were asked to answer a number of specific questions. The data will be analysed and used for the UK and country level reports. All of the responses provided through BARS as part of the 2008 reporting exercise are available to [download](#). Note that in the December 2010 version of these pages (version 2) includes corrections to previously truncated text fields.