

Bord Na Móna Biodiversity Action Plan Review 2011



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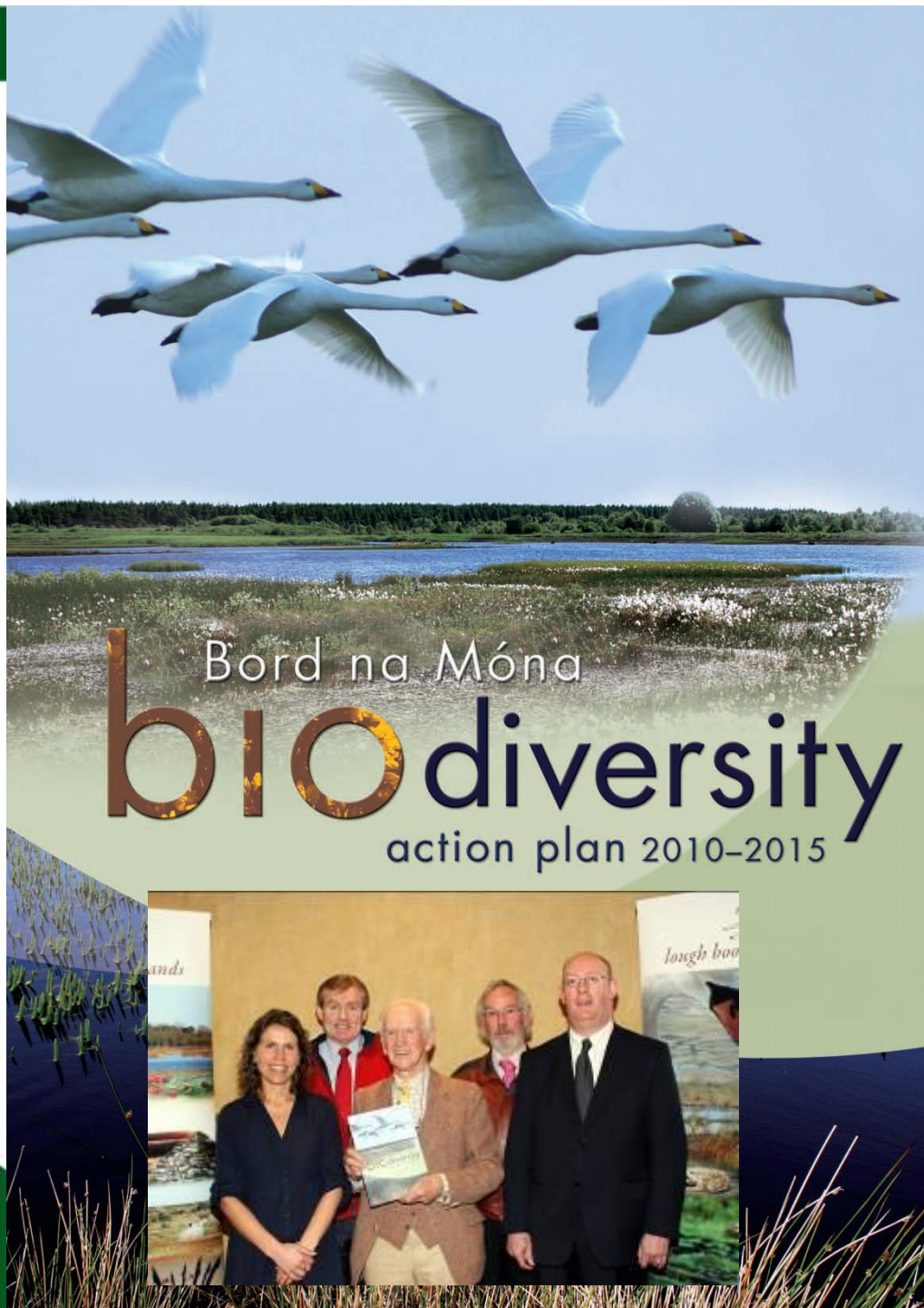
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Biodiversity Objective:
To promote the role of Bord na Móna
in enhancing biodiversity and to create awareness of
the values of cutaway bogs through wise-use
management for biodiversity and carbon

Biodiversity – baseline, cutaway rehabilitation/restoration
Carbon – understanding, restoring and/or retaining carbon pools and
sinks
Communications – creating awareness internally and externally



Launched November 4th 2010

- **Promote and enhance** the conservation of biodiversity within Bord na Móna ownership
- **Raise awareness** within Bord na Móna and wider community
- A framework for **sustainable planning** for biodiversity and other appropriate potential after-uses
- Highlight **existing biodiversity projects**
- **Attainable objectives and actions**

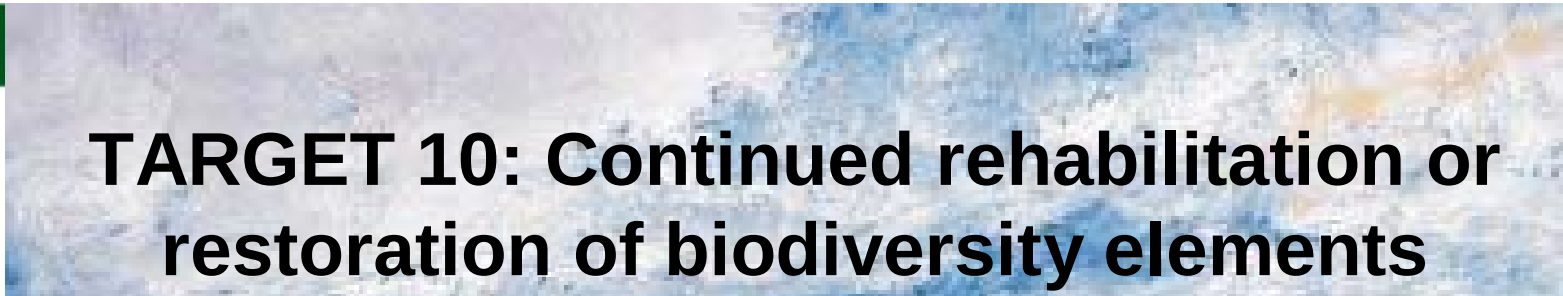
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'Biodiversity duty' on State bodies announced

- The Irish Times - Thursday, November 10, 2011
- ***Government departments and State agencies, in particular those involved with agriculture, forestry, fisheries, regional policy and planning, tourism, health, enterprise and employment, transport, research and education, would prepare sectoral biodiversity action plans.***

ACTIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2016





TARGET 10: Continued rehabilitation or restoration of biodiversity elements

ACTIONS

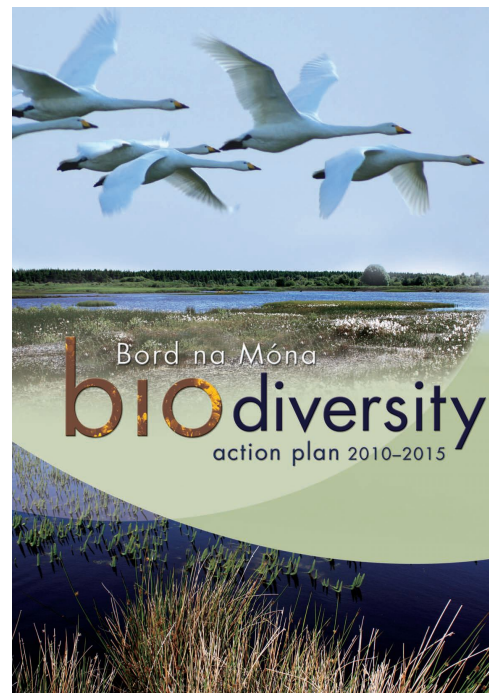
- 10.1 Identify areas of biodiversity value, or biodiversity hotspots, within Bord na Móna lands by 2015.
- 10.2 Continue ecological surveys, preparation of habitat maps and planning of rehabilitation for all Bord na Móna bog areas.
- 10.3 Continue to develop a network of biodiversity areas within Bord na Móna sites.

INDICATORS AND OUTCOMES

- Number of habitat maps and rehabilitation plans for all Bord na Móna bog areas

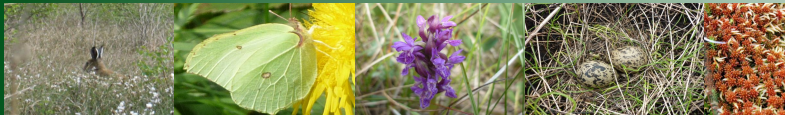
Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015

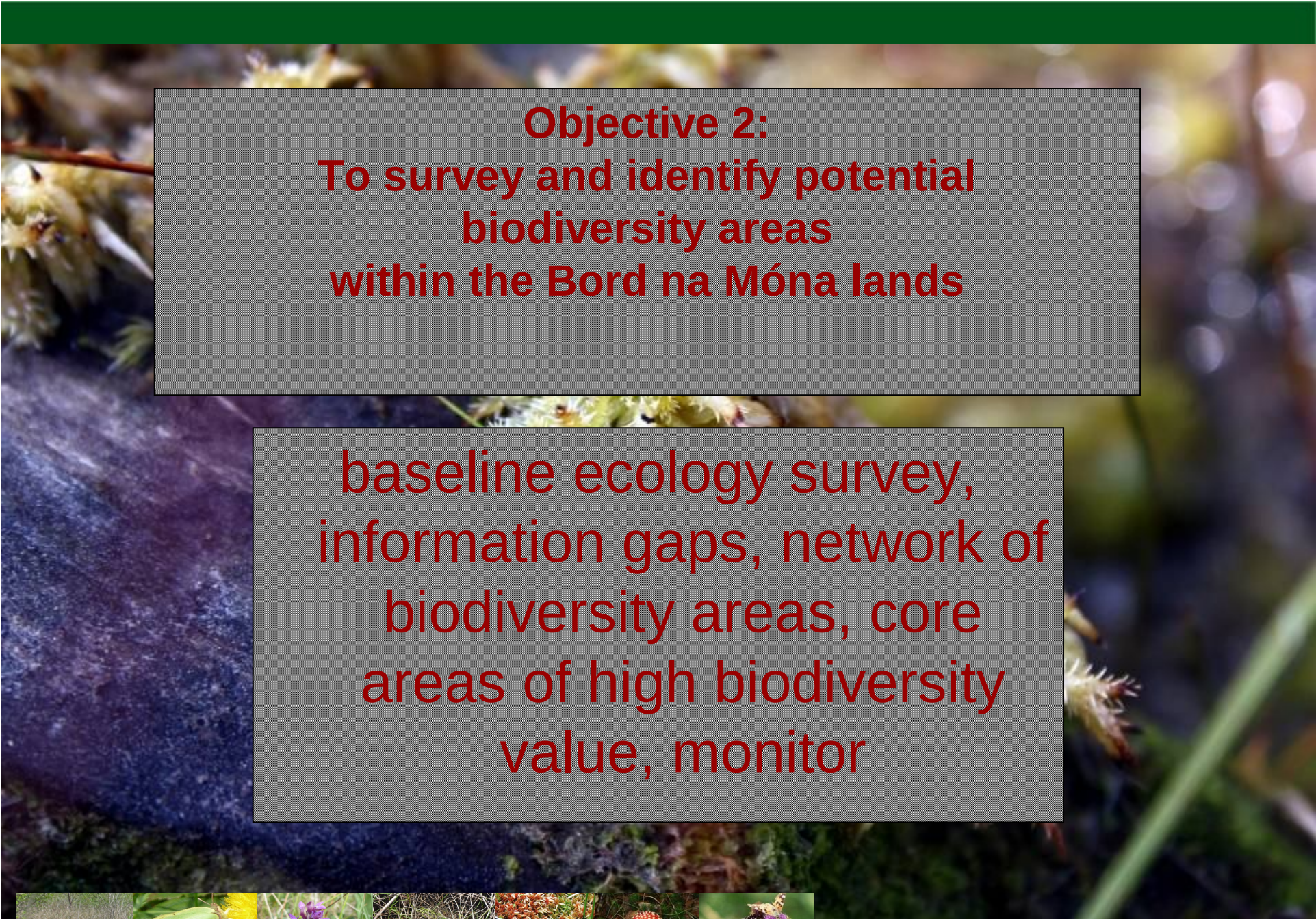
- Background information (why a BAP?)
- Cutaway Bog research and studies
- Baseline info to date
- Habitats and species; rehabilitation trials, methods and projects
- Community and statutory consultation
- Objectives



Objective 1: To continue to carry out all works in line with best practice guidelines and relevant legislation across all Bord na Móna bogs

- 499 Littleton
- 500 Boora
- 501 Derrygreenagh
- 502 Blackwater
- 503 Allen
- 504 Mountdillon
- 505 Oweninny
- 506 Kilberry
- 507 Cuil na Mona





Objective 2:
**To survey and identify potential
biodiversity areas
within the Bord na Móna lands**

**baseline ecology survey,
information gaps, network of
biodiversity areas, core
areas of high biodiversity
value, monitor**



Objective 3: To continue to promote and support best practise in enhancing biodiversity throughout the Midlands and outlier bogs



Objective 4: To raise awareness and create a greater appreciation of the biodiversity and natural heritage of Bord na Móna cutaway bogs and associated lands

Established Rehabilitation and Reclamation Projects

- Lough Boora Parklands **(3,000ha)** – An integrated land-use management plan
- Amenity and biodiversity (Finnamores, Boora Lakes, Cloghan, Model aeroplane area, Walkways, Cycle Paths etc.)
- Grey Partridge Project
- Clongawney and Turraun Native Woodland Scheme
- Sculpture Park
- Wetlands (Turraun, Tumduff, Lough Boora, Derries)
- Oweninny Works **(6,500ha)** - Rehabilitated acidic wetland
- Grassland (commercial) and Forestry trials

Other areas: community and interest group projects (approx **1,000ha**):

- Derryvella wetlands (Littleton Works)
- Derrycastle Walkway (Clonsast Works)
- Derryarkin wetland (Derrygreenagh Works)
- Ballycon wetland (Clonsast Works)
- Lullymore Wetlands (Lullymore Works)
- Abbeyleix Bog Restoration Project (Cuil na Mona)

Projects 2010/2011

- Ballydangan Red Grouse project 2010
- NPWS Kiltane Red Grouse 2011
- Crossmolina and Bangor Walkways
- Butterfly Conservation Ireland, Lullymore
- Lullymore Heritage project (wetlands)



A photograph of a traditional wooden structure with a conical thatched roof, elevated on stilts. It is situated on a grassy bank next to a body of water. The structure has a wooden railing and a door. The background shows a calm lake and a distant shoreline with trees under a clear blue sky.

**Objective 5:
Monitor the progress of
the Bord na Móna
Biodiversity Action Plan**

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