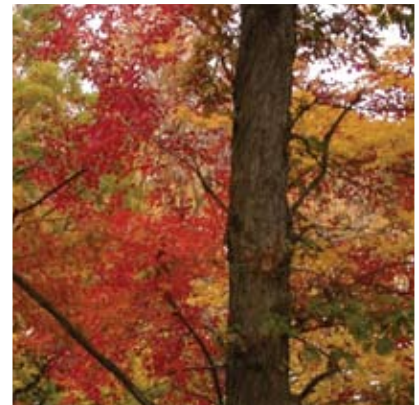


RPS

# Ecology



## Practical ecological advice for the benefit of business, conservation and the environment...

### Who we are

The RPS Group is a multi-disciplinary consultancy. We employ over 4000 staff throughout the world and offer a unique blend of skills and experience.

With over 70 specialist ecologists within the UK and Ireland, RPS undertakes all aspects of ecological consultancy ensuring that our clients' projects are fully compliant with environmental regulations and statutory requirements. We are market leaders in ecological survey and evaluation, design, monitoring, ecological impact assessment, mitigation planning, habitat restoration, biodiversity and conservation management.

With over 300 environmental and ecological publications to date we have a reputation for developing methods of best practice and pioneering work in the fields of biodiversity and sustainability. This work has set new standards of excellence within the profession.

### Where we operate

We operate throughout the UK and Ireland (and overseas) and our clients have access to specialist teams that have up to date knowledge of local issues and extensive local contacts. Our dedicated ecology survey team collaborates with a network of associates, recognised for their expertise, throughout the UK and Ireland.

### What we do

We offer diverse expertise and bespoke assistance in all aspects of ecology. Drawing on a sound knowledge of planning and EIA legislation, together with established relationships with relevant statutory agencies, we assist clients from a wide range of sectors to successfully negotiate the planning and assessment process. We have a robust capability with respect to protected species and European Birds and Habitats Directive issues.

Our clients procure services in rural and urban settings and in all terrestrial, aquatic and marine habitats. Our extensive experience of field-based research and advisory projects in the UK and abroad is substantial. Use of standardised methods that are compliant with relevant best practice guidance ensures a cost effective approach to site survey and assessment.

Our expertise can be applied to achieve client objectives at every stage of a project. Our early involvement enables potential problems to be quickly identified and thus significantly improves our scope to contribute to the technical, environmental and financial success of projects.

The ecological services we provide can be fully integrated with other RPS planning, assessment and technical offerings.



## Market Sectors

- Development - residential, mixed use, commercial, retail
- Sport and leisure
- Industry
- Transport - road, rail, air
- Ports
- Government
- Defence
- Power - development and generation
- Renewable Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Water
- Waste
- Minerals
- Natural Resources
- Agriculture

## Services

### Survey

- Site scoping – including Phase I habitat survey and protected species scoping
- Detailed and specialist survey – great crested newts, bats, badgers, reptiles, water voles and other protected species, Phase II (NVC), ornithology, invertebrates, river survey (RCS, RHS), invasive weeds, marine and coastal habitats
- Monitoring – mitigation, construction, operation and post-construction environmental management plans, site and species surveillance

### Assessment

- EIA, SEA, IPPC, BREEAM, EcoHomes
- Windfarm collision risk assessment
- Studies to inform Appropriate

- Assessment and provision of advice on the Habitats Regulations
- Design and implementation of mitigation and compensation

### Habitat creation

- Strategic advice on feasibility and site suitability
- Design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of habitat creation and restoration
- Advice on species translocation and implementation

### Management planning

- Habitat and species management strategies and plans
- Strategies for control of non-native invasive species
- Negotiation with relevant government agencies and other stakeholders
- Design of trusts, foundations and other management vehicles

### Legislation and Policy

- Advice on UK and EU wildlife and habitats legislation and regulation
- Strategic assessment of biodiversity priorities and policies
- Assessment of land-use policy on biodiversity



### Management of non-native invasive species

- Eradication and control of invasive species - Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and water weeds
- Assessment of legal liability under invasive weed legislation

### Expert witness

- Advice and expert witness at public inquiries and hearings
- Proofs of evidence

### Training courses

- Ecological survey
- Ecological impact assessment
- Control and eradication of invasive species



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