Report from the discussions on Filling the gaps

Group 2: Increasing species set
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Group 2: What species or groups of species are the most needed for enlargement of the PECBMS data set, what is needed to get such data?

ALPINE SPECIES:

Much interest – ecological, climate change, land use

Discussion of regional (international) scheme) to harmonise effort and collate results

Applies in principle to other common schemes

SINGLE SPECIES (EG OWLS/NIGHTJARS)

Collating data across national data recording efforts, high interest by many other specialitsts

LINK TO KEY POLICY ISSUES – WHAT SPECIES GROUPS DO WE NEED

IMPROVING EXISTING MECHANISMS, EG CBM SCHEMES

Improving coverage will increase species coverage (difficult but generally an aim anyway)

Scoping study to explore potential / requirement by country to achieve sufficient coverage

SUGGESTIONS TO MODIFY / AUGMENT EXISTING SCHEMES

> Eg. Additional nocturnal visits to same plots (by same volunteers, same sites)

> Eg. Focusing sampling intensity in landscapes that will be most valuable in adding some of the identified species gaps

IF NEW SCHEMES ARE NEEDED, BEST ONES WOULD MULTI-SPECIES (EG NOCURNALSURVEYS)

REVIEW COMMON SPECIES DEFINITION, EG, CONSIDER RELAXING THE 50,000 BREEDING PAIR RULE – WOULD THIS ADD MORE SPECIES (ESP RAPTORS?**

ENGAGE WITH OTHER EUROPEAN INITIATIVES INTERESTED IN PULLING TOGETHER DATA FOR PAN-EUROPEAN TRENDS (via EBCC) and other contacts

International seabird and raptor initiatives

AEWA colonial waterbird project

National / International Waterbird Census coordinators (and data)

DISCUSSION OF PERIODICITY

STATISTICAL ISSUES – ADEQUATE SAMPLE, REPRESENTATIVE YEAR, OBSERVER EFFORT