

Producing and Implementing Biodiversity Action Plans in a Scottish Local Authority

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The *Clackmannanshire Biodiversity Partnership* (CBP) is working towards the UK's obligations to the *Convention on Biological Diversity* at a local level. Based in one of Scotland's 32 Local Authorities, the CBP is a group of government and non-government organisations, landowners, farmers, local groups and experts. The CBP works closely with other local biodiversity partnerships, the *Scottish Biodiversity Forum* and forwards results to the *UK Biodiversity Partnership*.

In order to protect and enhance the local biodiversity of Clackmannanshire, selected Habitat (HAP) and Species Action Plans (SAP) were written by members of the CBP and its partners. Case studies of HAPs and SAPs will be provided. The main focus of the CBP is now on monitoring and implementing the 21 HAPs and 28 SAPs through focussed local action. Community involvement is deemed crucial to the success of the process. Progress of the CBP and Scottish Biodiversity Forum, with examples of both the successes and challenges, will be outlined.