

OBJECTIVES	Target	Progress with Targets (based on progress with actions reported between 2005-7)	Target Progress	Progress Summary	Plan Progress	* HBA status
A. To identify all ecologically important quarries, gravel pits and sandpits, and their ownership (including freehold or leasehold status).	By 2003	Target achieved. There is a list of known sites/potential sites of ecological importance together with a brief description of their ecological interest. It should also be noted that some quarries are very well recorded for invertebrates, whilst other species records are received on an ad hoc basis.	↑	Overall some excellent progress with planning policies, input into County Mineral Plan and good success with promotion via Aggregates Conference. Behind with designating sites, maintaining/enhancing adjacent sites, integrating geological conservation and identifying potential projects. Successful input into specific sites at Bishops Bowl, although many other sites with far less input.	↑	Loss
B. To maximise our knowledge of such sites and ensure they are appropriately designated (e.g. SINC or SSSIs).	By 2005	Some progress (behind schedule) All areas (except North Warwickshire) have appropriate policies within their planning documents. However, not all of these sites have been designated yet.	↔			
C. To maintain and enhance the extent and quality of semi-natural habitats in and around mineral sites (with regard to any restoration plans and planning requirements already in place), with priority given to those holding UK BAP Priority Species, Red Data Book, Nationally Scarce and Regionally Scarce species	Ongoing	Some progress (behind schedule) Maintenance of existing sites' interest via ecological planning responses and County Minerals Plan. Some of the sites are Wildlife Trust reserves that are very well managed, whereas others require better management. Input into specific sites such as Bishops Bowl. However, no progress with maintenance / enhancement of adjacent sites and suggest that this could be achieved by RDS through the Entry Level Scheme and Higher Level Scheme process.	↔			
D. To promote the retention or creation of wildlife habitat following the completion of active quarrying and in planned new quarries and develop a policy framework for this in local planning documents	Ongoing	Some progress (on schedule) This going well with input into the County Minerals Plan, input via planning responses to quarry restoration proposals and relevant planning policies in place.	↑			
E. As above for landfill sites, promoting the importance of capping with locally-sourced subsoil and creating topographic features, wetlands etc	Ongoing	Some progress (behind schedule) Overall there are few examples where capping has been undertaken with biodiversity as a main aim. Some progress through planning responses.	↓			
F. To promote the importance of quarries and gravel pits for wildlife; to promote good conservation management practice and to share knowledge	Ongoing	Target achieved. Promotion of understanding is very good and a number of these sites are now successful Country Parks with interpretation. Aggregates Conference was a success and was good promotion. Scope to still produce a list of potential projects for funding.	↑			
G. To promote closer dialogue between ecologists, planners, minerals operators and developers	2005	Target achieved. Achieved via input into County Mineral Plan, Aggregates Conference and good relationships with planners.	↑			
H. To integrate biodiversity schemes with geological conservation	2005	No progress. No known progress with this as we are not aware of any integrated approach for geology and ecology.	↔			