

Action Plan Objective s & Targets	Act-ions	2007 Target trend & progress (Peter Sanders)	2007 Plan trend & progress (Peter Sanders)	2008 Target trend and progress	2008 Plan trend & progress:
A. Increase, through natural re-colonisation , the size of the otter population to 50% of sites surveyed in the 2000 Avon Catchment survey 2010	PL1 PL2 SM1 SM2 SM3 SM4 A1 RM1 RM2 RM3 RM4 CP1	<p><b>↑ Target achieved</b></p> <p>Well on target an estimated 40 % of sites surveyed in 2005/6 were otter positive. Re-colonisation in urban areas much better than expected. After a gap of several years more otter holts are being constructed. Regular surveys of the Avon Catchment continue using the "Otter Task Force " The Tame Catchment in Warwickshire has been added to the survey programme.</p>	<p><b>↑</b></p> <p><b>The results of regular surveys by the " Otter Task Force " indicate good progress is being made with the recovery of this key " flagship " species. The survey results are passed on to WBRC.</b></p> <p><b>More work is needed to make river, stream, and canal bank sides more otter friendly by providing better cover and resting places.</b></p>	<p><b>↑ Target achieved</b></p> <p>Continued progress with provision of artificial holts and responses to advice re otter protection on roads</p> <p>Continued protection by Environment Agency's routine monitoring of water quality, fish stocks, water quantity, discharges; also contributes to the funding of post-mortems.</p>	<p><b>↑↑</b></p> <p><b>Progress continues with Otter (WWT) surveys now identifying presence of 10 individuals (up from 8).</b></p>
B. Restore breeding otters to all main sub-catchments in the sub-region 2010	SM1 SM2 A1	<p><b>↑ Some progress on schedule</b></p> <p>Work continues to identify potential otter breeding sites. Survey results from the " Otter Task Force " have confirmed male and female otters together on a number of sites in the county.</p>	<p><b>↑ Progress continues on schedule</b></p> <p>Otters are an important flagship species at RSPB Middleton Lakes reserve and feature in publicity about the site and related policy advocacy. Monitoring of otter activity will form part of regular reserve monitoring programme as habitat creation and management get underway (by 2010)</p>		