

Nature in the Dales:

# 2020 vision

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The second Biodiversity Action Plan for the  
Yorkshire Dales National Park

## **Bryophyte Species Action Plans**

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**BRYOPHYTE SPECIES ACTION PLANS**

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**NOWELL'S LIMESTONE MOSS *Zygodon gracilis* SPECIES ACTION PLAN**

**TRENDS & STATUS**

Population in Britain	100% of occupied hectads in Great Britain occur within YDNP
Population in the YDNP	7 historical localities within YDNP, most recent record 2002/3
Conservation Status in UK	Endangered (Threatened Bryophyte database)
Conservation Status in Europe	Unknown
Current national population trend	Stable following decline
Current YDNP trend	Stable

**UK BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

<b>UK BAP Targets</b>	<b>Priority Actions for YDNP LBAP</b>
Maintain populations at current sites through appropriate habitat management.	Yes
Pollution/Nitrogenous enrichment - reduce fertiliser use, excessive stock feeding and muck spreading adjacent to occupied walls.	Yes
Investigate potential to restore sexual reproductive success through translocation.	No – although co-operation with this process will take place if approached

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OBJECTIVES, ACTIONS, TARGETS & MILESTONES**

**Objectives**

- NLM1:** Maintain populations at current sites through encouraging appropriate habitat management by 2015.
- NLM2:** Establish a survey and monitoring programme by 2013.

**Actions & Targets**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Main Delivery Mechanism</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
<b>NLM1.1:</b> Encourage land managers at extant sites to manage habitat appropriately, given the species vulnerability to disturbance, nutrient enrichment and pollution through ordinary management operations.	Agri-environment schemes	YDNPA	% of LBAP species that are stable or increasing
<b>NLM2.1:</b> Establish a survey and monitoring programme.	BBS and YNU field meetings	YNU/ Wharfedale Naturalists Society	

**Milestones**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>When?</b>
<b>NLM1.1:</b> Encourage land managers at extant sites to manage habitat appropriately, given the species vulnerability to disturbance, nutrient enrichment and pollution through ordinary management operations.	Stable population	2016
<b>NLM2.1:</b> Establish a survey and monitoring programme	Devise a survey & monitoring programme	2013

**OTHER BRYOPHYTE SPECIES ACTION PLANS**

**TRENDS & STATUS**

**INCURVED FEATHER-MOSS *Homomallium incurvatum***

Population in Britain	22% of occupied hectads in Great Britain occur within YDNP
Population in the YDNP	Eight hectads within YDNP, most recent record 2006
Conservation Status in UK	Critically endangered (Threatened Bryophyte database)
Conservation Status in Europe	Unknown
Current national population trend	Stable following decline
Current YDNP trend	Stable

**LONG-LEAVED FLAPWORT *Liochlaena lanceolata***

Population in Britain	18% of occupied hectads in Great Britain occur within YDNP
Population in the YDNP	One historical locality within YDNP, most recent record 1966
Conservation Status in UK	Critically endangered (Threatened Bryophyte database)
Conservation Status in Europe	Unknown
Current national population trend	Declining
Current YDNP trend	Unknown

**SLENDER THREAD-MOSS *Orthodontium gracile***

Population in Britain	3.5% of occupied hectads in Great Britain occur within YDNP
Population in the YDNP	One historical locality within YDNP, most recent record 1999
Conservation Status in UK	Vulnerable (Threatened Bryophyte database)
Conservation Status in Europe	Unknown
Current national population trend	Declining
Current YDNP trend	Unknown

**YORKSHIRE FEATHER-MOSS *Thamnobryum cataractarum***

Population in Britain	100% of occupied hectads in Great Britain occur within YDNP
Population in the YDNP	One stretch of river within YDNP, most recent official record 1992
Conservation Status in UK	Vulnerable (Threatened Bryophyte database)
Conservation Status in Europe	Unknown
Current national population trend	Stable
Current YDNP trend	Stable

**UK BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

UK BAP Targets	Priority Actions for YDNP LBAP
<b>INCURVED FEATHER-MOSS:</b> Follow up on 2006 baseline survey, and assess any changes (and therefore need for intervention), continue the targeted survey of selected historic sites.	Yes
<b>INCURVED FEATHER-MOSS:</b> Establish an ex situ collection, and research the necessary reintroduction techniques.	No
<b>LONG-LEAVED FLAPWORT:</b> Systematic survey of historic sites.	Yes
<b>LONG-LEAVED FLAPWORT:</b> Monitor site condition every 3 years at extant Scottish site and ensure appropriate management is in place.	No
<b>LONG-LEAVED FLAPWORT:</b> Establish ex situ stocks of this species and research reintroduction protocols with the intention of re-establishing this species at some of its former sites.	No – but YDNP will be involved if appropriate.
<b>LONG-LEAVED FLAPWORT:</b> DNA bar-coding/genetic screening of extant populations in order to better understand the status of the UK populations.	No – but YDNP will be involved if appropriate.
<b>SLENDER THREAD-MOSS:</b> Survey known sites at least once every 10 years, and continue to target potential/historic sites, ensure that all populations found are healthy with good habitat management.	Yes
<b>SLENDER THREAD-MOSS:</b> Reintroduce the species to those sites from which it has been lost (as compared to baseline in success criterion) using an established ex situ source.	No
<b>SLENDER THREAD-MOSS:</b> Further investigate the biology of the species using an established ex situ source.	No
<b>YORKSHIRE FEATHER-MOSS:</b> Annual habitat condition monitoring at its single known site, including water quality monitoring, combined with population monitoring every 3-6 years to ensure that the habitat management continues to be favourable for the species and that the population levels are stable.	Yes
<b>YORKSHIRE FEATHER-MOSS:</b> Continuing ex situ cultivation, bulking up of material as an insurance against extinction in the wild, and investigation of reintroduction techniques.	No
<b>YORKSHIRE FEATHER-MOSS:</b> Further research to clarify this plant's relationships to other species, such as the Macaronesian <i>T. fernandesii</i> . [See Olsson <i>et al.</i> , 2009].	No

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**Objective**

**OM1:** To establish a survey and monitoring programme by 2013.

**Actions & Targets**

Actions	Main Delivery Mechanism	Lead Organisation	Indicator
<b>OM1.1:</b> Establish a baseline population by systematically surveying historic sites in YDNP.	BBS and YNU field meetings	YNU / Wharfedale Naturalists Society	% of LBAP species that are stable or increasing
<b>OM1.2:</b> Devise a trend monitoring programme	Report	Biodiversity Forum	

## Milestones

Actions	Target	When?
<b>OM1.1:</b> Establish a baseline population by systematically surveying historic sites in YDNP.	Report	2013
<b>OM1.2:</b> Devise a trend monitoring programme.	Report	2013

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