

Terms of reference of the UK Non-native Species Programme Board (UKNNSPB)

Remit

1. The UKNNSPB will oversee the actions set out in the GB INNS Strategy and maintain coordination and collaboration between the actions carried out under this strategy and work to tackle invasive non-native species in Northern Ireland. The UKNNSPB will have a remit for non-native species as defined in the GB strategy.

Accountability

2. The UKNNSPB will report to Ministers in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Purpose / Role

3. The UKNNSPB will:

- a) Provide a steer on the strategic direction of work undertaken across the UK governments on non-native species.
- b) Encourage co-ordination of non-native species policy across the UK.
- c) Suggest priority actions on non-native species.
- d) Oversee the work of the GB NNRAF. This will include reviewing and (as appropriate) approving risk assessments produced by GB NNRAF in relation to the GB INNS strategy, to ensure they are fit for purpose

Relationship with the GB Non-native Species Committee (The GB Committee)

4. The UKNNSPB is not a statutory body. Statutory functions under the retained EU Regulation 1143/2014 on invasive alien species¹ including advice to Ministers of England, Wales and Scotland about species listing, and overseeing the work of NNRAF in relation to these functions, will be undertaken by the GB Committee.

¹ As amended by the Invasive Non-native Species (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/223); the Animal Health, Alien Species in Aquaculture and Invasive Non-native Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/813); and the Animal Welfare and Invasive Non-native Species (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/1590).

5. To achieve these objectives the UKNNSPB will:

- a) Coordinate work to secure resources for priority actions on non-native species;
- b) Help identify emerging issues and areas for further development;
- c) Establish working groups to investigate specific issues and receive regular updates from them;
- d) Consider and approve working group reports and actions.

Ways of Working

6. The UKNNSPB will meet 2-4 times per annum (as appropriate) and place its agenda and associated documents on the GBNNSS website.

7. Documents for UKNNSPB meetings will be circulated to UKNNSPB members at least 1 week in advance of meetings.

Membership

8. The membership of the Programme Board will be drawn from the organisations set out in the table below. Initial representation will be the same as for the pre-existing GB Non-native Species Programme Board except that the Northern Ireland representative, currently a corresponding member, will become a full member of the Board.

9. Membership will continue until Ministers of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, acting jointly, decide otherwise. Ministers acting jointly may appoint new and/or replacement members to the Programme Board.

10. The UKNNSPB will be chaired on rotation by senior officials from Defra, Welsh Government, Scottish Government and DAERA.

11. The UKNNSPB members will be senior representatives from across Defra, the Scottish and Welsh Government and DAERA and their agencies as set out below. The UKNNSPB will be composed solely of government representatives and their agencies.

12. Observers, including for example from NGOs or academia, may be invited to attend entire UKNNSPB meetings or for particular agenda items.

List of Organisations providing full representatives to the UK NNSPB	
Territorial Responsibility	Governments, Agencies and Arm's Length Bodies
UK	Defra – National Biodiversity and Ivory policy
UK	Defra – Plant Health policy
UK	Defra – Fisheries policy
UK	Defra – Marine policy
UK	Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
GB	Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
England	Natural England (NE)
England	Environment Agency (EA)
England	Forestry Commission England (FC)
England	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
Wales	Welsh Government (WG)
Wales	Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
Scotland	Scottish Government (SG)
Scotland	NatureScot
Scotland	Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
Scotland	Scottish Forestry (from 01/04/2019)
Northern Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland Environment Agency