National Pollinator Strategy

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National Pollinator Strategy

• June ’13
  – Launch of Review at Bee Summit
• March ’14
  – Publication of the draft National Pollinator Strategy
• March – May ’14
  – Public Consultation
• July ’14
  – Publication of the National Pollinator Strategy
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- 1,500 insect species pollinating key oilseed, fruit and vegetables crops and many wild flower species
National Pollinator Strategy
• Key Messages

• Over 130 Organisations with stake in what happens to Pollinators

• Current and future actions
  – Research
  – Collaborating more effectively on conservation projects especially at a landscape scale
• Wild and managed pollinators face multiple threats
• Since the 1990s the rate of losses in wild pollinator diversity might be slowing.
• Long-term and landscape-scale datasets for most species do not exist to understand the value of their pollination service
National Pollinator Strategy: Aims

- Pollinators thrive and continue their important role in food production and in our environment
  - Is a shared plan
  - Covers all insect pollinators
  - Covers England but we will coordinate with Wales, Scotland and N Ireland
  - Builds on current policies and evidence
Insect Pollinators Initiative (2010-15)

- £10m Funding Programme
- 9 Projects funded
  - Landscape Change on Populations
  - Pollination & Agricultural Productivity
  - Pest & Diseases
  - Pesticides

Dr Adam Vanbergen
• Priority Evidence Actions

• 12 evidence projects
• Provide a sound base for future policies to support pollinators
• To start in 2014
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National Pollinator Strategy: Priority Actions

• Priority Policy Actions

18 actions for Government and others to implement from 2014

– Call to Action for pollinators
– Management of Farmland
– Management of towns, cities and public land
– Pest and Disease risks
• **Consultation** (March ‘14)
  – Shared Vision and Aims
  – Views on
    • Call to Action
    • Priority Actions
  – Examples of Best Practice
  – Partnerships for National and Local action

• **Publication** (July ‘14)

• **Plan to Deliver** (Dec ‘14)
Thank you!

FoE / Univ of Reading ‘The Decline of England’s Bees’
http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefings/beesreport.pdf
Defra ‘Bees and other Pollinators: Health & Value
Wales Government ‘Action Plan for Pollinators in Wales’
Insect Pollinators Initiative
https://wiki.ceh.ac.uk/display/ukiipi/Home