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Invertebrate Assemblages on English SSSIs

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Introduction

The authors were commissioned by English Nature to produce a review of the invertebrate assemblage interest on English SSSIs.

What was done

Each site that mentioned invertebrates as being a possible interest feature its citation was investigated further. Supporting information, such as data held on the ISR, other reports and personal experience was used to determine what invertebrate assemblages were present.

Results and conclusions

1,028 sites were investigated and over 3,000 assemblages were recognised and recorded using a set of recognised habitat terms (eg fen assemblage, dune assemblage etc). Some assemblages were better represented than others.

English Nature's viewpoint

This is an excellent piece of work gives a basic outline of the invertebrate assemblages on SSSIs. It has been used in determining a more focused approach to site monitoring.

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