

ACTION

1. Policy & Legislation	Lead	Partners	2002	2003	2005	2010	Meets Objective
1.1. Take account of habitat requirements of large heath, and the potential for habitat restoration, when drawing up or revising prescriptions in the Rural Stewardship Scheme.	SEERAD	BC	*				1, 3
1.2. Support policies that prevent further loss of large heath habitat.	SC	SNH, SWT, RSPB	*	*	*	*	1, 3
1.3. Ensure that Woodland Grant Schemes are not funded on sites with large heath.	BC	SNH, FC, SWT	*	*	*	*	1, 3
2. Site and Species Safeguard & Management							
2.1. Identify owners of the core sites	SNH	All	*	*			2
2.2. Encourage the restoration of lowland raised bogs	SWT	FC, FE, SNH, RSPB	*	*	*	*	2
2.3. Encourage protection of colonies through management agreements and encourage appropriate habitat management on core large heath sites including the maintenance of a high water table to protect peatland plant communities, whilst ensuring that there is a good tussock structure to act as refugia for large heath larvae.	SNH	All	*	*	*	*	1, 3
3. Advisory							
3.1. Protect large heath habitats by discouraging inappropriate grazing and/or burning.	LRBWG	All	*	*	*	*	1, 3
3.2. Advise site managers and landowners of the importance of large heath habitat and the management requirements of the butterfly.	LRBWG	SNH, SWT, SAC, FWAG.	*	*	*	*	1, 3
3.3. Establish one Butterfly Monitoring Scheme transect, with annual surveys during flight period.	BC	SWT , Stirling University	*	*	*	*	2

4. Research & Monitoring.	Lead	Partners	2002	2003	2005	2010	Meets Objective
4.1. Facilitate research on the distribution of the large heath in the Stirling Council Area.	BC	SWT, Stirling University	*	*	*		2
5. Communications & Publicity.							
5.1. Publicise this Action Plan and the measures needed to conserve the large heath.	All	BC	*	*	*	*	4
5.2. Liaise with Peatlands Campaign Consortium to promote the use of large heath in campaigns to protect its habitat.	SWT	All	*	*			1, 4
6. Plan Monitoring.							
6.1. Monitor and review this plan in general annually and in detail every 5 years.	LRBWG		*	*	*	*	All

Abbreviations.

BC	Butterfly Conservation.
FC	Forestry Commission.
FE	Forest Enterprise.
FWAG	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.
LRBWG	Lowland Raised Bog Working Group.
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.
SC	Stirling Council.
SEERAD	Scottish Executive Environmental and Rural Affairs Department.
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage.
SWT	Scottish Wildlife Trust.