

Summary of English Nature's response to Plantlife's consultation on Important Plant Areas: concept in development led by Plantlife since 1999.

- 1.1 We welcome the chance to contribute to the consultation on Important Plant Areas which features in the Global Strategy adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity as Target 5. TARGET : Protection of 50% of the most important areas for plant diversity assured and Target 7, TARGET 60% of world's threatened plants conserved *in-situ*
- 1.2 We warmly welcomed the appearance of the global strategy which represents a natural extension of the regional strategy – European Plant Conservation Strategy – and the local national United Kingdom Strategy (Palmer, 1995).
- 1.3 The strategy also recognises the national framework by which governments, international institutions, academia, research establishments, Botanic Gardens, NGOs and others interact and work together to conserve plants and fungi.
- 1.4 In the United Kingdom, many of the actions are already in train in this country including a system of Designated Sites and the recovery plans and programmes for threatened species listed in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.
- 1.5 Please note that we have limited our response to matters within an English context as this is our remit.

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