

# European Protected Species and woodland operations. (V4)

## 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:

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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
- Species rich scrub/coppice, early growth stage plantations and forest interfaces
- 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](http://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.