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Past and present monitoring of non-natives and future requirements at national and international scales

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Following the recommendations made by the 1995 BOU conference on non-native birds (Holmes & Simons 1996), there has been a significant improvement in the scope of surveillance for these species at a UK level, a trend which has also been reflected by increasing attention being given to these species in other European countries. The presentation reviewed past and current treatment of non-natives by the main ornithological schemes in the UK, and briefly reviewed the main legislative and other drivers for this operating internationally.

Although some international treaties such as the Agreement on the Conservation of African–Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) have periodically reviewed the status of groups of non-natives at an international scale (Banks *et al.* 2008; see also Wright *et al.* 2010), generally, collated information on non-native birds at continental scales is greatly lacking, thus significantly hindering national risk assessments.

Some suggestions for improving national and international data gathering and reporting were made.

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