

ACHIEVABILITY STATEMENT

CONTENT FARM HABITAT BANK, ST MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY



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Deliverability

The plan involves the implementation of methods and techniques which can be enacted using local contractors based on the islands backed by ecological expertise and resources. The recommended actions draw from tried and tested ecological enhancement techniques supported by case studies and peer-reviewed research which provide confidence in their efficacy to achieve the required enhancements.

Site-Specific Suitability

The proposed measures are appropriately adapted to the unique environmental, geographic, and logistical conditions of the Isles of Scilly. The Management Plan focuses on enhancing the **habitat condition** through specific reference to the appropriate Condition Criteria. Where the grassland type is to be modified from Other Neutral Grassland to Lowland Meadow, the strategy has been informed by soil testing and the species list has been specifically and carefully drawn from meadow wildflowers already present on the islands to maximise the chances of establishment.

Governance & Oversight

The Duchy of Cornwall will retain ownership of the site in the long term and remain responsible for plan delivery. They will be working alongside experienced ecologists and contractors who are primarily based on the islands to enact the plan.

Risk Management

Biosecurity and ecological risk factors have been considered and will be mitigated in terms of the techniques and the sourcing of any plants or other materials brought in.

The phased implementation allows flexibility in response to evolving conditions or habitat offset requirements. This approach ensures that unforeseen circumstances such as weather may cause short-term delays without affecting the long-term deliverability of the plan over the 30-year timeframe.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Measurable outcomes and performance indicators are in place based on the specific values within the Habitat Descriptions and Condition Assessments outlined in the BNG materials. The Management Plan includes clear thresholds, triggers, and a feedback mechanism for adaptive management.

Conclusion

The Management Plan has been developed to provide a realistic, evidence-led pathway to achieving the enhancements targeted.