



Biodiversity

State of the Environment Indicators

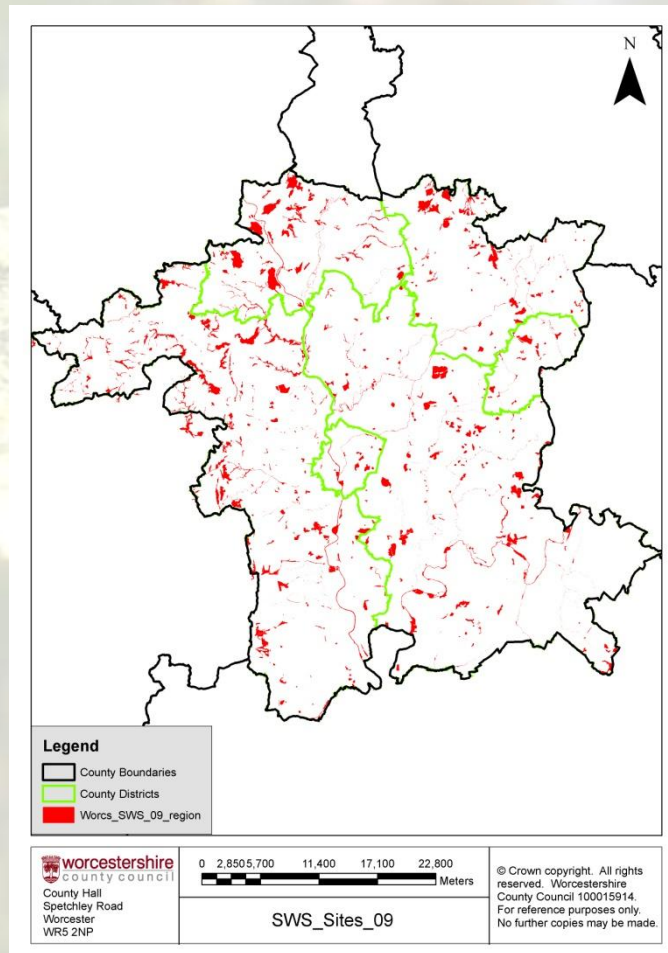
State of the Environment Biodiversity Indicators

- Condition of SSSIs - **RED**
- Management Status of Local Sites - **RED**
- The extent of Lowland Meadows and Pasture ?
- Key breeding bird populations - **AMBER**

Local Sites

- Non-statutory: DEFRA guidance
- Objective/scientific selection criteria
- Includes biological sites – Special Wildlife Sites (SWS) and Geological sites – RIGS
- Review by Wildlife Trust completed in 2009 – 460 sites in Worcestershire
- SWS partnership met in April 2009

Special Wildlife Sites



Management Status Indicator

- NI 197 – Improved Local Biodiversity – *proportion of Local Sites where active conservation management is being achieved*
- Management status a proxy for condition
- Conservation management (last 5 years)
 - Agri-environment or woodland grant scheme
 - Management advice
 - Site management plan
 - Management for LBAP/GAP

Performance and Data Management

Performance

- **RED: 25% in management**
- Red <35% / Amber 36-65% / Green >66%
- Most management through woodland grant schemes
- Stewardship : only some ELS prescriptions relevant
- Public / charity ownership

Data management

- Data held by several different organisations
- Lack of information about management of many sites
- Landowner consultation requires dedicated SWS / data officer
- SWS partnership lacks resources