

Session #6

Natura 2000 – values and benefits

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Natura 2000 is the ecological network of the European Union. In May 1992, EU governments adopted legislation designed to protect the most seriously threatened habitats across Europe. The resultant Habitats Directive complemented the earlier Birds Directive. Together they are the basis for the Natura 2000 network.

This session will:

Look at the basic structure of Natura 2000

- Examine the values which underpin the selection of suitable areas
- Consider some of the costs and benefits provided
- Highlight some current and future challenges for their management