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1587	Alderney West Coast & the Burhou Islands	O - No ch	C - Partly	Z - Not ap	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	<p>Alderney's 5 year Ramsar site Management Plan, developed by the Island's Ramsar Steering Group, and through island wide public consultation, was published in 2007.</p> <p>As the local Government, the States of Alderney (SoA), currently lack an environmental arm of its civil service structure the Plan was developed by, and the day-to-day management undertaken by, the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT).</p> <p>An annual review of the management works is undertaken by the SoA's General Services Committee, with any required updating of the management plan being compiled and approved by the Committee in the subsequent meeting.</p> <p>2.6.2 - A tidal turbine development has been proposed circa 3 miles from the sites south western boundary. EIA's are currently being undertaken to assess any likely changes in the ecological character of</p>

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984	Spittal Pond	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	C - Partly	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: frequently visited by educational groups of children and adults. Invasive terrapins removed by trapping programme. Frequently visited for recreation by Bermudians and tourists. re-dedication of historical monument in 2009 during Bermuda's 400th anniversary celebration. A map of this site is available at: http://www.conservation.bm/storage/protected-areas-pages/Spittal%20Pond.pdf
985	Somerset Long Bay Pond	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	This Ramsar site covers 3 parcels of land under different ownership. The parcels owned by the Bermuda Government and Bermuda Audubon Society currently have no management plan. Long Bay Pond East (formerly Pittman's Pond) is jointly owned by the Bermuda Audubon Society and Bermuda National Trust. Long Bay Pond East has a management plan that is being actively implemented. A map of this site is available at http://www.conservation.bm/storage/protected-areas-pages/Somerset%20Long%20Bay.pdf . Other Ramsar site activities in the triennium: Interpretative signage installed at Long Bay Pond East, Invasive terrapins removed by trapping programme, conductivity/salinity readings

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																taken, amphibians checked for contaminant-induced abnormalities. The effects of dredging Long Bay Pond East were examined and sediment samples were tested.
986	Warwick Pond	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Warwick Pond completely dried out for a short time in 2010 due to drought. This significantly impacted the endemic killifish population and other biota. Killifish from this population were introduced to several captive sites by Bermuda Zoological Society researchers and a precaution. Interpretative signage was installed at this site by the Bermuda National Trust. A map of the site is available at: http://www.conservation.bm/storage/protected-areas-pages/Warwick%20Pond.pdf
987	Hungry Bay Mangrove Swamp	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	C - Partly	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: minor coastal erosion during Hurricane Igor Sept. 2010. Annual land hermit crab census ongoing since 2009. Field trips to the site conducted for adults and school children. A map of the site is available online at: http://www.conservation.bm/storage/protected-areas-pages/Hungry%20Bay.pdf
988	Pembroke Marsh East	O - No ch	C - Partly	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	C - Partly	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: invasive terrapins actively removed by trapping programme, amphibian and reptile species checked for contaminant-induced abnormalities. A map of this site is available at: http://www.conservation.bm/storage/protected-areas-pages/Pembroke%20Marsh.pdf
989	Lover's Lake Nature Reserve	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: educational field trips for school children and adults. A map of this site is online at: http://www.conservation.bm/storage/protected-areas-pages/Lovers%20Lake.pdf
990	Paget Marsh	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	C - Partly	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: tourism value, field trips for many education courses for adults and children, invasive terrapins actively removed, sediment and water samples tested for contaminants, conductivity/salinity readings taken, amphibian and reptile species checked for contaminant-induced abnormalities. Paget Marsh became very saline because of a drought in 2009. Conditions are now returning to lower salinity. A map of this site is available at: http://www.conservation.bm/storage/protected-areas-pages/Paget%20Marsh.pdf
UK41008	Trott's Pond and Mangrove Lake (Proposed)	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	D - Plann	Z - No ma	B - No	D - Plann	Z - No ne	B - No	D - Plann	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: ongoing research on several important pond species, particularly the endemic killifish, native green heron and Bermuda's only known population of diamondback terrapins.
UK41012	Walsingham Formation Karst and Caves (Proposed)	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	D - Plann	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	B - No	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: the caves and woodland in the Walsingham area are frequently visited by educational groups and tourists. The biota and environmental conditions within the caves are the subject of several ongoing research projects.
UK41014	Bermuda Reef areas (Proposed)	O - No ch	A - Yes	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	C - Partly	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: Total Economic Valuation of Bermuda's coral reefs was completed in 2010. A government plan for use of Bermuda's living marine resources was produced in 2010. Bermuda's reefs continue to be used heavily for recreation, tourism, fishing, research and education. The overall condition of the reef system is relatively healthy and stable.
UK41015	Castle Harbour Islands and reef (Proposed)	P - Status	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	C - Partly	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: a management plan for Cooper's Island Nature Reserve was published in 2008. Active restoration of Cooper's Island has been ongoing since that time. A previously existing management plan for Nonsuch Island continues to be implemented. Ongoing research on the islands includes the Cahow recovery programme and monitoring of White-tailed tropic birds and endemic skinks.
UK41001	Devonshire Marsh East and West Basins (Proposed)	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: sediment samples tested, fish and amphibians checked for contaminant-induced abnormalities. The canals at Devonshire Marsh were dredged in the last couple of years. This is beneficial to birds that prefer open water and provides better mosquito control. Unfortunately run-off from the road now drains directly into the canal.
UK41013	Harrington Sound and Notch (Proposed)	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	C - Partly	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Ramsar site activities in the triennium: The adjacent Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo provides some interpretation for the site. This site is frequently visited by educational field trips. Ongoing research focuses on the bivalve species found in Harrington Sound and the eagle ray population that was given legal protection in 2010.

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1375	Akrotiri	---	A - Yes	B - No	C - In pre	---	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	<p>The site has been under increased pressure in the past three years. More and more people are visiting the area. The beach restaurants operating very close to the Akrotiri Salt Lake are receiving people beyond their capacity (spatially and temporally) and as a result people are parking on protected habitat or sand dunes are leveled to create more parking. At the same time other illegal activities are taking place and these include: opening access points and driving on protected habitat, off-road racing, parking of trailers very close to Zakaki Marsh and some on protected habitat, dog walking and training at the designated sites. This has led to the deterioration of the status of the designated wetlands.</p> <p>Fassourri Marsh has been adversely affected by the deterioration of the Akrotiri Aquifer. Zakaki Marsh will be affected by a Republican storm sewer project.</p> <p>Additionally there is a lot of pressure for development within or very close to the designated sites. Applications include large scale thermal solar parks and wind farms adjacent to the designated pools and upgrading of tracks to roads.</p>

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1104	Sea Lion Island	P - Status	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A comprehensive 10 year management plan (including a prioritised action plan) has been produced for Sea Lion Island. This has been approved by all relevant parties and has been formally endorsed by the Falkland Islands Government. A stakeholder group has been formed comprising the islands owner, the tourist lodge leaseholder, the tourism board, the leading independent conservation group and the government environment department. This group meet twice yearly to discuss implementation of the management plan and action plan. The island is to be designated as a National Nature Reserve this year, once regulations have been agreed to by all parties.

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1608	Lihou Island & Headland, Guernsey	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	B - No	B - No	ref 4.1.2 centre opened but subsequently closed

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1642	Ballaugh Curragh	N - Status	B - No	D - Plann	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	D - Plann	A - Yes	UK21001, concerns about decline in hen harriers and local drainage works are being acted on 1.1.3 is no change if definition f change is as a result of technological developments, pollution or other human interference (article 3.2).

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Jersey's Ramsar sites – update

As the competent authority under the UK government, the signatory to the Ramsar convention, Jersey has an obligation to prepare management plans for its Wetlands of International Importance. The Island's constitutional position, as a Crown Dependency, requires treaties such as this to be signed by the UK government on Jersey's behalf. As such, formal correspondence regarding the Convention is made through the relevant UK government department. Responsibility for implementation of the Convention, however, is devolved to the competent Jersey authorities.

Regardless of the obligation there is a clear need for an integrated management plan for the area given its ecological, cultural and economic value and the current and potential pressures on the site.

The Ramsar Management process began in the late 1990s when a group of Government representatives and non-governmental organisations convened, under the chairmanship of Deputy M Dubras, the president of the then Planning and Environment Committee, to discuss and agree the Island's first Ramsar site. Jersey's south east coast was officially designated a Ramsar site in 2000. A similar group was re-established later which led to the designation of the offshore reefs as three more Ramsar sites in 2005. At this time management plans were not put in place for the sites.

At the beginning of 2010 the Department of Planning and Environment commenced the process to produce management plans which included the formation of a Ramsar Management Authority. In March 2010 the inaugural meeting of the Ramsar Management Authority was held. It was proposed and subsequently agreed, that the Authority be made up of a combination of government, parish and non-governmental organisations. It was also agreed that meetings of the Ramsar Authority would be open to the public. Terms of reference for the Authority were also agreed.

A consultation paper was prepared by the Department based on Authority discussions to ascertain the views of members of the public with respect to management of the Ramsar sites in Jersey. This consultation was distributed directly to Authority members, Government Departments, established environmental forums, and marine and coastal stakeholders. The consultation was also launched on the Government "have your say" consultation website together with press releases and advertisements in the local media.

All the responses from the consultation were consolidated and presented to the Authority for consideration as part of their discussions in formulating the management plan.

The Department of the Environment provided technical, scientific and administrative support to the Management Authority throughout the planning process.

The Minister of Planning and Environment also established a Ramsar Management Authority – technical subgroup to address specific developments that had the potential to impact on the Ramsar site. This group provided significantly improved communication between the Ramsar Authority, regulators and those involved in development on or adjacent to the site.

As of June 2011 Ramsar Management Plans for the South East coast and the Paternosters sites have been published and are in the process of being implemented. Management Plans are currently being prepared for the two remaining sites (Les Ecrehous and Les Dirouilles, and Les Minquiers). It is anticipated these plans will be published by the end of 2011.

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UK2204	Gouliot Caves & Headland, Sark	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	B - No	B - No	

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Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands – Ramsar Update.

There are currently no Ramsar sites designated in South Georgia or the South Sandwich Islands (SGSSI), although a review commissioned by Defra in 2005 (CRO294) indicated the potential for SGSSI to be designated, given that parts of the islands appear to meet the Ramsar criteria for listing as wetlands of international importance. However, taking this forward would require further survey work, which has yet to be undertaken. Nevertheless, an overview of actions in regard to key wetlands is provided below and in the attached annex 4 template.

Management objectives for the island as a whole are:

- to conserve, as far as practicable, the indigenous flora and fauna, ecological associations, and natural environment of South Georgia;
- to prevent human-induced introduction of alien species and fauna; and
- to remove, as far as practicable, introduced and established alien species.

Under the Environment Charter between GSGSSI and the UK Government, management aims to “ensure the protection and restoration of key habitats, species and landscape features through legislation and appropriate management structures and mechanisms, including a protected areas policy, and attempt the control and eradication of invasive species”

Key environmental objectives under the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Strategy 2010-2015 are to:

- map the terrestrial and marine biodiversity of SGSSI and the SGSSI Maritime Zone (MZ), identifying key species and habitats;
- survey the South Sandwich Islands for bird and marine mammal numbers, in particular assess the population size of chinstrap penguins;
- undertake the necessary work for the implementation of ACAP in SGSSI as detailed in the Guidelines for the implementation of ACAP at South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, now available on the GSGSSI web-site;
- undertake broad-scale biodiversity surveys and identify sites for species and habitat protection;
- develop and implement management plans for key species and habitats to ensure that any biodiversity loss is minimised; and
- identify and undertake the requisite work that will allow the UK, on behalf of GSGSSI, to ratify the CBD in order to ensure that South Georgia’s contribution to global biodiversity (and best practice protection and management) is recognised internationally.

In regard to current management, the whole island is protected and a permit is required to visit. A list of approved landing sites is used for management purposes, with site specific management plans having been drawn up for the most heavily visited sites.

The Government of SGSSI has also enacted a new Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance which gives blanket protection to all native species, prohibiting the disturbance, killing, capture or export of native flora and fauna, and includes protection for their habitats. It also provides for the designation of Specially Protected Areas and Marine Protected Areas. The Government of SGSSI will shortly be designating some MPA's. In regards to Ramsar, the 12nm territorial waters are a no-fish zone.

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N/A	Willis Islands	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Bird Island	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Annenkov Island	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	Site entirely closed to all visits due to pristine nature of the island
N/A	Cooper Island	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Cape Paryadin Peninsula	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Bomford Peak Peninsula	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Greene Peninsula	P - Status	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	Rat eradication undertaken in March 2011
N/A	Nunez Peninsula	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Bay of Isles	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	

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N/A	St Andrews Bay	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Larsen Harbour	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	
N/A	Cooper Bay	N - Status	B - No	B - No	C - In pre	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	---	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	Site closed due to outbreak of Avian cholera