



# Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC)

## Services Capability Statement



The Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre was established in 2002 as a partnership-led Local Biological Records Centre. Its purpose is to: "Collect, collate, manage and disseminate information of known quality on Hampshire's biodiversity to those who require it, to increase knowledge and understanding, and to enable informed decisions to be made about factors affecting the environment. HBIC provides an impartial and independent source of biodiversity data.

Hosted by Hampshire County Council, HBIC is supported by a Partnership of 23 organisations. It delivers a first class biodiversity information service to all local planning authorities as well as to Natural England, the Environment Agency, the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities, Forestry Commission, and a number of Water Companies. It is supported by a number of key species recording groups from whom it receives annual copies of their datasets - covering birds, plants, Lepidoptera, reptiles and amphibians, and mammals.

HBIC holds a database of over 7 million species records, and maintains a Priority Habitat GIS dataset covering some 160,000 parcels of land (21% of Hampshire). It co-ordinates an annual programme of habitat survey and manages the Hampshire SINC (Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, also called Local Wildlife Sites) System on behalf of the Hampshire Local Planning Authorities.

The HBIC team comprise a number of ecologists, field ecologists and data managers, most of whom are members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM).

## We can assist you with:

Provision of biodiversity information & survey services including:

- ✓ Data searches for designated sites, priority habitats, protected & notable species, and invasive non-native species in the form of maps, reports, spreadsheets and shapefiles.
- ✓ New habitat surveys (Phase 2 to NVC)
- ✓ Provision of existing habitat survey reports
- ✓ Bird surveys
- ✓ Transect/quadrat monitoring
- ✓ Condition Assessment
- ✓ Evaluation of sites, habitats and species – Hampshire/national context
- ✓ Habitat suitability & ecological network mapping (for habitat restoration, creation and offsetting)
- ✓ Screen planning applications
- ✓ Bespoke GIS layers and data digitisation

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