

European Protected Species and woodland operations. (V3)

Complete all sections of the Checklist



Checklist

Details

1 Are you within, or close to, the known mapped range of any of the protected species **OTHER THAN BATS** which are potentially everywhere? Tick any that apply.
See distribution maps in the Good Practice Guidance for each species -

YES
NO

- Dormice
- Otters
- Great crested newts
- Sand lizards
- Smooth snakes

Name of Wood:

Grid Reference:

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Area: (ha)

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Date of Assessment:

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Name of Assessor:

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

YES
NO

- Old trees with holes and crevices which might be used bats
- Extensive coppice suitable for dormice
- Rivers on which otters might be found
- Ponds which might be occupied by great crested newts
- Open areas on heathy soils

3 Have any of the protected species been recorded in this wood or on adjoining sites? Tick any that apply.
Indicate which sources of information you have checked:

YES
NO

- National Biodiversity Network (www.nbn.org.uk)
- Local Biological Records Centre
- Local Wildlife Trust
- Other

Specify Other:

4 Have your inspections or any expert surveys found any of the following signs or evidence? Tick any that apply.

YES
NO

- Signs (e.g. otter spraint, nuts gnawed by dormice, leaves folded by newts)
- Sightings (or echo-location)
- Potential breeding or roosting sites (e.g. veteran trees, old trees with crevices, riverside hollow trees, ponds, timber stacks, large fallen deadwood)
- Confirmed breeding or roosting sites (i.e. evidence of sites actually being used)

Details:

CHECK POINT

If you have answered **NO** to ALL of the above then only bats need to be considered in your operations.

If you have answered **YES** to any of the above then the species concerned must be considered as well as bats.

Notes

5 Do the operations comply with Good Practice for bats and any other species found (or likely to be found in your wood) or can the operations be modified to do so?
Details: Use reverse of form to expand as required:

YES
NO

A licence is not required but continue to sections 6 and 7 below

You will need to obtain a licence BEFORE carrying out the work (see EPS Licence Application Forms and Notes)

6 Whether or not a licence is required...
Has the information been communicated to operators (including the location of breeding sites and sensitive areas)? Tick any that apply.

YES
NO

- 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

Other means:

You may commit an offence if you do not tell your operators about the protected species in your wood.

7 Have arrangements for supervision been made to ensure Good Practice guidance is complied with during the operations?
Details:

YES
NO

You may commit an offence if you do not take steps to ensure that your operators comply with the Good Practice guidance.