

DELIVERING THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

Progress against actions in the implementation plan

- The table below replicates the actions identified in the Implementation Plan for the Regional Environment Strategy, with lead organisations and partner organisations identified.
- The final column provides details of progress towards the actions as reported by the lead delivery organisation (colour coded by organisation).
- The focus for this first progress report is on the short term actions, although progress on the medium and long term actions is also reported where appropriate.
- The tables have been used to collate a summary of progress for the main report.

Summary of key points:

Delivering the Regional Environment Strategy:

- **Actively championing the Regional Environment Strategy within the region, for example, ensuring the Strategy is used to develop the Integrated Regional Strategy, the Rural Delivery Framework and the future EU Cohesion fund programme. Within the Agency, we have discussed the Environment Strategy with our statutory regional advisory committee. (EA)**
- **Supporting the South West Regional Assembly in monitoring and reporting the Regional Environment Strategy. (EA)**
- **With English Nature, we are supporting the South West Biodiversity Partnership. (EA)**
- **Produce a Prospectus for the regions Protected Landscapes - COMPLETED SUMMER 2004. Highly regarded and popular publication. Contains a 10 point Action Plan which will be reviewed in July 2005. (SWPLF)**
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Regional Objective: Climate Change – to minimise greenhouse gas emissions and respond to the risks, challenges and opportunities presented by climate change:

- **SWCCIP are in the process of establishing the Programme Management Unit referenced in this strategy by appointing a full time Regional Climate Change Co-ordinator who will hopefully be in post by Summer 2005. It is anticipated that greater progress will be made once this post has been filled. (SWCCIP)**
- **Demonstrating leadership on climate change issues within the South West, and with the South West Climate Change Partnership. For example, by securing funding for the SWCCIP business plan and Regional Co-ordinator. (EA)**
- **Taking account of the risks climate change presents when we build flood defence schemes, for example, our response to Boscastle and the scheme we have developed for the village. (EA)**

Regional Objective: Wiser Use of Natural Resources – to ensure that our natural resources are used sustainably, with minimum environmental damage and waste generation, so as to reduce pollution and protect the quality of the region's environment:

- **With the South West Regional Assembly, we had a key role in developing From Rubbish to Resource, the Regional Waste Strategy for the South West. (EA)**
- **Leading the EnVision project, helping SMEs to improve their environmental performance and hence their business competitiveness. We are seeking funding to extend the EnVision project into Cornwall. (EA)**
- **The Asset Management Planning round four (AMP4) is the process by which the Office of Water Services (Ofwat) determines the programme of Water Company improvements that are to be funded in the period 2005-2010. As a result of Environment Agency and English Nature input into this process we will see a significant number of environmental improvements in the south west. (EA)**

Regional Objective: Food, Farming & Forestry – to enhance the ability of the food, farming and forestry sectors to provide the environmental and social benefits that people in the region need and expect, and help to secure a viable future for them:

- **Gained high profile for soil and water management issues within the region. This has strong links to our role as Competent Authority for the Water Framework Directive. (EA)**
- **Agriculture was the subject of a recent Agency Board meeting in the South West, enabling us to promote regional issues to national policy makers. (EA)**

Regional Objective: Tourism – to promote a tourism and leisure that conserves and enhances the environment and recognises the region's distinctiveness:

- **Working with South West Tourism and Local Authorities (EA)**
- **Working with partners to promote the value of angling to the tourism and leisure industry in the region. (EA)**
- **Share experience of good practice around the region of improving access to the countryside - Online project bank of good practice in development see : <http://www.southwestlandscapes.org.uk/ProjectLibrary.asp> (SWPLF)**
- **SWPLF workshop on improving access planned for autumn 2005 . (SWPLF)**
- **Champion the development of visitor payback schemes and sustainable tourism – Working with SWT together with a range of partners. (SWPLF)**
- **Trial the destination management approach at the region's three World Heritage Sites and Protected Landscapes – Working with SWT on roll out of two new Brand clusters; "Adventure" and "Closer to Nature". Joint project to launch brands, using Protected Landscapes as focus at the Outdoor Show, March 2005. Brochure identifying Protected Landscapes as a recreational resource in the region produced and available for the Summer 2005 season. See: <http://www.visitsouthwest.co.uk/>. (SWPLF)**
- **Regional Tourism Strategy –towards 2015 complete and in circulation (SWT)**
- **Team appointed within SWT to lead on Sustainable tourism and development of Destination Management Organisations(SWT)**
- **Committed to rolling out regional sustainable accreditation scheme over 05/06 in conjunction with Future Footprints – sustainable tourism pack, commencing with regional sustainable tourism principles/charter for industry to engage with and take ownership of vision: *to be a leading sustainable tourism destination.* (SWT)**
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Regional Objective: Spatial Planning – to promote the wise use of land and a safe and healthy environment for local communities, through the provision of well designed, resource efficient development, contributing to sustainable development through environmental enhancement and ensuring that the South West remains a region of diverse and distinctive heritage, wildlife and landscapes:

- **Developing input to the Regional Spatial Strategy(EA).**
- **Advising on Strategic Environmental Assessment of the RSS, LDFs and other spatial plans and programmes (EA).**

Regional Objective: Transport – to minimise the environmental impact of the travel and transport necessary to support the social and economic needs of the region:

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Additional Comments:

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Regional Environment Strategy Implementation Plan

REGIONAL PRIORITIES	ACTION	WHO BY <i>Lead organisations Partners</i>		Notes
Delivering the Regional Environment Strategy				
<i>Conserve and enhance the South West's stock of environmental assets</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce and regularly review Statutory management Plans for AONBs and National Parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AONB partnerships, NPAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWPLF, CA 	Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced June 2004. Management Plans now prepared for all AONBs in the region (meeting stat deadline of March 04) – now being put into action – action to ensure that these deliver regional priorities is being coordinated through SW Protected Landscapes Forum (CA)

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		<i>Lead organisations</i>	<i>Partners</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce and regularly review a Biodiversity Implementation Plan. • Produce and regularly review a South West Historic Environment Strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWBP • EH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN, WTs • Historic Environment Forum 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced June 2004. • Following the publication of the SW Biodiversity Implementation Plan in July 2004, working groups for each sector (Farming & Food, Water & Wetlands, Woodlands & Forestry, Towns, Cities & Development, and Coastal & Marine Environment) have met including statutory agencies, regional bodies, commercial organisations and charitable organisations. Each group has identified priorities for action and key projects for delivery in the short term. (SWRBP) <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced June 2004.

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<i>Support and enhance partnership working</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a review of environmental partnerships in the region to map links, existing mechanisms and gaps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA, EN, EH, CA, RDS, FC, regional and sub-regional partnerships 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN Mgt group (Mark Ellis-Jones) to consider as part of REN mapping exercise. Following publication of DEFRA's rural strategy, a new agency (Natural England) will be formed by bringing together the environmental land management functions of the Rural Development Service, English Nature and the Countryside Agency . In the south west, we have agreed a programme of joint working to run up to the time when the new organisation is formally constituted (expected Early 2007). We hope this will help deliver a more 'joined-up' service for our customers and help us develop new ways of working – the framework for this, the Regional Statement of Joint Working, has been published.(CA) CA, EN and RDS have formed 'Integrated Agency' confederation to work more closely together in advance of legislation to establish 'Natural England' the new NDPB statutory organisation with responsibility for the natural environment. Memorandums of understanding being developed with Environment Agency and Forestry Commission. (RDS) Bilateral meeting re establishment of Natural England (FC)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse the Regional Environment Strategy and enhance joint working to deliver priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA, EN, EH, CA, RDS, FC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Trust, CPRE, RSPB, WTs, Woodlands Trust 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN Mgt group (Mark Ellis-Jones) to consider as part of REN mapping exercise. The REnvS was endorsed by our Regional Director on behalf of our Regional Management Team at the launch in July. Some good examples of joint working, for example, Regional Spatial Strategy, Rural Development Framework. Needs to be strengthened through the RDs joint-working group. (EA) EH contributing to Moor Futures, land management vision for Dartmoor's environment.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify need for and gain long term support for co-ordinators to link environmental interests into regional decision-making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA, EN, EH, CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWPLF, SWBP, Objective 1 & 2 programmes 	<p>Short:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a formal review of work undertaken, funding has been secured to extend the SW Protected Landscapes Coordinator post for a further 3 years until March 2008 (CA) EA External Funding Officer to identify funding action plan. Regional Directors to promote value of regional posts to GOSW. Funding Action Plan to be progressed in 05/06. (EA) EH funds an Historic Environment Guidance Officer to advise on Objective One projects. EH also establishing posts which work part time for EH and part time for local authorities in either buildings or archaeology. Newly scoped Regional Director post established to be outwardly focused and develop partnership working. The SWRBP have a full time co-ordinator in post, who has highlighted and communicated biodiversity issues in the development of regional strategies (e.g. Regional Spatial Strategy and Rural Delivery Framework) and other regional decisions. Funding has been secured for the next financial year (2005/6), with support provided by the regional biodiversity partners and a Defra EAF grant. Work has already commenced on a funding proposal for support of the co-ordinator from 2006 to 2009. (SWRBP)

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<p><i>Co-ordinate actions between regional and local partners to improve delivery</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of environmental partnerships in the region to include sub-regional and local partnerships, and the links between them. Build on existing good practice by establishing mechanisms for improved communication and sharing of experience between environmental partnerships and organisations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN REN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sub-regional environmental partnerships (e.g. Environment Kernow, Environment Devon, Horizon South West) sub-regional environmental partnerships (e.g. Environment Kernow, Environment Devon, Horizon South West) 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN mgt group to develop communication plan for REnvS <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN mgt group to develop communication plan for REnvS SSW now developing a local-regional forum which aims to improve communication between local/sub-regional delivery and strategic regional organisations. This would include environmental partnerships alongside a wider network of attendees. (SSW)

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<p><i>Identify the resources needed to deliver agreed regional priorities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out an analysis of regional funding and targets to investigate how this fits with regional environmental priorities, including how to expand successful initiatives such as Sustainable Development Fund for National Parks. Support InterReg project to mainstream environmental objectives into project and programme funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW EA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA, EA, EN, EH, CA, RDS, FC, SWRA, SWRDA, NPAs, Horizon South West SWRDA, GOSW, SWRA, Objective 1 & 2 programmes 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a review of funding within AONBs (through EN, RDS and CA), and adoption by GOSW of the SW Protected Landscapes Prospectus (now completed), the priorities for funding within AONBs across the region are being discussed and agreed. (CA) In addition, there are proposals for setting up a 3 year 'sustainability fund' for each AONB (as currently exists for the 2 national parks in the region). This is a national fund but will be focused on local/regional delivery.(CA) Overtaken by changes to key Defra funded delivery and formation of new Integrated Agency. (GOSW) <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding obtained July 2004. Project successfully launched in Bath in December 2004. A South West Partnership, led by the RDA, has been set up to coordinate the region's input to the project and identify opportunities for delivering environmental mainstreaming in the South West. For more information see www.environment-agency.gov.uk/grdp/ (EA) Regional partnership established to drive project in the South West. Regional Conference planned for Spring 2006. (SWRDA)

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<p><i>Integrate environmental objectives into regional strategies.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish mechanisms for 'environmental proofing' of all regional and local strategies within the context of sustainability appraisal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA, EN, EH, CA, SSW, GOSW, SWRDA, Horizon South West, LAs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Environmental Assessment legislation came into force in July 2004 – this confers powers and duties on statutory environmental bodies working in the region and could be a useful influence on development proposed for the region. In addition, there are proposals for setting up a 3 year 'sustainability fund' for each AONB (as currently exists for the 2 national parks in the region). This is a national fund but will be focused on local/regional delivery. (CA) EH inputting into SEAs. HELM project offering training to non-heritage decision makers to ensure Historic Environment proofing. By using the Regional Sustainable Development Framework (RSDF) a mechanism to 'environmentally proof' regional and local strategies, within the context of sustainable development, could be established. Since, September 2004, SSW has completed sustainability appraisals on the Regional Housing, Woodlands & Forestry Strategy and the RDA's Corporate Plan. These appraisals assess the strategies key objectives against the principles enshrined within the RSDF, which include key environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity and efficient resource use. A policy to undertake sustainability appraisals against the principles enshrined within the RSDF on all regional strategies would ensure a consistent approach to 'environmentally proofing' proposals within the context of sustainable development. (SSW) RWFF has had Sustainability Audit (FC) <p>SWRA are also carrying out a joint SEA & sustainability appraisal of the developing Regional Spatial Strategy, and are working with local authorities to help similar approaches to assessments of Local Development Frameworks</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a programme of work to take forward the environment driver in the Regional Economic Strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRDA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN, SWRA, GOSW 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South West RDA Board have now agreed the Agency's Environment Driver Implementation Plan. (SWRDA)
<i>Raise awareness, education, skills and training</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a regional environmental skills and training strategy. Investigate opportunities for capacity building on environmental priorities for non-environmental partnerships, for example Local Strategic Partnerships, Sub-regional Partnerships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN REN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRESA group, Horizon South West LSPs, SRPs, SWRDA, SWRA, LAs 	<p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EH working with RDS to deliver historic environment training to those involved in new agri-environment scheme. HELM project offering training to non-heritage decision makers.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities for and effectiveness of targeted regional environmental awareness-raising campaigns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA, CA, EH, EN, RDS, FC, GOSW, SWRDA, LAs, NT, Horizon South West 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> swenvo to identify this topic as a possible learning theme for SLIM.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce a Prospectus for the region's protected landscapes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWPLF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW, SWRA, SWRDA, CA, NT, NPAs, AONB Partnerships, RDS 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospectus produced June 2004. Following a review of funding within AONBs (through EN, RDS and CA), and adoption by GOSW of the SW Protected Landscapes Prospectus (now completed), the priorities for funding within AONBs across the region are being discussed and agreed. (CA)

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<p><i>Improve our evidence base through research and information sharing</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development of the Regional Environment Observatory. • Agree a Protocol for sharing information between environmental organisations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA • EA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observatory Management Board, EN, EH, CA • EN, EH, CA, RDS, FC, SWRA, GOSW, SWRDA, Horizon South West, REN 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support strategic development of the Observatory through our role on the Management Board.(EA) • We also coordinate the environmental input to specific Observatory projects, such as the State of the Region report and the South West Intelligence database.(EA) • EH contributing via research and analysis of data published as Heritage Counts; Buildings at Risk register and new Scheduled Monuments at Risk survey. <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The environment module website can now accept news and events items from any relevant organisation. This facility will be developed further so that web content can be accepted in future. (EA) • Likely to be outcome of Natural England being formed. PLF sub-group also looking at this. (CA)

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		<i>Lead organisations</i>	<i>Partners</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve our understanding of the South West's urban environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW, LAs, REN, WTs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a SW 'urban affairs forum' to be taken forward through Sustainable Communities Plan. • Regional Directors to pursue 'urban' issues (liveability, sustainable construction) through Regional Futures Group. • EH characterisation work in urban areas of Gloucester and Plymouth and the Cornwall and Scilly Urban Survey (CSUS). EH responds quickly where development pressure is greatest. EH working with Exeter Urban Archaeological database. •
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Regional Environment Strategy's indicators and targets to ensure the Strategy's implementation can be monitored effectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Observatory, EA, EN, CA, EH, REN 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EH developing its own indicator sets and evaluating them; able to share this best practice.

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<p><i>Integrate climate change into regional strategy and policy development</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a review of key regional strategies to identify the extent to which adaptation to climate change has been included, and input to strategy reviews as appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCCIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA, SSW 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial work has started in scoping this exercise which is seen as one of the priority roles of the soon to be established PMU / Co-ordinator. To date the SWCCIP have inputted to / been referenced in: SW RE Strategy, Sustainable Food & Farming Strategy, IRS, SW Environment Strategy, SW Tourism Strategy, UK Governments Climate Change Programme, SW Woodland/Forestry Framework (SWCCIP) SSW has highlighted potential action to take in adapting to climate change when undertaking appraisals of regional strategies, for example the Regional Spatial and Regional Housing Strategies. However, emphasis is on long term action in preventing/offsetting future emissions. (SSW) RWFF includes key section on Climate Change (effects and mitigation) . (FC)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation measures into development of the Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Frameworks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCCIP, SSW, LAs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCCIP have identified influencing the RSS as a key priority. Whilst we await the establishment of the PMU / CC Co-ordinator , member organisations have agreed to input to the ongoing RSS process to ensure CC adaptation issues are adequately addressed. (SWCCIP) SSW input to RSS consultation continues to highlight the need for measures to adapt to and in particular mitigate against future climate change. (SSW)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Local Strategic Partnerships in raising awareness of climate change issues through their community planning processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCCIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAs, LSPs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCCIP have responded positively to numerous requests from LSPs to give presentations to their members on the impacts of CC in the region. (SWCCIP)

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<i>Reduce the causes of climate change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support development of a regional sustainable energy strategy covering use and supply of energy and links to transport. Investigate opportunities to co-ordinate and support sub-regional / local sustainable energy plans through development of the regional sustainable energy strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW SWCCIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRDA, SWRA, REN, RegenSW, Strategic Health Authorities LAs, County Energy Partnerships 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW, RDA, RA etc scoping the work required for producing sustainable energy strategy. Target for completion of strategy: autumn 2005. (GOSW) Work currently underway on 2020 target, renewable heat and buildings integrated renewables. (GOSW) Ongoing remit for SSW in championing the mitigation of climate change and promoting low carbon solutions. For example, in minimising the potential need for damaging levels of CO2 emissions, promoting alternatives to energy derived from fossil fuels and energy efficiency measures. (SSW) <p>•</p> <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this isn't really a SWCCIP role (too mitigation orientated) – prob better for GOSW supported by RegenSW? (SWCCIP)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce further guidance in Regional Spatial Strategy to e Undertake landscape sensitivity assessments at County level to support delivery of sub-regional renewable energy targets and development of sub-regional renewable energy strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA LAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RegenSW , GOSW, EA County Energy Partnerships, CA, EN, GOSW, RegenSW 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A monitoring programme is being established through the SWPL Forum a part of a national CA indicator programme looking at monitoring change, sensitivity and condition of landscape. CA is also preparing a briefing note on renewable energy for SW region stakeholders (CA) EH responding to county renewable energy strategies. National policy being developed. <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EH has now undertaken Historic Landscape Characterisation for former Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, and Somerset. Dorset is ongoing and Wiltshire yet to begin. These will inform landscape sensitivity assessments.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities through development of the Regional Woodlands and Forestry Framework that woods/forestry can provide in mitigating the effects of and adapting to climate change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forestry Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest Enterprise, Woodland Trust 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does WFF include climate change? EA to consider opportunities for mitigation RWFF includes key section on Climate Change (effects and mitigation) . (FC) Publication of Forest Research report on 'The Potential Effects of Climate Change for Trees and Woodlands in the South West'. (FC) Westonbirt tree collection from around the world, will see how they perform with climate change. (FC) Research trials for continuous cover forestry established, which will monitor how ASNW and its flora perform over time. (FC) Phenology garden to be established in 2007 at Westonbirt, part of Europe wide climate change study. (FC) SSW highlighted opportunities for climate change adaptation and mitigation in sustainability appraisal of Woodlands/Forestry Strategy. (SSW)
<i>Adapt to climate change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the establishment of a Programme Management Unit for SWCCIP to provide a central hub for expertise on climate change adaptation in the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCCIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA, GOSW, SWRDA, SWRA, Research institutions 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full time Co-ordinator / PMU is expected to be in post in May / June 2005. (SWCCIP)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the impacts of climate change on nature conservation and support the development of adaptation strategies, including the establishment of a network of areas of sufficient size and richness to provide the optimum chance of survival for the priority species and habitats in the South West. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCCIP, SW Biodiversity Partnership, research institutions, MARCLIM 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nature Map was published in the SWBIP to identify large areas of value for existing biodiversity and potential for restoration. This has been refined through extensive local consultation to ensure that each selected Strategic Nature Area is of sufficient size and richness to be ecologically functional in the long term. This selection has been based on priority habitats and species. (SWRBP) Andy King (EN) has agreed to chair the SWCCIP Biodiversity sector group – but has not been able to progress much...(SWCCIP)
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<p><i>Promote a strategic approach to management of the region’s natural resources</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a detailed study into the potential for increased use of secondary and recycled aggregates in the South West. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ODPM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA, RAWP, MPAs, LAs, minerals industry 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA producing aggregates study.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support integration of regional environment objectives into the Regional Woodlands and Forestry Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FC Framework Steering Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN, EA, SWRDA, SWRA, GOSW, private forestry sector, Woodlands Trust, Silvanus Trust 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of Environment Strategy Objectives into RWFF – ongoing. (FC) SSW, through its sustainability appraisal, highlighted key environment objectives which needed integrating into the Woodlands and Forestry Strategy. (SSW)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address poor soil management practices, at farm and catchment scale, that cause erosion, compaction and runoff problems. • Work with the livestock sector particularly dairy farmers, to reduce water pollution. • Promote responsible and sustainable coastal fisheries that ensure healthy marine ecosystems as well as providing a livelihood for those in the industry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA • EA • EA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDS, NT • RDS, NT • GOSW, EN, Invest in Fish SW, Defra, SFCs 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency has promoted soil management as an element within the cross-compliance requirements of the Single Payment Scheme. (EA) • We are leading a European funded project, Cycleau, which looks at improving catchment management practices in the UK, Ireland and France. Soil management and diffuse pollution issues are being considered as part of this project. (EA) • Agency officer assigned to the SW RDS to help develop their role in soil and natural resource protection, for example, through land management advice and incentives. (EA) • Joint EA/ RDS project for resource protection objectives of ES. (RDS) <p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are developing an Environmental Management System for Farms, based on farming activities rather than legislation. (EA) <p>Long</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RDA have set up a Steering Group for the Regional Fisheries Strategic Action Plan, following a Fisheries conference in January 2005. Suggest they are now the lead for this action? (EA)

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<p><i>Promote sustainable use of natural resources</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a public sector environmental management group, to increase take-up of appropriate environmental management systems within the public sector and its suppliers. • Review current arrangements for delivering advice on resource efficiency to households and businesses within the region, and develop a more integrated service. • Develop a framework for increasing take up of environmental management systems within businesses in the region's eight key economic sectors and to support existing initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW • GOSW • SWRDA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRDA, Horizon South West • SW Energy Efficiency Advice Centres, SW HECA Forum, Horizon South West • GOSW, Horizon South West 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW has a well-established Energy & Environmental Management Group (EEMG) network with 860+ members including most public sector bodies. GOSW takes the view that it is beneficial for public sector and private sector energy and environmental managers to share best practice and thus is promoting the EEMGs during 2004/5 and 2005/6. Public sector activity on environmental management is largely driven from Whitehall/central HQs. For example: All Government Departments have been set a target of introducing EMSs: main offices (50+ staff) by 31.3.04 and all other sites by 31.3.06. The NHS introduced a new environmental strategy in 2002. (GOSW) <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [This links to the RDA's new responsibility for co-ordinating BREW (Business Resource Efficiency & Waste) programme in the SW.] (GOSW) • <i>EH promotes the re-use of old buildings as a key element in conserving energy and natural resources. This avoids the cost of extraction of new materials and the energy used in demolition and new construction.</i> <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified as action within the Agency's environment driver implementation plan. Initial work being taken forward in Food and Drink, Tourism and Environmental technology sectors. (SWRDA)

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<i>Reduce pollution to air, water and land</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a regional group to tackle diffuse pollution from urban and rural sources. • Raise awareness among landowners and managers as to how to reduce diffuse pollution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA • EA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN, RDS, research institutions, LAs, NFU, water companies • RDS, NT 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are starting to explore with GOSW how this group will fit into the Rural Delivery Framework. (EA) <p>Long</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defra have awarded ADAS a national contract for a 3 year project to raise awareness among landowners and managers as to how to reduce diffuse pollution; the EA are working closely with ADAS on this. The project will be launched on 17th March 2005. (EA) • Ongoing programme of awareness raising with farmers and landowners.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use research on regional health inequalities to identify areas for pollution prevention campaigns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Health Observatory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA, NHS Exec/GOSW 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA/swpho working on map of industrial pollution for the SW.
<i>Minimise waste</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support delivery of the Regional Waste and Environment Strategies by increasing awareness of waste issues in the South West and encouraging people to minimise waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA, LAs, Waste industry, Horizon South West 	<p>Long</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together with a remit to emphasis waste minimisation in sustainability appraisals,SSW's new Pioneers of Packaging Project, is raising awareness of resource efficiency (inc. waste minimisation) issues in the region. It is designed to stimulate businesses to adopt a sustainable approach to packaging and includes raising consumer awareness/demand. (SSW)

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<i>Deliver integrated coastal zone management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities for delivering Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the South West. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN, EA, LAs, NT 	Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>EH has already produced Rapid Coastal Zone Assessments for the Isles of Scilly. A Marine Spatial Planner post has been established. Work ongoing on documents designed to inform Integrated Coastal Zone management plans.</i> No action currently under way (GOSW)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop marine spatial planning to ensure our open seas are better managed, through establishing a clear structure for sustainable use and management of offshore areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW, EA, Invest in Fish SW, Defra, SFCs, WWF, NT 	Medium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>EH has already produced Rapid Coastal Zone Assessments for the Isles of Scilly. A Marine Spatial Planner post has been established. Work ongoing on documents designed to inform Integrated Coastal Zone management plans.</i>
<i>Regional Objective: Food, Farming & Forestry – to enhance the ability of the food, farming and forestry sectors to provide the environmental and social benefits that people in the region need and expect, and help to secure a viable future for them.</i>				
<i>Encourage outstanding environmental management in the region's</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the environment module of the South West Sustainable Farming and Food Strategy receives appropriate resources and that environmental champions are identified to deliver key initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDS, SWRDA, SWRA, EN, EA, CA, EH 	Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment established as one of five priority themes in regional Delivery Plan (GOSW) Regional Environmental Priorities agreed between main environmental bodies (GOSW) Environment Working Group working up proposals to promote the environmental economy (GOSW) Environmental Stewardship launched by RDS (GOSW)

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Farming & Food funding provided for farmland bird seminar (£4,300) and for managing improved grassland (£21,000) (GOSW) • Environmental Stewardship (ES) successfully launched, nationally and regionally on 3rd March, central to the biggest change in farming policy for a generation and a key component of the Strategy for Sustainable Food and Farming. (RDS) • ES includes 3 elements Entry Level, Organic Entry and Higher Level Stewardship. ELS is available to all and high numbers of applications are anticipated (4500+ in SW in first year). HLS will be carefully targeted for high quality environmental features. (RDS) • The funding continues to come from the England Rural Development Programme, in particular the England Woodland Grant scheme and the existing agri-environment schemes, Countryside Stewardship and the seven SW England ESAs (8500 agreements in SW, 29% of eligible land), currently worth £45m in the SW – the budget that will gradually become available to HLS on renewal of agreements. The budget for ELS is ‘new’ money and is likely to be in the region of £150m nationally. ES provides by far and away the most significant resources for environmental objectives and targets in SW England for biodiversity, for landscapes, for the historic environment and for resource protection. (RDS) • Huge programme of activity across the

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				<p>region over the last 12 months. Guidance on national priorities for ES was published in July 2004. RDS co-ordinated regional activity and agreed draft regional priorities with statutory partners, then agreed by wider Regional Consultation Group. These priorities formed the basis for the production of draft targeting statements for the 33 Character Areas in SW England, in turn discussed at County Partner meetings. Broad consensus and support achieved. (RDS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDS and partner organisations are conducting a publicity and promotional strategy, including farmer meetings and demonstration farm walks, designed to reach large numbers of farmers and landowners to promote the opportunities offered by ES. (RDS) • • Environment module has been set up. • SFFS – Natural unit branding – ‘Cotswolds Choice’ now being developed as national pilot and CA has led establishment of a natural unit brand network for the region to help development of the concept.(CA) •

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<i>farming and forestry businesses</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise take up of new agri-environment schemes, focussed on high quality environmental outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERDP Regional Co-ordination group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW, RDS, EA, EN, CA, EH, FWAG, NFU, CLBA, NT, NPAs, AONB Partnerships, WTs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and launch of ESS – CA contributed to development nationally of character-based approach and to regional criteria in SW (CA) . EH contributing to workshops, training and policy guidance for applicants and practitioners. EH funded Historic Environment Countryside Advisers were established in most counties and county authorities are now making them permanent and providing funding.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure ERDP Regional Programming and Consultation Groups are accountable and representative to agree regional targeting and priorities and to ensure funds are spent strategically to support delivery of environmental objectives alongside social and economic objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDS, EA, EN, CA, EH, NFU, FWAG, CLBA, REN, NT, WTs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Targetting Statement revised for re-issue (GOSW)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a well-funded, accredited and co-ordinated approach to the provision of environmental management skills, training and advice to land managers, following review of the England Rural Development Programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDS, EA, EN, CA, EH, FWAG, NFU, CLBA, REN, NT, WTs 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Enterprise Gateway set up to provide signposted access to business advice, particularly to rural land-based businesses. This will include access to funds for group facilitation and training, which will include environmental skills and training (GOSW)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities to increase support for woodland owners through review of the England Rural Development Programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERDP Regional Co-ordination group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FC 	Short
<i>Develop an integrated approach to rural land use to support better delivery of environmental objectives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the risks and opportunities that changing economic and social drivers have for the environment of the South West. Use existing partnerships such as Protected Landscapes, ERDP Regional Consultation Group, South West Forest and the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative to identify best environmental practice in delivery of integrated land use. Develop a framework by which the natural unit/ecosystem based approach to delivery of environmental outcomes is embedded in other relevant programmes, such as the Sustainable Farming and Food programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWCORE REN EN, RDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRDA, EA, REN SW Rural Affairs Forum, SW Protected Landscapes Forum, CA, SWRDA REN, GOSW, Forestry Commission, CA, SW Forest, NPAs, AONB Partnerships 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Robins to raise with SWCORE. <p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>SFFS – Natural unit branding – ‘Cotswolds Choice’ now being developed as national pilot and CA has led establishment of a natural unit brand network for the region to help development of the concept. (CA)</p> <p>Character Areas used to target ES. (RDS)</p> <p>Natural areas/ character areas as basis for landscape scale approach incorporated into RWFF. (FC)</p> <p>Partnership being explored with neighbour farmer at Westonbirt to graze downs sustainably for flora and heritage and to make their business sustainable. (FC)</p>

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<p><i>Provide healthy, profitable food and drink and an enhanced environment</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities, and support activity, to encourage buying policies that use more regional and local produce, for example, public sector procurement and supermarket sourcing policy. Develop better co-ordination between regional and local food links, including development of natural-unit based brands, through sharing information and best practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRDA SW Food Links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW, SSW, NFU GOSW, Horizon South West, NT SWRDA, NPAs, AONB Partnerships 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW Food and Drink promoting local produce through supermarkets encourage increased regional sourcing. More details at www.southwestfoodanddrink.com. (SWRDA) • How do we take these actions forward? Need to flag up with REN, ESG. Ongoing SSW activity to encourage regional/local purchasing through sustainability appraisals/assessments of regional policies/organisations respectively. Also in raising awareness in communication material such as Sightings newsmagazine. In addition, tourism providers are encouraged to purchase local food/drink via SSW's sustainable tourism Future Footprints initiative. Increased engagement with key regional retailers presents further opportunities in this area. (SSW) <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFFS – Natural unit branding – ‘Cotswolds Choice’ now being developed as national pilot and CA has led establishment of a natural unit brand network for the region to help development of the concept. (CA)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage development of sustainable fisheries and appropriate branding. • Increase take-up of accredited environmental management skills within the food and drink sector through development of more integrated business advice. • Use public sector procurement group to develop capacity at the local level for support of a sustainable food system in the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in Fish • Farm Connect • GOSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRDA • LSCs, Horizon South West • Defra, SWRDA 	<p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training workshop held for public sector procurers(GOSW) • Public Sector Food Procurement Strategy Group established to drive action on public procurement(GOSW) • CA developed a local procurement learning network on behalf of DEFRA/GOSW
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote linkages between environmental responsibility in food production with quality and traceability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW, SWRDA 	<p>Medium</p>
<p>Regional Objective: Tourism – to promote a tourism and leisure that conserves and enhances the environment and recognises the region’s distinctiveness</p>				

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<p><i>Better understand the impacts of tourism and leisure on the environment and communities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support research into how communities interact with tourism and leisure. • Link health promotion activities in the SW to tourism, leisure and the natural environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWT • Strategic Health Authorities, PCTs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Tourism Forum, SSW, LAs, NT • LSPs, LAs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the securing of funding from the RDA, SWT have now in place a development team to take the lead on implementing the two main aims of the Regional Tourism Strategy Towards 2015, these being Sustainable tourism and Superior destination management organisations across the region. (SWT) • With additional funding for sustainable tourism research, once SWT have the sustainable tourism manager in post, discussions with consultation at sub regional level will set the framework for much needed research. (SWT) • <p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA has supported establishment of 17 Walking the Way to Health projects in the region • 'Active Woods' campaign 2005. (FC) • Health Concordat between FC, CA, EN, Sport England, ANPA. (FC) • Having successfully completed and circulated the regional strategy (www.towards2015.co.uk) there is now a clear strategic guide to create the action plans and create the tools for change such as the Sustainable Tourism Forum and working with partners such as the PCT to promote healthy activities. (SWT) •

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund research into the environmental impacts of tourism and leisure on the region's environment and develop a framework for reducing the impacts and maximising the benefits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Tourism Forum, SSW, LAs, NT 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one of the joint working pilot projects of the EN/CA/RDS confederation involves using ESS and EN special projects to deliver greater landscape, nature conservation and recreation benefits for the SW Coast path and Cotswold Way national trails. This could, for instance, mean looking at the potential for a wider managed corridor for the trail which might make management of the routes more sustainable.(CA) • SSW's Future Footprints initiative provides a basis for developing a framework and advice on reducing the impacts and maximising benefits of tourism for the region. Shortly to recruit Future Footprints post to increase uptake in region (SSW) • Westonbirt working as partner in SWT towards 2015. (FC) • With additional funding for sustainable tourism research, once SWT have the sustainable tourism manager in post, discussions with consultation at sub regional level will set the framework for much needed research. (SWT) •

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<i>Enhance the resource</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a greater choice of quality destinations and facilities for visitors by encouraging links between environmental attractions, local suppliers and facilities with environmental accreditation. • Investigate opportunities to develop a regional visitor payback scheme, allowing visitors to make a contribution to environmental management at the time of booking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWT • SWT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN, Sustainable Tourism Group, NT • LAs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no formal decision on a sustainable accreditation scheme being held nationally SWT are to establish a regional holistic accreditation scheme based around the Green Tourism Business scheme currently in pilot in the South Hams. This process however will need time to create both a financially viable and sustainable product that encompasses the triple bottom line of sustainability, reflects the VICE appraisal tool currently in development within the board and sits alongside packs such as Future Footprints. (SWT) <p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work on the brand clusters will help to identify groupings of ‘like minded’ businesses who would to look specialise in a ‘greener’ product/service. SWT will look to develop frameworks for local level payback schemes whilst developing the regional accreditation scheme. Discussion still needs to be had with regards to a larger regional payback scheme through the Sustainable tourism forum. (SWT)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion the development of visitor payback schemes and sustainable tourism through the 14 protected landscapes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWPLF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AONB Partnerships, NPAs, LAs, SWT, NT, Sustainable Tourism Group 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with SWT together with a range of partners. (SWPLF)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share experience of good practice around the region of improving access to the countryside, especially for urban dwellers and disadvantaged people such as those with disabilities or on low incomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWPLF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NT, EH, EN, NPAs, AONB Partnerships 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EH engaged with SWPLF and able to contribute case studies; sets example eg by new Stonehenge interpretation and learning strategy. Online project bank of good practice in development see : http://www.southwestlandscapes.org.uk/ProjectLibrary.asp. SWPLF workshop on improving access planned for autumn 2005 . (SWPLF) Good practice case study – Life into landscapes project, South Devon AONB...Exemplar of what can be achieved to promote access for all and recreational routes whilst conserving historic and distinctive networks of green lanes. For more information See: http://www.lifeintolandscapes.org.uk/ or contact Robin Toogood, 01803 861456. (SWPLF) Major Sport Lottery Grant to enhance provision at Haldon, Exeter. (FC) Westonbirt has nearly 400,000 day visits, major message is environmental and trees and importance as a grade 1 listed landscape. (FC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an understanding of how tourist activities directly utilising natural resources, such as recreational fishing, walking and riding, can be managed sustainably. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Tourism Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA, EA, EN, NT 	<p>Medium</p>

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<p><i>Reduce the impact of tourism on the environment</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the success of the Green Audit scheme and develop an initiative for the tourism and leisure industry to increase their environmental management skills linked to quality accreditation. Encourage good environmental practice amongst businesses and destinations in the South West by developing sustainable tourism awards, based on the Future Footprints initiative. Support Beacon Councils in Sustainable Tourism and roll out of best practice and innovative approaches across the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWT Sustainable Tourism Forum Sustainable Tourism Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAs, tourism industry, SWRDA, Horizon South West SWT, SSW, SWRDA, Horizon South West LAs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWT are supporting a South Hams beacon event due to take place in September 05, sharing their work and regional projects of good practice. (SWT) <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above, SSW recruiting Future Footprints post to increase uptake in region. This should help form the basis of future work in encouraging businesses to adopt good environmental practice. (SSW) Sustainable Tourism Forum is due to be reconvened and can consider how to take this work forward. (SSW) Existing Brand Clusters hold a draft charter which all members are asked to sign and adopt, within this charter is a basic level of commitment to Sustainable working and development. (SWT) <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web site provision will be created to signpost industry and visitors to sustainable activities, services, materials and training. This will aid the development of the VICE appraisal tool and guidance notes, allowing businesses and developers to measure their own ‘footprint’ on the environment, community, visitor and economy. (SWT)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a destination management product for the region enabling destination managers and those with an influence in tourism management at local level to understand the issues and better support the tourism and leisure industry, the local community and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSW, Sustainable Tourism Forum 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial work, commissioned by SWT, to develop an appraisal tool for tourism managers completed February 04 by SSW. (SSW) Advice for the tourism industry enshrined within the Future Footprints pack could be used to form the basis of the destination management product. (SSW) The Destination Management Handbook is looking to be developed in partnership with TSE, Tourism Management Institute (TMI) and the Tourism research Group (TRIG) which reports directly to government, creating a 'living' document which is updated with new case studies and emerging material. The Destination management handbook will look to support LAs, Beacon Councils, tourism agencies and destination managers in creating and working within a sustainable framework. Work and discussion still needs to be had (SWT)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial the destination management approach at the region's three World Heritage Sites and Protected Landscapes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWPLF, SWT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN, EH, LAs, NT, NPAs, AONB Partnerships 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with SWT on roll out of two new Brand clusters; "Adventure" and "Closer to Nature". Joint project to launch brands, using Protected Landscapes as focus at the Outdoor Show, March 2005. Brochure identifying Protected Landscapes as a recreational resource in the region produced and available for the Summer 2005 season. See: http://www.visitsouthwest.co.uk/. (SWPLF)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate relationships between tourism organisations and bus operators and actively promote the public transport network to tourists. Investigate opportunities, and support activity, to encourage buying policies that use more regional and local produce, for example, in the tourism and hospitality industries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Bus, LAs SWRDA, SWT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN, EH, LAs, NT Tourism industry 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work at Avebury WHS – working with operators and local authority to improve provision; new leaflet on how to get to site by public transport and discounted admission for those who do. (EH) <p>Medium</p>
<p>Regional Objective: Spatial Planning – to promote the wise use of land and a safe and healthy environment for local communities, through the provision of well designed, resource efficient development, contributing to sustainable development through environmental enhancement and ensuring that the South West remains a region of diverse and distinctive heritage, wildlife and landscapes.</p>				
<p><i>Planning for people</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate environmental objectives into regional work to support the sustainable communities agenda. Integrate environmental objectives into regeneration and renewal through Creating: Excellence, sharing skills and knowledge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA Creating: Excellence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW, LAs, SWRDA, REN LSPs, LAs, SWRDA 	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify REN ‘champion’ to promote this action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the integration of environmental improvement into urban regeneration programmes and funding streams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAs, SWRDA, GOSW 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We support the environment as a cross-cutting theme with the South West’s Objective 1 and 2 programmes. We are helping to promote this approach with other programmes in the region. (EA) We will organise a seminar with SW REN to look at the environment in urban areas. (EA)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and maintain standard of Local Environment Quality in problem areas in the South West, particularly in tourist destinations. • Disseminate good practice/lessons learnt from CABA Space Advisory Scheme to improve green spaces across the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENCAMs • Pilot LAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAs, DEFRA • LAs, SWLGA 	<p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that Community Strategies and Local Development Frameworks help deliver and are informed by regional environment priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAs, LSPs, SWRA, EA, EH, EN, CA 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW Planning Team meeting regularly with all local authorities to ensure that Local Development Frameworks and Community Strategies are informed by regional environmental priorities. (GOSW) • GOSW assessment of each Local Planning Authority's three year work programme for Local Development Frameworks to ensure they help to deliver and are informed by regional environmental priorities. (GOSW) • EH Regional Planner tasked with this.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot a rural and urban based Local Development Framework to demonstrate how environmental objectives can be integrated. • Work with CABA Unit to implement a comprehensive programme of work for improving green space in the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW, SWRA • LAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAs, SWRDA, EN, EA, EH, CA • EN, ENCAMs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot areas to be considered and discussed once all Local Planning Authorities have decided on the content of their Local Development Frameworks (end of Mar 05). (GOSW) <p>Short</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Creating: Excellence to promote exemplars of sustainable living in the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating: Excellence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRDA, GOSW, SWRA, LAs, HLF 	Medium
<i>Positive planning for the environment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate policies in Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Frameworks to support positive planning for the environment, including habitat restoration, corridor links, urban green spaces, and locally distinctive design, where appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW, LAs, EN, EA, CA, EH 	Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint working between EN and CA to coordinate responses to RSS. EN, RDS and CA are beginning to develop integrated planning policy for the new organisation, Natural England.(CA) • EH developing historic environment policy for RSS. • Development work on policies for Draft RSS,incl. Green Infrastrucure. (FC) • •
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate policies in Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Frameworks to manage the implications of climate change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWCCIP, LAs, EA, EH, EN 	Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWCCIP have identified influencing the RSS as a key priority. Whilst we await the establishment of the PMU / CC Co-ordinator , member organisations have agreed to input to the ongoing RSS process to ensure CC adaptation issues are adequately addressed. (SWCCIP)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate sustainable construction into regional policy and planning, through promotion of Future Foundations and policies in Regional Spatial Strategy and the Regional Housing Strategy. • Champion heritage-led regeneration in PUAs and natural environment-led regeneration through the region's 14 protected landscapes. • Investigate the opportunity to support well-managed, accessible, multi-functional urban-rural fringe areas through Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework. • Support skills and training initiatives to integrate sustainable construction practices into mainstream construction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Foundations • SWPLF, NT • SWRA • SWRDA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Foundations • AONB Partnerships, NPAs • GOSW, LAs, CA • Skills and training providers, Future Foundations 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regional housing draft strategy contains reference to sustainable construction, Future Foundations and the code for sustainable buildings. Work on going with regional spatial strategy. Elements of sustainable construction being considered within preparation studies for RSS e.g. Revision 2020, Minerals and Aggregates. Regional Assembly represented on Future Foundations panel. <p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HELM project and Historic Environment Champions. Characterisation of historic environment in Plymouth and Gloucester to inform regeneration. Assisted in setting up Gloucester Heritage Regeneration Company. (EH) • Information gathering exercise with National Trust planned for summer / winter 2005. (SWPLF) <p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Post established at SSW part funded by SWRDA to support wider roll out of future foundations. (SWRDA)

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<p><i>Integrate environment into planning</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote use of Quality of Life Capital tool to assist integrated environmental decision-making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN, EA, CA, EH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAs, NPAs, AONB Partnerships 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress (EA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the use of tool-kits such as Landscape Character Assessment and Historic Landscape Character Assessment in the planning process (including Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework preparation where appropriate) and produce a simple guide on which tool to use for different purposes. Promote regional coverage of Landscape Character Assessments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN, EA, CA, EH CA, SWPLF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAs, SWRA, GOSW, NPAs, AONB Partnerships LAs 	<p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress (EA) EH published Historic Landscape Characterisation book 2004. <p>Medium</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserve and enhance local distinctiveness through support for parish plans and village design statements. Support implementation of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive in the South West through development of a practitioners network to provide advice, training and good practice examples. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA, LAs SEA network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA, LAs, EA, EN, EH, CA, NPAs, AONB Partnerships SWRA, Regional Observatory, Local Information Networks 	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA published results of regional consultation on lessons learnt from parish planning in publication ‘Community Action Planning: Building on success in the south west’ EH commenting where sufficient resources. Numbers of Conservation Area Character Appraisals has been included as BVPI for local authorities. <p>Short</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a regional assessment of the coastal and other flood risk management measures required in the context of climate change, and identify opportunities for managed realignment. Investigate opportunities for creating/ recreating natural ecological systems for managing the effects of climate change, such as restoring natural floodplains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA EA, EN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EN, Flood Defence Committees, LAs, SWRA, Coastal SMP Groups, NT LAs, NT, WTs 	<p>Short The Environment Agency published an online map of flood risk from rivers and the sea across England and Wales in October 2004. The new Flood Map, updated every three months, enables homeowners and businesses in the floodplain to see whether their area is at risk, and whether the risk is considered to be 'low', 'moderate' or 'significant', taking into account both proximity to rivers and the coast and the presence and protection afforded by flood defences. (EA)</p> <p>Future initiatives include mapping the predicted impacts of climate change. (EA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with EN we have identified over 80 potential sites for managed realignment on the SW coast. These will be progressed through the forthcoming revisions of the Shoreline Management Plans. (EA) <p>Long No progress (EA)</p>
Regional Objective: Transport – to minimise the environmental impact of the travel and transport necessary to support the social and economic needs of the region				

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<p><i>Minimise the impact of transport on the environment</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Government, transport authorities and transport providers to provide a balanced approach including selective investment, demand management and alternative public transport in LTPs. • Support provision of a framework for implementation of demand management in the development of future Regional Transport Strategy. • Build on existing good practice in the region to develop and implement green travel plans, targeting major regional employers and travel generators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW, SWRA • SWRA, GOSW • SWRA, GOSW 	<p>LAs, transport providers</p> <p>LAs</p> <p>LAs, SWRDA</p>	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW Regional Transport Team meeting regularly with all local authorities to ensure that LTPs meet the government's four shared priorities for transport. Meetings with public transport sections of local authorities and public transport operators are also taking place. (GOSW) <p>Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW Regional Transport Team working with Regional Assembly in order to ensure that demand management is addressed in the revised Regional Transport Strategy. Expressions of interest have been received from all 15 local authorities for the government's Transport Innovation Fund – which requires local authorities to put forward demand management measures as part of an integrated package. (GOSW) <p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of local authority Annual Progress Reports shows that progress on workplace travel plans is somewhat patchy with little real evidence of impact on modal shift. Progress on school travel plans is a bit better – no doubt assisted by recent DfT / DfES funding for a number of additional school travel plan co-ordinators. (GOSW)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote regional exemplars of improving accessibility to the natural and historic environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWPLF 	EH, CA, EN, LAs, GOSW, NT, NPAs, AONB Partnerships	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A national website has been launched for heritage landscapes (www.countryside.gov.uk/heritagelandscapes) and EN, EH and CA have issued a joint publication on heritage management plan guidelines. DEFRA have also issued guidance on ESS and conditionally exempt estates. (CA) EH promoting work at Mineral Tramways project in Cornwall (HLF funded, EH supported) and at Avebury. No evidence that this is being undertaken. There may be some local examples within LTPs. (GOSW) Online project bank of good practice in development see : http://www.southwestlandscapes.org.uk/ProjectLibrary.asp. (SWPLF) Westonbirt Arboretum developing a transport plan. (FC) Westonbirt In partnership with Severn Valley attractions train/ bus transport initiative. (FC)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop good walking and cycling networks across the region. • Share best practice around the region in the development of integrated river and coastal transport systems. • Provide a co-ordinated approach to transport and development over functional areas through Regional Transport Strategy/Regional Spatial Strategy. • Work with transport providers to develop a regional exemplar of integrated travel options with integrated timetables, ticketing and so on. • Rural Affairs Forum to develop a 5 point plan for rural transport and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAs • EN • SWRA • SWRA • Rural Affairs Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOSW, Sustrans, NT LAs, NT GOSW, LAs, transport providers Transport Providers GOSW, SWRDA, transport providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium • Being undertaken by local authorities as part of their LTPs. (GOSW) • Funding secured for cycling/ walking routes to be developed at Haldon and Neroche (Blackdowns. Will also support tourism. (FC) • Medium Short • Regional Transport Strategy currently being revised as part of the development of the Regional Spatial Strategy. (GOSW) Medium • No evidence that this is being undertaken. There may be some local schemes being promoted as part of LTPs. (GOSW) Short Conference 2004
Provide alternatives to fossil fuelled transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the barriers to provision of alternatives to fossil-fuelled transport in the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWRA, LAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short • Early developing regional biofuels grouping may take this on. (GOSW)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial alternatives to fossil-fuelled forms of bus transportation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Bus 	LAs, transport providers	Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not aware of any work on this except perhaps in Bristol as part of the VIVALDI project. (GOSW)