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Sharing information
about wildlife

NBN Strategy 2015-2020 Action Plan for Consultation

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The Vision of the National Biodiversity Network?

“Biological data, collected and shared openly by the Network, is central to the UK’s learning and understanding of its biodiversity and is critical to all decision-making about nature and the environment.”

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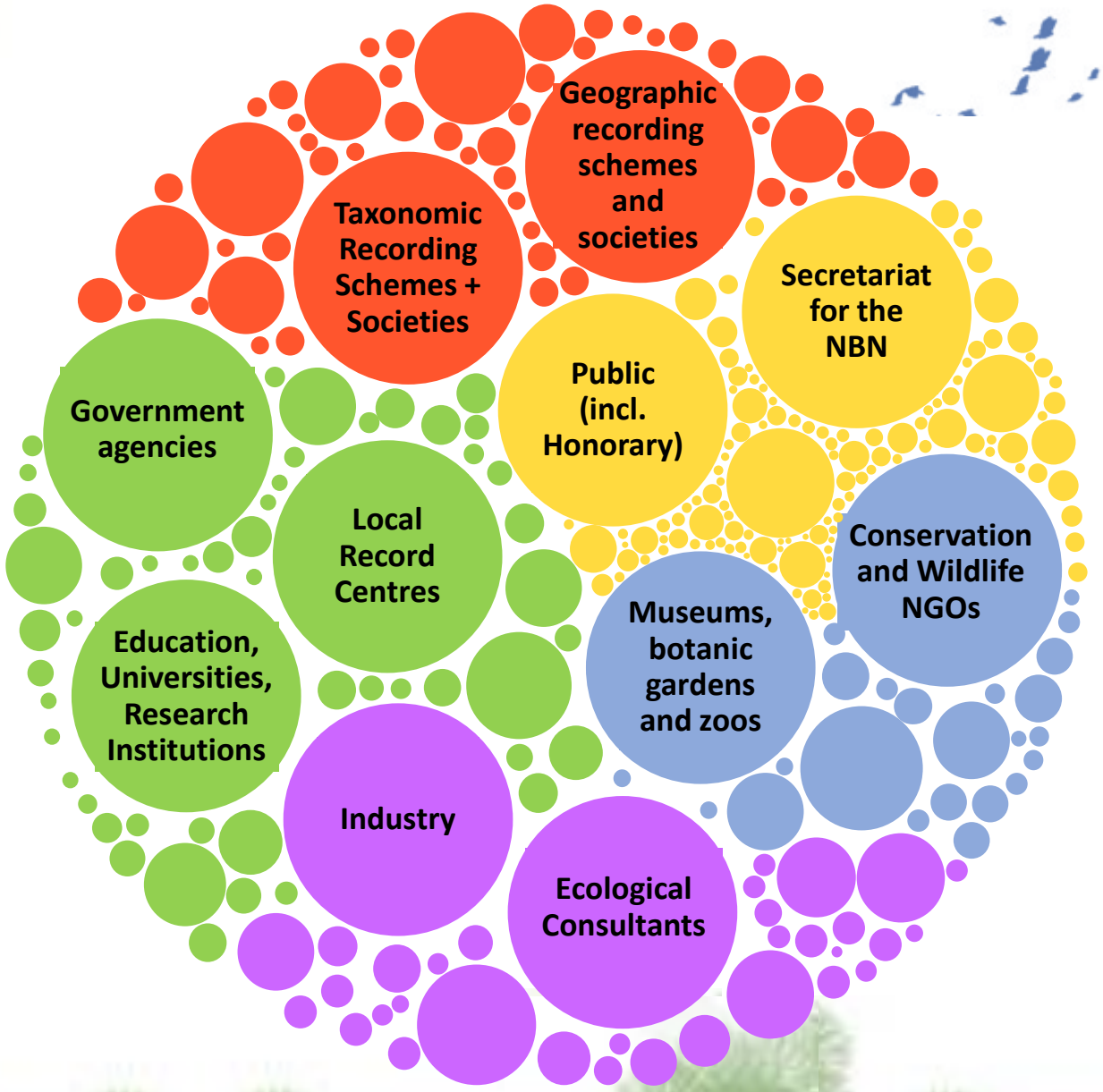

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NBN Members

- Provide a collective view of marine, terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity in the UK
- set standards for data exchange,
- raise awareness of the importance of biological recording of the UK's wildlife,
- have shared over 110 million biological records

Seeking change in how biological data are…

- collected
- verified
- managed
- analysed
- disseminated
- used

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Examples of core actions include…

- Develop and deliver incentives for visible, open data
- Improve research methods for use of ad-hoc (casual) biological records
- Create and facilitate an NBN Technical and Innovation Working Group to oversee delivery of technical infrastructure
- Build platforms for sharing of data types beyond species and habitat data (e.g., to integrate data from Earth Observation, genetic sequencing and eDNA)
- Increase verification capacity through establishment of a UK Verification Network to share best practice, celebrate success and recruit
- Develop sustainable business models for delivery of the NBN work programme (including national to local levels)

Seeking roles and responsibilities

Objective 1A	**Increase, streamline and standardise the capture of high quality, structured biological data.**
Why?	It has never been easier to submit biological records and this leads to increasing volumes of data. This comes at a risk that data quality will be compromised. Biological data capture and quality control is not standardised. Recorders are often unclear where to submit their data to best effect. There is frustration because multiple systems exist leading to duplication of both effort and data within the system.

The NBN will	**Priority**	**Time-scale**	**Are you already doing this?** • *Yes* • *Yes, but could use more resources* • *No*	**Would you like a role?** • *Yes definitely* • *Yes, if we had more resources* • *No* • *No, but we would like to be kept informed of progress*	**Level of future involvement** • *I/We want to lead this action* • *I/We want to be a partner* • *I/We want to work on this alone* • *I/We do not want to be involved*
1. Increase verification capacity through establishment of a UK Verification Network to share best	**High**	**Ongoing**			

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Action Plan out for consultation

Please tell us if you want to have a role in implementing the action plan by 22nd June

No one organisation can implement the NBN Strategy so we need to work as a team

If you have not received the action plan please contact support@nbn.org.uk