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European Protected Species (EPS) Checklist

Please complete all sections of the Checklist

The following **checklist** is to help forest owners & managers ensure that they are complying with European legislation relating to European Protected Species when carrying out forest operations.

The checklist should be used in conjunction with the '**traffic lights**' decision support document and the relevant **Species Guidance Notes**. These are available on the EPS pages of the Forestry Commission Wales (FCW) website: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-769erv>.

Site Details

Grid Reference:	
Date of Assessment:	
Area: (ha)	
Name of Wood	
BWW Ref. No. (if appropriate):	
Name of Owner, Agent or Planner:	

1. Are you within, or close to, the known mapped range of any of the European Protected Species (EPS), excluding bats (which are potentially everywhere)?

Add Yes ('Y') or No ('N') as appropriate

Dormice	
Otters	
Great crested newts	
Sand lizards	
Natterjack toads	
Other EPS (name)	



2. Does your wood contain any of the following habitats?

Add Yes ('Y') or No ('N') as appropriate

Habitat suitable for bats (i.e. trees with holes and crevices that might be used by bats?)	
Habitat suitable for dormice?	
Rivers, ponds, lakes in which otters might be found?	
Ponds which might be occupied by great crested newts?	

3. Please indicate which sources of information you have used to establish the presence/absence of EPS on the site or nearby.

Add Yes ('Y') or No ('N') as appropriate

National Biodiversity Network (www.nbn.org.uk)	
Local Biological Records Centre	
Local Wildlife Trust	
Other. E.g. local knowledge	

4. Have your inspections or any expert surveys found any signs or evidence of the presence of EPS species breeding and resting places?

Add Yes ('Y') or No ('N') as appropriate

If you have answered YES to any of the above then the species concerned should be considered below

5. Do the operations comply with Good Practice for the EPS species that have been found (or are likely to be found) in your wood or can the operations be modified to do so?

Add Yes ('Y') or No ('N') as appropriate

	Please add details (use reverse of form to expand as required):

If 'Yes'

If 'No'

A licence is NOT required - go to 6 & 7 below

A licence IS required BEFORE carrying out the work



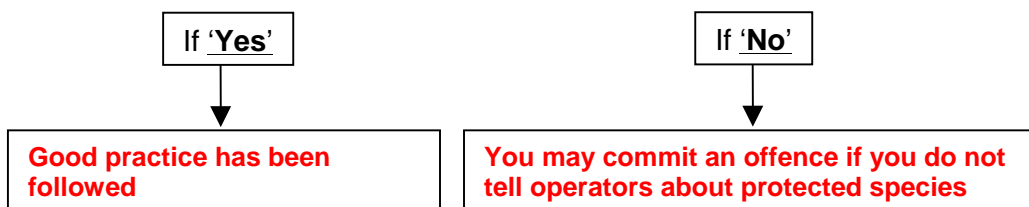
The following sections should be completed and retained for your records before contractors go into the wood.

Note: This may be several months or even years after the initial assessment. As such, Owners/Agents/Planners should make sure the information given to contractors is kept up to date.

6. (To be completed regardless of whether a licence is required or not) **Has the information been or will the information be communicated to operators? This information is to include the location of breeding sites and sensitive areas.**

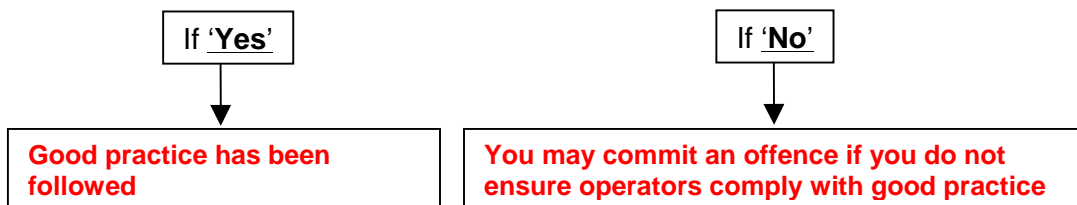
Add Yes (Y) or No (N) as appropriate

Included in documentation (e.g. contract, letter of instruction, site assessment or other management plan)?	
Shown to operators and/or their supervisor?	
Marked with paint or hazard tape?	
Shown on the site plan?	



7. **Have arrangements been made or will arrangements be made for supervision to ensure Good Practice guidance is complied with during the operations?**

Add Yes (Y) or No (N) as appropriate



Please record any further information that may be relevant: