

ALTER-Net & PEBLDS

A Long-Term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network



ALTER-Net is a European partnership that develops durable integration of biodiversity research capacity at a European level. The EC contributes € 10m to make ALTER-Net happen.

ALTER-Net: Biodiversity Science for Policy

ALTER-Net provides expert input to biodiversity-related policies, on research questions such as:

- How do we measure changes in biodiversity?
- What are the main drivers of biodiversity change?
- How does biodiversity loss affect ecosystem services?
- Who cares and what do they do about it?
- How do we communicate the results of scientific research to inform public and policy responses?

Integration objectives

ALTER-Net aims for durable integration of:

- national centres of excellence in biodiversity research and social science
- environmental and socio-economic approaches
- a network of multi-functional long-term ecosystem research platforms (LTER)
- research scientists, science communicators and science-based visitor centres
- science and policy
- distributed data, information and knowledge management system

Joint programme of research

The core research programme covers six research activities:

- socio-economic drivers of biodiversity change
- biodiversity assessment and change
- impacts of the main natural and anthropogenic drivers and pressures on biodiversity
- biodiversity conservation options
- public attitudes to biodiversity and its conservation
- forecasting change in biodiversity

ALTER-Net is there to support PEBLDS

The ALTER-Net Network and research provides a pool of expertise to support the PEBLDS process. You, participant in the PEBLDS process, can make use of this pool by:

- consulting the ALTER-Net website www.alter-net.info
- posing a specific question to the ALTER-net hotline (under development): cil@ecnc.org
- contacting ALTER-Net coordinator Dr Terry Parr, twp@ceh.ac.uk, tel.: +44-1524-595832

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