



# UK Biodiversity Action Plan

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A list of UK BAP priority marine species, created between 1995 and 1999, and subsequently updated in response to the [Species and Habitats Review Report](#), published in 2007, is provided in the table below. The table also provides details of the species' occurrences in the waters around the four UK countries, and describes whether the species was an 'original' species (on the original list created between 1995 and 1999), or was added following the 2007 review. All original species were provided with Species Action Plans (SAPs), species statements, or are included within grouped plans or statements, whereas there are no published plans for the species added in 2007.

Scientific names and commonly used synonyms derive from the Nameserver facility of the [UK Species Dictionary](#), which is managed by the Natural History Museum.

Scientific name	Common name	Taxon	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Original UK BAP species?
<i>Ammodytes marinus</i>	Lesser Sandeel	bony fish	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Amphianthus dohrnii</i>	Sea-fan Anemone	Cnidarian	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – SAP
<i>Anotrichium barbatum</i>	Bearded Red Seaweed	Alga	Y	N	Y	N	Yes – SAP
<i>Aphanopus carbo</i>	Black Scabbardfish	bony fish		Y	N		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Arachnanthus sarsi</i>	Scarce Tube-dwelling Anemone	Cnidarian	N	Y	N	Y	
<i>Arrhis phyllonyx</i>		Crustacean	N	Y	N	Y	
<i>Ascophyllum nodosum ecad mackaii</i>	Wig Wrack or Sea-loch Egg Wrack	Alga		Y	N		Yes – SAP
<i>Atrina fragilis</i>	Fan Mussel	Mollusc	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – SAP
<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Minke Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Sei Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blue Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Fin Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Turtle	Turtle	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Centrophorus granulosus</i>	Gulper Shark	shark / skate / ray		Y	N		
<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	Leafscaper Shark	shark / skate / ray		Y	N		
<i>Centroscymnus coelolepsis</i>	Portugese Dogfish	shark / skate / ray		Y	N		
<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	Basking Shark	shark / skate / ray	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – SAP

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<i>Clupea harengus</i>	Herring	bony fish	Y	Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>	Roundnose Grenadier	bony fish		Y	N		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Cruoria cruoriaeformis</i>		Alga	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Dalatias licha</i>	Kitefin Shark	shark / skate / ray		Y	N		
<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Common Dolphin	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Turtle	Turtle	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Dermocorynus montagnei</i>		Alga	Y	Y	Y	N	
<i>Dipturus batis</i>	Common Skate	shark / skate / ray		Y	Y		
<i>Edwardsia timida</i>	Timid Burrowing Anemone	Cnidarian	Y	N	Y	N	
<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Northern Right Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Eunicella verrucosa</i>	Pink Sea-fan	Cnidarian	Y	Y	Y	N	Yes – SAP
<i>Fucus distichus</i>	a brown algae	Alga	N	Y	N	N	
<i>Funiculina quadrangularis</i>	Tall Sea Pen	Cnidarian	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – statement
<i>Gadus morhua</i>	Cod	bony fish	Y	Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	Tope Shark	shark / skate / ray	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Gitanopsis bispinosa</i>		Crustacean	N	Y	N	X	
<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Long-finned Pilot Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Grampus griseus</i>	Risso's Dolphin	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Haliclystus auricula</i>		Cnidarian	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i>	Long-snouted Seahorse	bony fish		Y	Y		
<i>Hippocampus hippocampus</i>	Short-snouted Seahorse	bony fish	Y	N	N	N	
<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>	Atlantic Halibut	bony fish		Y	N		
<i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>	Orange Roughy	bony fish		Y	N		Yes – grouped plan

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<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Northern Bottlenose Whale	sea mammal	N	Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	Shortfin Mako	shark / skate / ray		N	N		
<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Atlantic White-sided Dolphin	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	White-beaked Dolphin	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Lamna nasus</i>	Porbeagle Shark	shark / skate / ray	Y	Y	Y	U	
<i>Leptopsammia pruvoti</i>	Sunset Cup Coral	Cnidarian	Y	N	N	N	Yes – SAP
<i>Leucoraja circularis</i>	Sandy Ray	shark / skate / ray		Y	N		
<i>Lithothamnion corallioides</i>	Coral Maërl	Alga	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>	Sea Monkfish	bony fish	Y	Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Lucernariopsis campanulate</i>		Cnidarian		Y	Y		
<i>Lucernariopsis cruxmelitensis</i>		Cnidarian	Y	N	N	N	
<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Humpback Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Whiting	bony fish	Y	Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	European Hake	bony fish	Y	Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Mesoplodon bidens</i>	Sowerby's Beaked Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Mesoplodon mirus</i>	True's Beaked Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Blue Whiting	bony fish	Y	Y	N		
<i>Mitella pollicipes</i>	Gooseneck Barnacle	Crustacean	Y	N	N	N	
<i>Molva dypterygia</i>	Blue Ling	bony fish		Y	N		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Molva molva</i>	Ling	bony fish	Y	Y	Y	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Killer Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan

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<i>Ostrea edulis</i>	Native Oyster	Mollusc	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – SAP
<i>Pachycerianthus multiplicatus</i>	Fireworks Anemone	Cnidarian		Y	N		
<i>Pachycordyle navis</i>	Brackish Hydroid	Cnidarian	Y	N	N	N	Yes – statement
<i>Padina pavonica</i>	Peacock's tail	Alga	Y	N	Y	N	
<i>Palinurus elephas</i>	Crayfish, Crawfish or Spiny Lobster	Crustacean	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Common Seal	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Harbour Porpoise	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – SAP
<i>Phymatolithon calcareum</i>	Common Maërl	Alga		Y	Y		
<i>Physeter catodon</i>	Sperm Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Plaice	bony fish	Y	Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Prionace glauca</i>	Blue Shark	shark / skate / ray	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Raja undulata</i>	Undulate Ray	shark / skate / ray		N	Y		
<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Greenland Halibut	bony fish		Y	N		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Rostroraja alba</i>	White or Bottle-nosed Skate	shark / skate / ray		N	Y		
<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Mackerel	bony fish		Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Solea solea</i>	Sole	bony fish		Y	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	Spiny Dogfish	shark / skate / ray	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<i>Squatina squatina</i>	Angel Shark	shark / skate / ray	N	Y	Y	N	
<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>	Striped Dolphin	sea mammal	N	Y	Y	N	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Styela gelatinosa</i>	Loch Goil Sea Squirt	Tunicate	N	Y	N	N	Yes – statement
<i>Swiftia pallida</i>	Northern Sea Fan	Cnidarian	N	Y	N	N	
<i>Tenellia adspersa</i>	Lagoon Sea Slug	Mollusc		N	Y		Yes – statement

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<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	Blue-fin Tuna	bony fish		Y	N		
<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>	Horse Mackerel	bony fish	Y	N	Y		Yes – grouped plan
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	sea mammal	Y	Y	Y	Y	Yes – grouped plan
<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>	Cuvier's Beaked Whale	sea mammal	Y	Y	N	N	Yes – grouped plan

U = unknown

X = Evidence for distribution in conflict