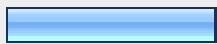
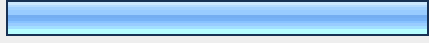
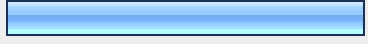
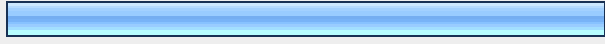
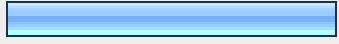



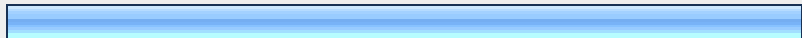

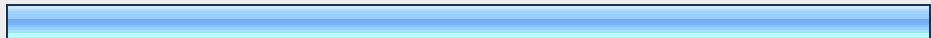
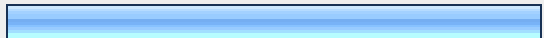

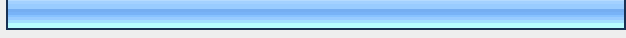
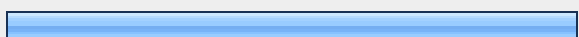

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		Response Count
		31
		answered question 31
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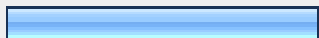
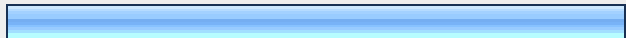
What type of authority do you work for?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
District Council		22.6%	7
County Council		3.2%	1
London Borough Council		0.0%	0
Metropolitan Borough Council		0.0%	0
Unitary Authority		48.4%	15
County Borough Council		0.0%	0
National Park Authority		3.2%	1
Regional Authority		3.2%	1
Other (please specify)		19.4%	6
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0

How would you characterise the predominant landscape of your authority? (Please tick all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Rural Lowland		45.2%	14
Rural Upland		38.7%	12
Urban		64.5%	20
Coastal		35.5%	11
Other (please specify)		9.7%	3
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0






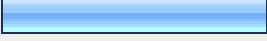
Where do you get the majority of your professional ecological advice to determine planning applications? (Please tick all that apply and indicate which are not applicable)							
	No input	Occasional input	Regular input	Majority of input	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
In-house ecological staff	11.5% (3)	11.5% (3)	19.2% (5)	42.3% (11)	15.4% (4)	3.09	26
Biodiversity Officer within the Local Biodiversity Partnership	12.5% (3)	29.2% (7)	33.3% (8)	16.7% (4)	8.3% (2)	2.59	24
Scottish Natural Heritage	0.0% (0)	33.3% (9)	44.4% (12)	22.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	2.89	27
The local Wildlife Trust	18.2% (4)	50.0% (11)	27.3% (6)	0.0% (0)	4.5% (1)	2.10	22
The RSPB	8.3% (2)	58.3% (14)	29.2% (7)	0.0% (0)	4.2% (1)	2.22	24
Other conservation organisations	20.0% (4)	60.0% (12)	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (2)	1.89	20
Private consultants through a Service Level Agreement	56.3% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	6.3% (1)	37.5% (6)	1.30	16
Private consultants on an ad hoc basis	29.4% (5)	47.1% (8)	11.8% (2)	0.0% (0)	11.8% (2)	1.80	17
Other	36.4% (4)	9.1% (1)	18.2% (2)	9.1% (1)	27.3% (3)	2.00	11
	<i>answered question</i>						29
	<i>skipped question</i>						2

In which area of forward planning would your authority benefit most from access to online information and assistance? (Please tick all that apply)				
	Not necessary	Would be useful	Would be essential	Response Count
Practical measures to create a strategic spatial vision for biodiversity within the plan area	5.0% (1)	95.0% (19)	0.0% (0)	20
Guidance and practical measures on obtaining baseline data for forward planning	11.1% (2)	77.8% (14)	11.1% (2)	18
Good practice for working with Local Biodiversity Partnerships on forward planning issues	27.8% (5)	72.2% (13)	0.0% (0)	18
Guidance on how to incorporate measures for biodiversity enhancement into plan proposals and allocations	0.0% (0)	71.4% (15)	28.6% (6)	21
Examples of planning objectives and targets for biodiversity	5.0% (1)	65.0% (13)	30.0% (6)	20
Examples of effective planning policies for biodiversity appropriate for various plan documents	0.0% (0)	61.9% (13)	38.1% (8)	21
Tools to assist in SEA and SA where biodiversity is concerned	0.0% (0)	52.6% (10)	47.4% (9)	19
Templates and protocols for monitoring biodiversity in order to report on net losses and gains (e.g. for Annual Monitoring Reports)	4.8% (1)	76.2% (16)	19.0% (4)	21
Templates for supplementary planning guidance that is fit for purpose	0.0% (0)	66.7% (14)	33.3% (7)	21
			answered question	21
			skipped question	10

For which of the following does your authority currently have a planning policy? (Please tick all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
International site protection		85.7%	18
National site protection		100.0%	21
Local site protection		100.0%	21
Protected species		57.1%	12
Management of landscape features of major importance for wildlife		52.4%	11
To secure ecological mitigation and compensation		66.7%	14
To seek and encourage enhancement measures and a net gain in biodiversity		61.9%	13
Other (please specify)		4.8%	1
		<i>answered question</i>	21
		<i>skipped question</i>	10

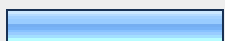
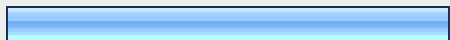
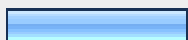

Is your authority considering how climate change will affect biodiversity in the future?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes - in the current development plan		0.0%	0
Yes - in draft for the next plan		33.3%	6
Maybe - but not sure how we could achieve it		66.7%	12
No - but it is proposed for future development plans		0.0%	0
No - not sure if this is relevant		0.0%	0
		<i>answered question</i>	18
		<i>skipped question</i>	13

Do you have a question relating to biodiversity on your current planning application forms (this should be a question in addition to any about trees and TPOs)?				
	Yes	No	Rating Average	Response Count
About designated sites	0.0% (0)	100.0% (17)	2.00	17
About European protected species	0.0% (0)	100.0% (18)	2.00	18
About UK BAP priority habitats	0.0% (0)	100.0% (18)	2.00	18
About UK BAP priority species	0.0% (0)	100.0% (18)	2.00	18
A general question about biodiversity	0.0% (0)	100.0% (18)	2.00	18
answered question				18
skipped question				13

How confident are you in dealing with biodiversity as part of a planning application? (please tick the answer that most closely matches how you feel)				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Biodiversity is an area where I do not have a lot of expertise			14.3%	3
I am confident to make a planning recommendation as long as I have input from nature conservation consultees			14.3%	3
I am confident to make a planning recommendation as long as I have input from the authority's ecologist/biodiversity officer			28.6%	6
I leave the biodiversity input and recommendations to the authority's ecologist/biodiversity officer			9.5%	2
I am confident of making my own assessment and recommendation where biodiversity issues are a material consideration			4.8%	1
Other? please comment			28.6%	6
answered question				21
skipped question				10

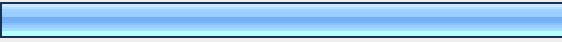

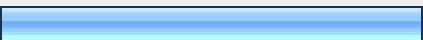
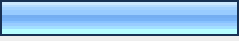
Which of the following development types do you think are likely to have an effect on biodiversity?							
	Affects habitats	Affects species	Affects both	Dont know	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Conversion of agricultural buidlings	4.5% (1)	40.9% (9)	50.0% (11)	4.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.55	22
New road developments	4.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	90.9% (20)	4.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.95	22
New housing developments	4.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	95.2% (20)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.90	21
New industrial developments	4.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	85.7% (18)	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	2.95	21
Applications for listed building or conservation area consent	4.8% (1)	33.3% (7)	42.9% (9)	4.8% (1)	14.3% (3)	2.56	21
New sport and leisure facilities	9.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	76.2% (16)	14.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	2.95	21
New overhead power lines	0.0% (0)	22.7% (5)	59.1% (13)	18.2% (4)	0.0% (0)	2.95	22
New coastal defences	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	85.7% (18)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (3)	3.00	21
Windfarm/renewable energy developments	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	95.2% (20)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.95	21
Applications for loft conversions and roof extensions etc	4.5% (1)	54.5% (12)	27.3% (6)	4.5% (1)	9.1% (2)	2.35	22
Minerals developments	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	95.5% (21)	4.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.05	22
Waste disposal applications	4.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	81.8% (18)	13.6% (3)	0.0% (0)	3.05	22
	answered question						22
	skipped question						9

Approximately how many applications each year does your authority receive where the biodiversity value of the following are a material consideration:						
	Dont know	Less than 10	10 to 50	More than 50	Rating Average	Response Count
Conversion of agricultural buildings	45.0% (9)	45.0% (9)	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.65	20
Rivers, streams, ditches and canals	40.0% (8)	45.0% (9)	5.0% (1)	10.0% (2)	1.85	20
Deciduous Woodland	45.0% (9)	35.0% (7)	15.0% (3)	5.0% (1)	1.80	20
Conifer Woodland	50.0% (10)	40.0% (8)	5.0% (1)	5.0% (1)	1.65	20
Flower-rich meadows	68.4% (13)	31.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.32	19
Heathland	65.0% (13)	25.0% (5)	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.45	20
Blanket bog	60.0% (12)	30.0% (6)	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.50	20
Ponds and lakes	60.0% (12)	35.0% (7)	5.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.45	20
Disused mineral workings	60.0% (12)	40.0% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.40	20
Caves, disused mines and tunnels	75.0% (15)	25.0% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.25	20
Ancient and veteran trees	65.0% (13)	15.0% (3)	10.0% (2)	10.0% (2)	1.65	20
Moorland	60.0% (12)	35.0% (7)	5.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.45	20
Upland grassland	60.0% (12)	35.0% (7)	5.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.45	20
Chalk grassland	73.7% (14)	26.3% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.26	19
Boundary features (hedges and walls)	50.0% (10)	15.0% (3)	35.0% (7)	0.0% (0)	1.85	20
Wetland (reedbeds, fens, water meadows)	60.0% (12)	30.0% (6)	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.50	20
Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh	55.0% (11)	40.0% (8)	5.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.50	20
Other coastal habitats	55.6% (10)	33.3% (6)	11.1% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.56	18
	answered question					20
	skipped question					11

At what stage do you most often request basic ecological surveys?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Prior to the submission of the planning application (so that information is submitted with the application)		23.8%	5
After the application has been submitted, but before determination		47.6%	10
Often following consultation responses from consultees		19.1%	4
We often request further ecological information (including surveys) through a planning condition once consent has been granted		9.5%	2
		answered question	21
		skipped question	10

In what situations does your authority use planning conditions for biodiversity purposes							
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Regularly	Always	Rating Average	Response Count
To obtain ecological surveys on important species and habitats prior to the start of development	0.0% (0)	30.0% (6)	70.0% (14)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.70	20
To impose seasonal constraints on aspects of the development (e.g. on when scrub/trees/hedgerows can be removed - in order to protect nesting birds)	5.0% (1)	5.0% (1)	65.0% (13)	25.0% (5)	0.0% (0)	3.10	20
To secure biodiversity enhancement measures	5.0% (1)	25.0% (5)	65.0% (13)	5.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.70	20
To avoid harm or damage to existing biodiversity features	5.0% (1)	15.0% (3)	45.0% (9)	35.0% (7)	0.0% (0)	3.10	20
To mitigate or reduce impacts on biodiversity	5.0% (1)	5.0% (1)	60.0% (12)	30.0% (6)	0.0% (0)	3.15	20
To compensate for losses or impacts that cannot be mitigated or avoided	10.0% (2)	15.0% (3)	65.0% (13)	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.75	20
To prevent the start of development							

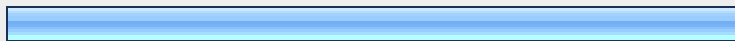
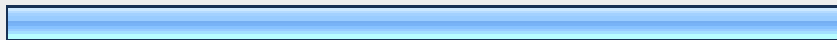
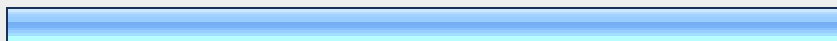
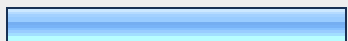
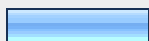
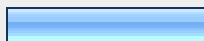
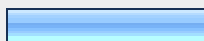
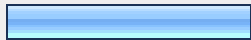

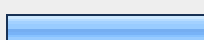
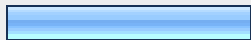
until a European protected species licence has been obtained (where one is required)	35.0% (7)	45.0% (9)	15.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	5.0% (1)	1.95	20
To secure long term management of biodiversity features	5.0% (1)	20.0% (4)	60.0% (12)	15.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	2.85	20
Other	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.00	1
answered question							20
skipped question							11

How does your authority ensure that its planning decisions are professionally qualified, competent and lawful in relation to biodiversity? (Please tick all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
We rely upon input from the Council's ecologist/biodiversity officer		60.0%	12
We rely upon responses from the statutory consultees		80.0%	16
We rely upon response from the non-statutory consultees		45.0%	9
We rely upon ecological advice provided by consultants under a service level agreement		0.0%	0
There are very few applications where we need ecological advice, and planning officers are capable of dealing with these on a case by case basis		0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		25.0%	5
answered question			20
skipped question			11

On average, how often does your authority take planning enforcement action on biodiversity issues, and who would you involve? (Please tick all that apply)							
	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Once or twice per year	Never	Rating Average	Response Count
Planning enforcement staff	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	58.8% (10)	41.2% (7)	4.41	17
The authority's ecologist	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	42.9% (6)	57.1% (8)	4.57	14
The police	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	22.2% (2)	77.8% (7)	4.78	9
Scottish Natural Heritage	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	66.7% (8)	33.3% (4)	4.33	12
The local Wildlife Trust	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	18.2% (2)	81.8% (9)	4.82	11
The RSPB	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	40.0% (4)	60.0% (6)	4.60	10
The Bat Conservation Trust	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	36.4% (4)	63.6% (7)	4.64	11
Other organisations	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	87.5% (7)	4.88	8
	answered question						17
	skipped question						14

How often in the last year has your authority refused planning permission because of likely unacceptable impacts on the following?					
	None	Less than 10	More than 10	Rating Average	Response Count
Statutorily designated sites	40.0% (6)	60.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	1.60	15
Locally designated sites	46.7% (7)	53.3% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.53	15
European protected species	53.8% (7)	46.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.46	13
Other protected species	78.6% (11)	21.4% (3)	0.0% (0)	1.21	14
UK BAP priority habitats	85.7% (12)	14.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.14	14
UK BAP priority species	92.3% (12)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.08	13
Other biodiversity features	69.2% (9)	30.8% (4)	0.0% (0)	1.31	13
	answered question				15
	skipped question				16

What are the main problems encountered when determining an application where biodiversity is a material consideration? (Please tick all that apply)						
	Never a problem	Rarely a problem	Often a problem	Regularly a problem	Rating Average	Response Count
Poor understanding by the applicant as to what is required of them on biodiversity issues	0.0% (0)	23.5% (4)	29.4% (5)	47.1% (8)	3.24	17
Uncertainty by planning officers as to what is relevant and what should be considered with the application	6.3% (1)	18.8% (3)	50.0% (8)	25.0% (4)	2.94	16
Inadequate information on biodiversity submitted with the application	0.0% (0)	11.8% (2)	29.4% (5)	58.8% (10)	3.47	17
Poor assessment by applicant of likely impacts on biodiversity present	0.0% (0)	17.6% (3)	35.3% (6)	47.1% (8)	3.29	17
Inadequate measures for impact mitigation and compensation	0.0% (0)	25.0% (4)	50.0% (8)	25.0% (4)	3.00	16
Inadequate measures for the enhancement of biodiversity resources and features	0.0% (0)	20.0% (3)	53.3% (8)	26.7% (4)	3.07	15
Reluctance on the part of the applicant to deal with key biodiversity issues prior to receiving planning permission	0.0% (0)	26.7% (4)	33.3% (5)	40.0% (6)	3.13	15
Poor implementation of biodiversity measures after planning permission has been granted	0.0% (0)	26.7% (4)	46.7% (7)	26.7% (4)	3.00	15
Potential delay in determination of an application while waiting for further information to be submitted	0.0% (0)	17.6% (3)	41.2% (7)	41.2% (7)	3.24	17
	<i>answered question</i>					17
	<i>skipped question</i>					14

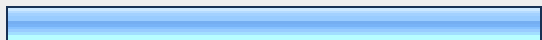
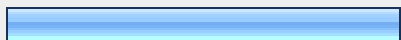
Which of the following information do you have available to you on GIS?			Response Percent	Response Count
International designations			79.0%	15
National designations			89.5%	17
Local designations			89.5%	17
European protected species			36.8%	7
Other protected species			15.8%	3
UK BAP priority habitats			21.1%	4
UK BAP priority species			21.1%	4
Full Phase I habitat survey for the authority's area			26.3%	5
Full National Vegetation Classification survey of key sites			15.8%	3
Other survey data (for instance for bats, birds, butterflies, amphibians and reptiles)			21.1%	4
For other surveys - please give details			26.3%	5
		answered question		19
		skipped question		12



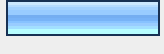

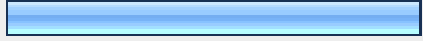

How useful would the following tools be to you if they were available via a user-friendly web site accessible on your PC ?					
	Not useful	Might be useful	Would be very useful	Rating Average	Response Count
Desk top access to wildlife legislation that is relevant to various types of planning case work	0.0% (0)	36.8% (7)	63.2% (12)	2.63	19
Desk top access to biodiversity planning guidance specific to various applications types	0.0% (0)	31.6% (6)	68.4% (13)	2.68	19
Desk top access to help identify when biodiversity is likely to be encountered by different types of development	0.0% (0)	42.1% (8)	57.9% (11)	2.58	19
Case studies and good practice showing how to achieve appropriate mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures in a wide variety of situations	0.0% (0)	36.8% (7)	63.2% (12)	2.63	19
Desk top access to tools that will help with key stages and tasks in development plan preparation	5.3% (1)	47.4% (9)	47.4% (9)	2.42	19
Protocols and aides memoire explaining situations where statutory procedures must be followed prior to determination of an application	0.0% (0)	36.8% (7)	63.2% (12)	2.63	19
Checklists to ensure that applications are valid and that sufficient biodiversity information has been submitted to enable determination of the application	5.6% (1)	38.9% (7)	55.6% (10)	2.50	18
Online references and links to sources of expert advice	11.1% (2)	50.0% (9)	38.9% (7)	2.28	18
Online guidance to identify when wildlife surveys are required	0.0% (0)	42.1% (8)	57.9% (11)	2.58	19
Seasonal calendars showing sensitive times of year for particular species and/or habitats	0.0% (0)	33.3% (6)	66.7% (12)	2.67	18
Model planning conditions for biodiversity	0.0% (0)	22.2% (4)	77.8% (14)	2.78	18
Useful web links to conservation organisations	10.5% (2)	63.2% (12)	26.3% (5)	2.16	19
Model documents (such as					

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biodiversity clauses for planning obligations)	5.6% (1)	27.8% (5)	66.7% (12)	2.61	18
Material that can help with pre-application discussions and advice	5.6% (1)	44.4% (8)	50.0% (9)	2.44	18
Templates for various types of supplementary planning guidance for biodiversity	0.0% (0)	47.4% (9)	52.6% (10)	2.53	19
	<i>answered question</i>				19
	<i>skipped question</i>				12

Do you have any other suggestions for the types of tools that you would find most useful?		Response Count
		3
	<i>answered question</i>	3
	<i>skipped question</i>	28

Would you be interested in attending a workshop to help identify the scope and content for the biodiversity toolkit?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			57.9%	11
No			42.1%	8
	<i>answered question</i>			19
	<i>skipped question</i>			12

Do you have a preference for which organisation hosts the Web-based Biodiversity Toolkit (e.g. responsible for its update and management)?			Response Percent	Response Count
Association of Local Government Ecologists			5.6%	1
The Planning Portal (in England and Wales)			5.6%	1
The RTPI			16.7%	3
One of the statutory nature conservation organisations			5.6%	1
Where it is hosted is not important as long as it is easy to use, accurate and up to date			44.4%	8
Other (please specify)			22.2%	4
			answered question	18
			skipped question	13

Would your authority be prepared to pay an annual subscription towards update and maintenance of the proposed biodiversity toolkit - especially if this meant all staff in the department then had access? (Please comment below)		Response Count
		11
		answered question
		11
		skipped question
		20

Would you like to receive a copy of the results from this survey?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			76.5%	13
No			23.5%	4
			answered question	17
			skipped question	14

Would you mind providing your name, position in the authority and a contact telephone number?		Response Count
		17
	<i>answered question</i>	17
	<i>skipped question</i>	14