

The European Topic Centre for Biological Diversity

Summary

JNCC is helping to deliver outcomes for the European Topic Centre for Biological Diversity (ETC/BD), an international consortium working with the European Environment Agency under a framework partnership agreement. The main role of the ETC/BD is to:

- Assist the [European Environment Agency](#) in its task of environmental reporting by assessing state and trends of biodiversity in Europe;
- Support the implementation of environmental and sustainable development policies in Europe through provision of relevant information;
- Build capacity for reporting on biodiversity in Europe, mainly through the [European Information and Observation Network \(Eionet\)](#).

Work involved

As part of the ETC-BD 2017 and 2018 Action Plans, JNCC are providing a wide-range of services to assist:

- **The EU reporting process for Article 17 of the Habitats Directive and Article 12 of the Birds Directive;**
- **Streamlining data** on species and habitats (EUNIS);
- **The development of indicators** to assess progress towards the 2020 EU biodiversity targets.

Key outcomes

JNCC's work for the ETC/BD has supported:

- **The development of the EU Guidance** for Article 17 and Article 12 reporting;
- Links between marine habitat classifications;
- **The identification and development of a Europe-wide indicator set** - Streamlined European Biodiversity Indicators (SEBI).

Future work

In 2018, JNCC will take over the ETC/BD lead for development of the SEBI work stream. JNCC will also continue to support delivery of the tasks as noted above.

Further information

For the ETC/BD website visit: <https://bd.eionet.europa.eu/>

Country: Pan-European

Main driver: European Legislation

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