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## UK BRAG report for GBSC

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### **UK BRAG has launched a new website at [www.ukbrag.org](http://www.ukbrag.org)**

This website is independent from the UK BAP website, where UK BRAG previously had a presence, and has been restructured to allow easier navigation. The website has four main sections: (1) research themes, (2) UK BRAG publications, (3) UK BRAG membership, and (4) UK BRAG meetings. Important news items are updated regularly, and links are provided to a wide range of related websites.

### **Summary Report of UK BRAG activities, 2003-2006**

Work is underway to draw together the research priorities identified in each of the UK BRAG thematic sub-group reports, to produce a summary report for research users. The report will be published by UK BRAG and distributed widely. It will also be available for download from the UK BRAG website. It is anticipated that the report will be available within the next 3-4 months.

### **UK BRAG Communication and Knowledge Transfer**

UK BRAG has recognised the need for a change in emphasis of its work, to engage research funders in a more effective manner and influence their strategic thinking and priorities for funding. Consideration is now being given to the development of a Communications Strategy for the Group.

Specific knowledge transfer activities being explored include the publication of a summary of UK BRAG's research priorities as a paper in *Journal of Applied Ecology*, and working with the British Ecological Society to become involved with its Annual Meeting. One idea under consideration is an Annual Science Conference.

### **Thematic work**

UK BRAG will be assessing the need to update its work on the cross-cutting issues that have been addressed between 2003-2006. These are: socio-economic issues; genetic conservation; the role of biodiversity in ecosystem function; monitoring of biodiversity and evaluation of actions; habitat and ecosystem management; the impact of introduced species; and climate change adaptation. Consideration will be given to the need to identify knowledge gaps and research needs associated with new, emerging issues; and these will be scoped at the forthcoming full UK BRAG meetings in June and December.

### **UK BRAG Secretariat**