

A Review of the Biological Recording Infrastructure in Scotland



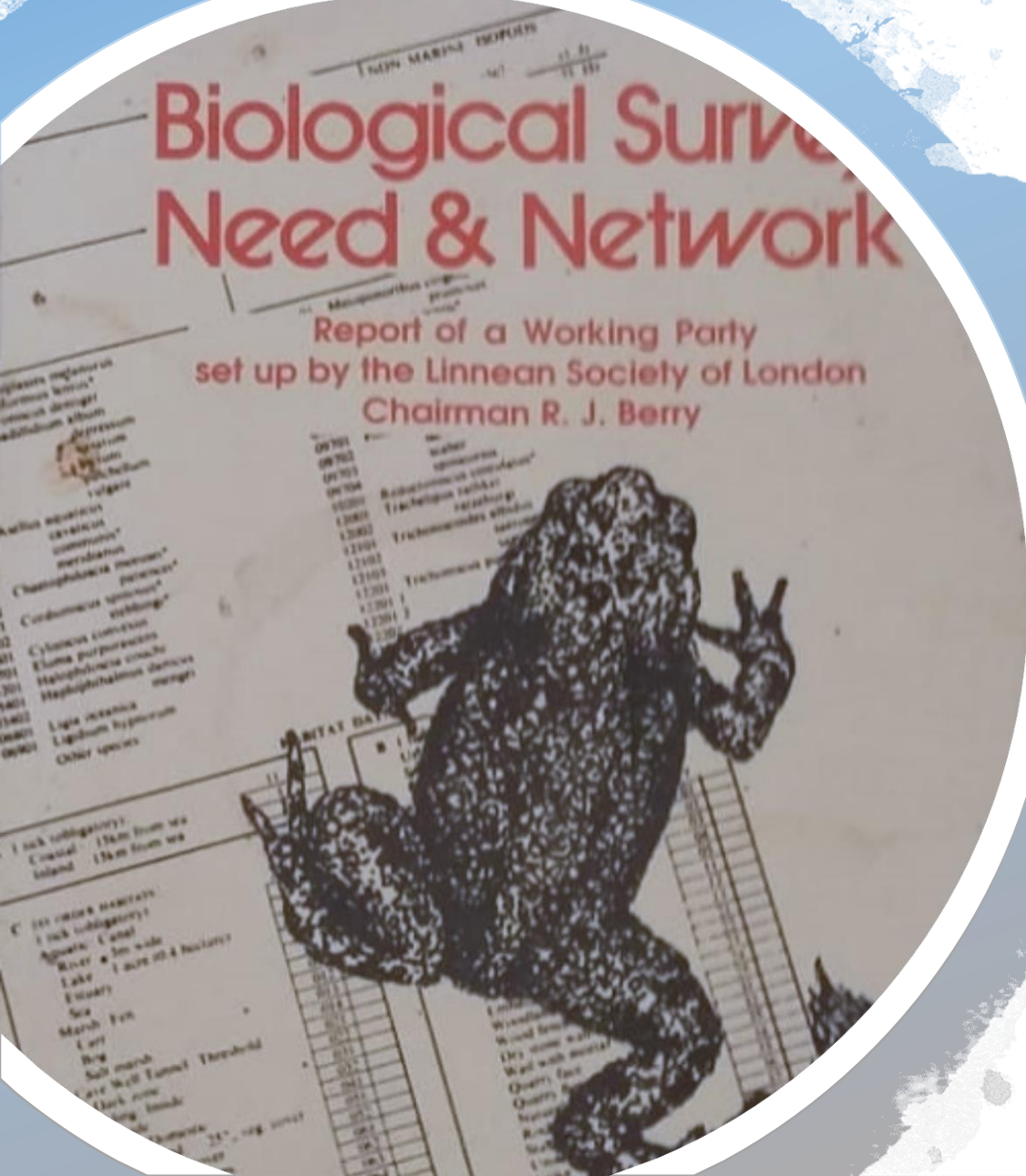
Progress update

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*22nd November 2018
NBN Conference*

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30 years ago



11 years ago

09/01/2009

14/12/2010

Recommendation 2: Scottish Government should become the key subscriber/contributor to the NBN on behalf of the Scottish public sector to maximise access to, benefit from and use of information provided through the NBN Gateway"; the Scottish Government further responded that "the Scottish Government is content to consider the merits of [being the key subscriber] following the submission of a full business case by the NBN";

Recommendation 6: The Scottish Government, SNH and others should establish a Scottish [Biodiversity] Information Forum (SBIF), whose membership should be cross sectoral and whose role should be to develop a strategic approach (by consensus) to the collection, collation and sharing of biological data across Scotland. This forum must work in close partnership with the NBN to provide maximum mutual benefit. The forum should develop an Action Plan with a clear schedule for implementation”;

Recommendation 7: "SNH and/or SBIF should review the means by which data for key and priority Scottish species are provided to the NBN and made available to organisations that need them";

Recommendation 10: "SBIF should review the role, funding and coverage of LRCs and other local options for biological data management across Scotland as part of the process to ensure that the necessary structures are in place to collect and disseminate biological information across Scotland".

The Review

Literature Review



1975 to 2016

Interviews with key stakeholders



47 'influencers'
from 42
organisations

Public Questionnaire



290 in total, 156
anon + 134 from
95 organisations

X-Sector Workshops



66 people from 39
organisations

Business case and recommendations



14th November
2018

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By the
Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum



Enabling Scotland to be a
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24 recommendations to deliver 5 outcomes:



Outcome 1: Transformed Data Flows



Outcome 2: Transformed Services



Outcome 3: Transformed Governance &
Culture



Outcome 4: Transformed Funding

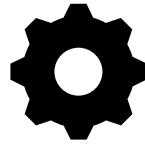


Outcome 5: Transformation By 2025

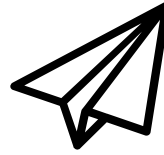
By 2025...



Clear data flows



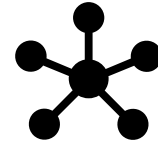
Central data repository



Clear submission points



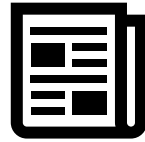
Affiliated data channels



National and
Regional Hubs



Links to voucher specimens



Links to metadata



Online verification portal



Online data
management portal



Definitive evidence base



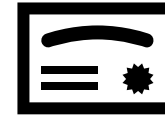
Happy staff and volunteers



Feedback on quality



Feedback on use



Access to high
quality training



Access to support



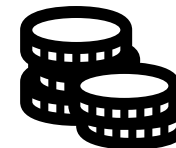
Data easily accessed
through single location



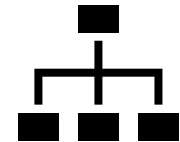
Accessible, universal
services



Data of known quality



Sufficient funding



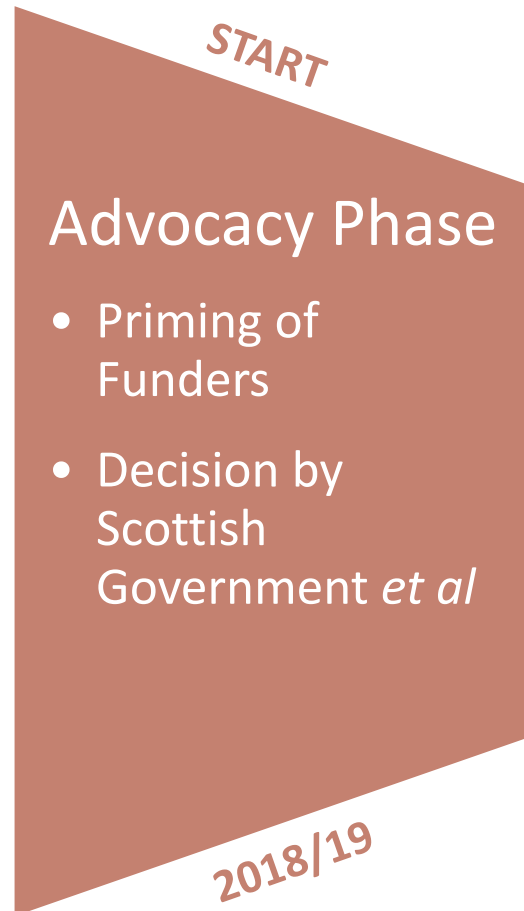
Efficient use of resources



National biodiversity centre with regional hubs for Scotland

Definitive provider of biological records in Scotland

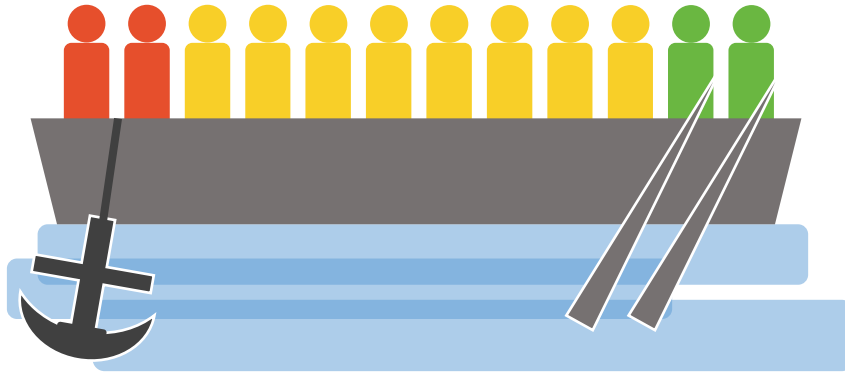
What next



Get involved

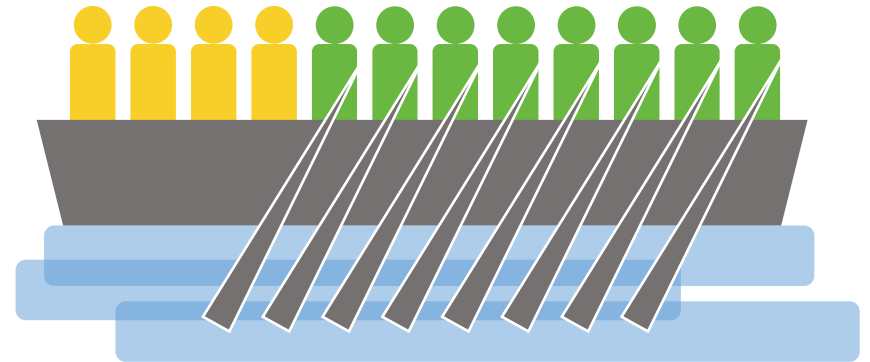
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- Raise awareness of the recommendations
- Become a visionary leader within your Network

Working together matters

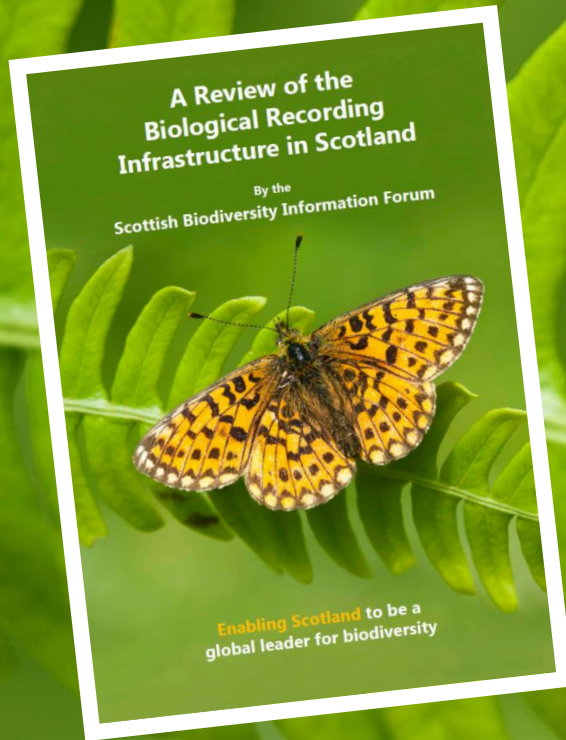


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