

Progress Against Action Plan Priorities 2017/18

Strategic Aim	Strategic Action	Milestones	Measure of success	NBN Lead?	Supported by	Progress as at 23/10/2017
1. Record, collect, diversify, enhance & mobilise biological data	Increase verification capacity through establishment of a UK Verification Network to share best practice, celebrate success and recruit	Draft ToR for UK verification network by 20/11/2017 ToR agreed by partners by 31/12/2017	A demonstrable increase in verification capacity and “time to market” of verified records by 31/12/2018	No*	Verification & online recording working group	Discussions within Working Group suggest a formalised network with ToR is not required/wanted by wider network Work is continuing to define a more informal situation with a verification hub, with a meeting in February 2018 to focus on this
	Maintain and improve NBN Record Cleaner rule sets and identify quality of records across all NBN systems	Preliminary assessment of current situation with Record Cleaner, what updating is required and level of use by 31/10/2017	An updated and fit for purpose Record Cleaner that is compatible with the NBN Atlas by 28/02/2018	Yes	Verification & online recording working group	Wide ranging discussions within Working Group on whether there was an ongoing need for RC. Significant updating is needed and any new system should include data driven rules & web services. Current use and potential uptake if updated is being gauged by WG members.

	Prepare an online recording strategy for the UK to ensure system consistency and standardisation	Working group convened July 2017 First draft of strategy circulated by 15/10/2017 Strategy agreed by 28/02/2018	Online recording methods are clear, consistent and interoperable by 31/03/2019	Yes	Verification & online recording working group	All work on this postponed until outcome of SBIF review available
	Create regional and national sensitive species lists	Workshop to be held in July 2017	NBN data partners understand criteria for inclusion on NBN Atlas Sensitive Species lists so that locations of only species in genuine need of protection are blurred	No*	Taxon experts, National schemes & societies, government agencies, ALERC, BRC, CEH	Workshop held, criteria agreed, will now be open for wider comment before policy published early 2018.
	Accelerate data flow through NBN systems by publicising the data flow model, establishing data flow agreements and creating a data flow tool to track records through the system	Data flow model to be agreed by 30/11/2017 Data flow agreements established by 31/01/2018 Specifications for data flow tool agreed by 31/03/2018	Data flow "time to market" significantly increased by 31/03/2019	Yes	ALERC, BTO, BRC, RSPB	All work on this postponed until outcome of SBIF review available
4. Provide the best biological information	Prepare and implement a technical vision and strategy for NBN data infrastructure for data capture, management	Initial discussions completed by 31/10/2017	A clear and transparent vision for the NBN data infrastructure	Yes	BRC, RSPB, SNH, NE, NRW, CeDAR	Not yet started, however, draft strategy

Management Infrastructure	and dissemination (in conjunction with NBN Trust members and international partners)	Draft strategy available by 31/01/2018	published by 31/03/2018			by 31/01/18 still plausible
	NBN Atlas: Implementation of a system for identifying and displaying verification status of records on the NBN Atlas	System agreed by 31/10/2017, implemented by 31/12/2017	All records on NBN Atlas include a verification status	No*	Verification Working Group	System agreed.
	Development and implementation of system for enhanced access to capture resolution sensitive species records on the NBN Atlas	System agreed by 30/09/2017, implemented by 30/11/2017	Authorised users able to access capture resolution sensitive species data through NBN Atlas	Yes	NBN Atlas Steering Groups	System agreed, implementation delayed slightly due to delay in availability of developer and funding
	Hold stakeholder workshops and determine priorities for development of further functionality	Workshops held by 31/10/2017 Priorities agreed by 31/12/2017	Priorities, timescales & costs for further functionality agreed	Yes	All network members and funders	All Steering Groups requested postponement until early 2018
	Development and implementation of customisable user pages	Implemented by 31/03/2018	Users able to customise and save their account pages	Yes		
	Sourcing and ingesting further habitat, spatial and environmental layers	Ongoing	Increased number of layers available	Yes		Ongoing
5. Support the development	Review the NBN membership scheme to ensure it is fit for	Continuation of review started in 2016/17	Increase in the number and diversity of NBN members	Yes		Review to take place in April 2018.

of the NBN, its board and its members	purpose and accessible to all current and potential members with clear benefits					
	Clarify Network roles and membership to promote ownership and engagement by the member organisations	Initial discussions concluded by 31/12/2017 Paper published by 31/03/2018	Network roles clear, greater engagement & ownership of actions from wider network	Yes	All network members and funders	On track
	Review of NBN Trust Board & Governance	Initial discussions with board in July 2017 Findings and proposed approach agreed in November board meeting 'New' board in place by 31/03/2018	NBN Trust board includes Trustees with relevant skills to assist with the strategic aims of the organisation Articles of Association reviewed & updated	Yes		Review committee meetings taken place, recommendations to be taken to November board for agreement
Develop and implement a sustainable funding model for the NBN Trust and prepare a medium term financial strategy	Medium Term Financial Strategy presented to board in July 2017 Implementation of 3 options with the aim of generation of 10% of income from these sources by 31/03/2018	The NBN Trust generates at least 50% of its income from non-government sources by 31/03/2020	Yes		Opportunities for advertising and sponsorship investigated (paper to Nov board) Initial enquiries made on HLF Resilient Heritage Grant	

* NBN Secretariat facilitate and co-ordinate, but discussions and decisions led by others