

**European Community Directive  
on the Conservation of Natural Habitats  
and of Wild Fauna and Flora  
(92/43/EEC)**

**Second Report by the United Kingdom under  
Article 17  
on the implementation of the Directive  
from January 2001 to December 2006**

**Conservation status assessment for  
Habitat:  
H8240 - Limestone pavements**

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## Habitat Name: Limestone pavements

### 1. National level

Habitat Code H8240

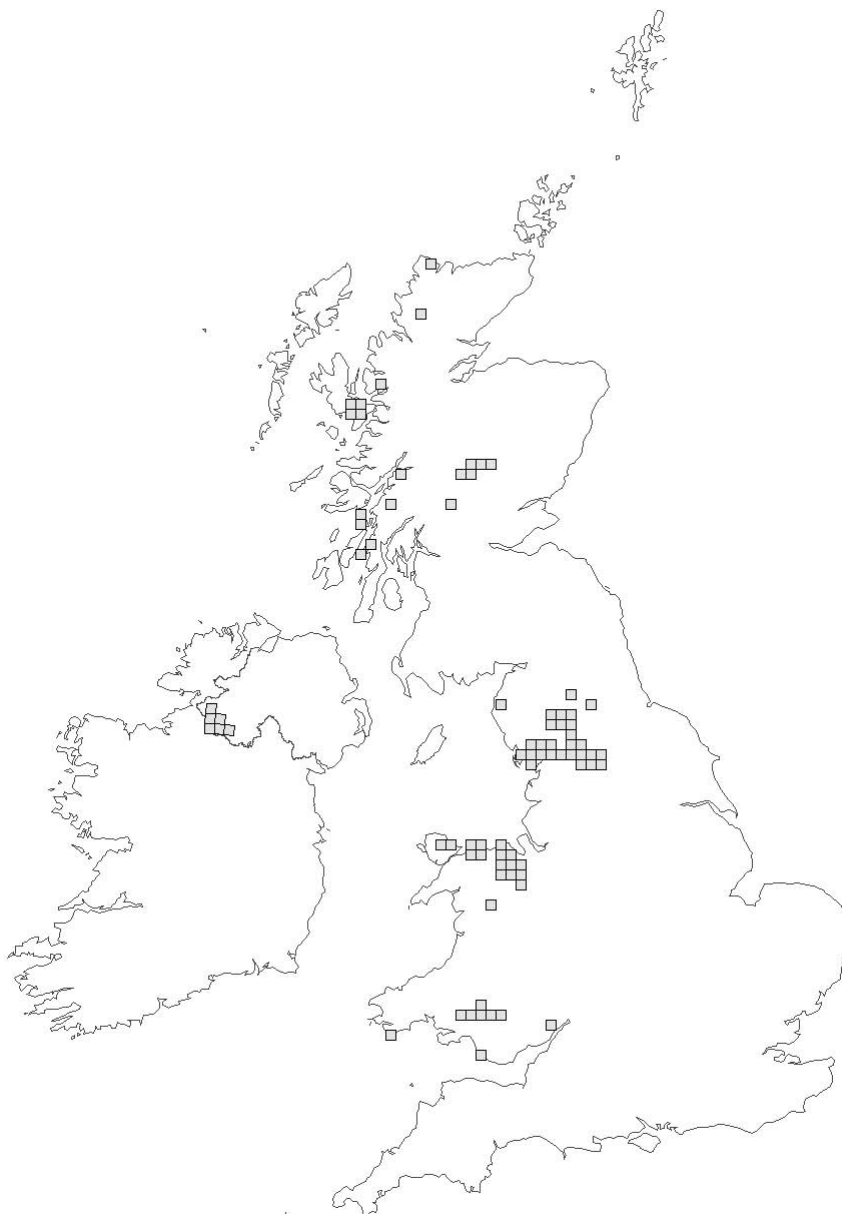
Member State UK

Biogeographic regions concerned within the MS ATL

1.1 Habitat range map



## 1.2 Habitat distribution map



## 2. Biogeographic level

2.1 Biogeographic region or marine region

ATL

2.2 Published sources and/or websites

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### 2.3 Range of the habitat within the Biogeographic or marine region

2.3.1 Surface area of range in square km	16804
2.3.2 Date of range determination	05/2007
2.3.3 Quality of data concerning range	Good
2.3.4 Range trend	Stable (=)
2.3.5 Range trend magnitude in %	Not applicable
2.3.6 Range trend period	1994-2006
2.3.7 Reasons for reported trend	Not applicable

<b>2.4 Area covered by habitat type within the range in the biogeographical region concerned.</b>	
2.4.1 Surface area of the habitat type (sq km)	28.18
2.4.2 Date of area estimation	05/2007
2.4.3 Method used for area estimation	3 - Ground based survey
2.4.4 Quality of data on area	Good
2.4.5 Area trend	Stable (=)
2.4.6 Area trend magnitude in %	Not applicable
2.4.7 Area trend period	1994-2006
2.4.8 Reasons for reported trend	Not applicable
2.4.9 Justification of % thresholds for trends (optional)	Not applicable
2.4.10 Main pressures	110 - Use of pesticides; 120 - Fertilisation; 140 - Grazing; 141 - Abandonment of pastoral systems; 160 - General Forestry management; 171 - stock feeding; 301 - quarries; 402 - discontinuous urbanisation; 702 - air pollution; 954 - invasion by a species;
2.4.11 Threats	110 - Use of pesticides; 120 - Fertilisation; 140 - Grazing; 141 - Abandonment of pastoral systems; 160 - General Forestry management; 171 - stock feeding; 301 - quarries; 402 - discontinuous urbanisation; 702 - air pollution; 750 - Other pollution or human impacts/activities; 954 - invasion by a species;
<b>Complementary information</b>	
2.5.1 Favourable reference range (sq km)	16804
2.5.2 Favourable reference area (sq km)	28
2.5.3 Typical species	none listed
2.5.4 Typical species assessment	Not applicable
2.5.5 Other relevant information	
<b>2.6 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)</b>	
(2.3) Range	(FV) - Favourable
(2.4) Area	(FV) - Favourable
(2.5) Specific structures and functions (incl. typical species)	(U2+) - Bad but improving
Future prospects	(U2+) - Bad but improving
Overall assessment	(U2+) - Bad but improving