

**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:**

H91J0 - *Taxus baccata* woods of the British Isles

The information in this assessment corresponds to the "habitat fact sheet" submitted by the UK to the European Union in February 2008 (second and final submission). Please note that this is a section of the UK's report. For the complete report visit <http://www.jncc.gov.uk/article17>

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1. National level

Habitat Code H91J0

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

HALL, J. 1997. An analysis of National Vegetation Classification survey data. JNCC Report 272, Peterborough.

RODWELL, J.S. (ed.) 1991. British Plant Communities Volume 1: Woodlands and Scrub. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

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THOMAS, P.A. & POLWART, A. 2003. Biological Flora of the British Isles: *Taxus baccata* L. *Journal of Ecology* 91, 489-524.

TITTENSOR, R.M. 1980. Ecological history of yew *Taxus baccata* in southern England. *Biological Conservation* 17, 243-265.

	<p>WATT, A.S. 1926. Yew communities of the South Downs. <i>Journal of Ecology</i> 14, 282-316.</p> <p>WILLIAMSON, R. 1978. <i>The Great Yew Forest – The Natural History of Kingley Vale</i>. Macmillan, London.</p> <p>UKBAP Habitat Action Plan for lowland beech and yew woodland. Available via UKBAP website http://www.ukbap.org.uk/</p> <p>Map Data Sources</p> <p>JNCC International Designations Database. Joint Nature Conservation Committee.</p> <p>NVC Woodland Community Access Database. Joint Nature Conservation Committee.</p>
2.3 Range of the habitat within the Biogeographic or marine region	
2.3.1 Surface area of range in square km	14024
2.3.2 Date of range determination	05/2007
2.3.3 Quality of data concerning range	Moderate
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
2.4 Area covered by habitat type within the range in the biogeographical region concerned.	
2.4.1 Surface area of the habitat type (sq km)	13.25
2.4.2 Date of area estimation	05/2007
2.4.3 Method used for area estimation	1 - Only or mostly based on expert opinion
2.4.4 Quality of data on area	Moderate
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	702 - air pollution; 950 - Biocenotic evolution; 969 - other forms or mixed forms of interspecific faunal competition;
2.4.11 Threats	702 - air pollution; 950 - Biocenotic evolution; 969 - other forms or mixed forms of interspecific faunal competition;
Complementary information	
2.5.1 Favourable reference range (sq km)	

2.5.2 Favourable reference area (sq km)	13.25
2.5.3 Typical species	none listed
2.5.4 Typical species assessment	Not applicable
2.5.5 Other relevant information	
2.6 Conclusions (assessment of conservation status at end of reporting period)	
(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	(U1+) - Inadequate but improving
Overall assessment	(U2+) - Bad but improving