Landscape Habit	ats		
Aspect Area Name	Irfon North		Drygaro Goilleyn Household
Aspect Area Classification	Dry (Relatively) Terrestrial Habita Marsh/Improved Grassland (Leve		CO TO
Aspect Area Code	BRCKNLH622		Lianfechan A483 SA
Date Of Survey : 02	/10/2003		Crown Copyright. All rights reserved CCW 100018813 2005
Monitoring			
oes this area have a spe	cial or functional link with an adjacent		
What is the total land are:	within the boundary (in hectares)?		
escription			
What are the dominant so	il types? (specify up to 3 types)	Brown soils Podzolic Ground-water gley soils	5
What Phase 1 habitat types are present? Only select the five most dominant types and, for each of these, specify below what percentage of the Aspect Area is made up of these.		Improved Grassland (8 Marshy Grassland (3% Semi-natural Broadlea Planted Coniferous Wo	7%)) ved Woodland (3%)
Does the area contain habitats of international importance?		Yes	
Does the area contain BAP habitats?		Yes	
		Yes (SAC(29.01ha) SS	SI(40.32ha) Local Wildlife Site(20.94ha))
If yes, which ones?		SAC SSSI Local wildlife site	
Approximately what proportion of the Aspect Area is within the protected site?		1-10% (1.08%)	
Does the area support important species?		Yes	
Are there any significant threat species present in abundance? (Field visit required)		Not known	
What other features significantly influence the biodiversity in this area?		Streams Hedgerows Other (Small copses as	nd woodlands often associated with watercourses.)
Are any of these features required)	in a very good condition? (Field visit		

What are the dominant soil types? (specify up to 3 types)	Brown soils Podzolic Ground-water gley soils
What Phase 1 habitat types are present? Only select the five most dominant types and, for each of these, specify below what percentage of the Aspect Area is made up of these.	Improved Grassland (87%) Marshy Grassland (3%) Semi-natural Broadleaved Woodland (3%) Planted Coniferous Woodland (4%)
Does the area contain habitats of international importance?	Yes
Does the area contain BAP habitats?	Yes
Does the area contain protected sites?	Yes (SAC(29.01ha) SSSI(40.32ha) Local Wildlife Site(20.94ha))
If yes, which ones?	SAC SSSI Local wildlife site
Approximately what proportion of the Aspect Area is within the protected site?	1-10% (1.08%)
Does the area support important species?	Yes
Are there any significant threat species present in abundance? (Field visit required)	Not known
What other features significantly influence the biodiversity in this area?	Streams Hedgerows Other (Small copses and woodlands often associated with watercourses.)
Are any of these features in a very good condition? (Field visit required)	
Are any of these features in a poor condition? (Field visit required)	
What are the main land management activities taking place in the area? (Field visit required)	Stock grazing
Do any of the above appear to have an appreciable positive impact on biodiversity? (Field visit required)	
Do any of the above appear to have an appreciable negative impact on biodiversity? (Field visit required)	

Is the biodiversity in the area in any way threatened?	Not known
Are there clear opportunities to improve the biodiversity aspect of this area?	

Improved agricultural land within the udulating foothills south of the Elenydd and dissected by northern tributaries of the Irfon. Although improved grassland habitat dominates, the area is punctuated by semi-

	natural habitats including small fragmented woodlands (often associated with watercourses) and isolated marshy and neutral grassland fields. The semi-natural grasslands are sometimes associated with the more marginal land of steeper slopes.
Evaluation	

Value	Moderate (Improved agricultural landscape with watercourses, field boundaries and occasional isolated semi-natural habitat forming the focus for biodiversity.)
Condition	Unassessed
Trend	Constant
Description	
TE which DAD behitested	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland

If yes, which BAP habitats?	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland Lowland Meadows Purple Moor Grass & Rush Pastures
Recommendations	
Existing management	

Principal management recommendations	Please refer to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Powys which details key actions to manage or safeguard specific ecological receptors including habitats and species.
Guideline	
Monitoring	

No Has the information ever been verified in the field?

Aspect Area Boundary	
To what level was this information site-surveyed?	None
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	Most
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	OS Landline
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:10,000
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	CCW Phase 1 habitat survey
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	BBNP (2002). Our Natural World - A Local Biodiversity Action Plan for the Brecon Beacons National Park. Volumes 1, 2 & 3. CCW Phase 1 Habitat Survey Data (Electronic Data Source). CCW Designated Sites (Electronic Data Source). Deacon, J. (1997) Identification of Limestone Pavements in Wales and their Flora. CCW Contract Science Report 159. Countryside Council for Wales, Bangor. JNCC (2003). Protected Sites - www.jncc.gov.uk Powys Biodiversity Partnership (2002). Our Partnership with Nature: A Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Powys. Yeo, M.J.M. et al. (in prep.). A vegetation Survey and Conservation Assessment of Lowland Grasslands in Brecknock. Countryside Council for Wales, Bangor. Consultation wit Phil Morgan (County Mammal Recorder), Graham Motley (CCW Abergavenny), Harriet Shackle (former Biodiversity Officer, Powys CC), Adam Rowe (Biodiversity Information Service, Brecon) Wildlife Site/SINC data used within this project were collated by Local Environmental Records Centres Wales on behalf of the various Local Authorities and Wildlife Trusts involved in the site designation process.
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	
Additional Comments	It is recommended that the Biodiversity Information Service for Powys and the Brecon Beacons National Park is consulted if more detailed information is required.
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Priority Habitats	Outstanding (Includes tributaries of the River Wye and SSSI grassland sites but these are of limited extent.)
Evaluation Criteria: Significance	Moderate
Evaluation Criteria: Opportunity	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Expansion rates	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Sensitivity	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Connectivity/Cohesion	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Habitat Evaluation	Moderate (However, includes River Irfon (SSSI & tributary of the Wye cSAC))
Evaluation Criteria: Importance for key species	Moderate (However hotspots include marshy grassland habitat supporting Marsh Fritillary butterfly.)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation Habitat and Species	Moderate (Generally the area is characterised by moderate value improved agricultural land.)
Description	
If yes, which species? (for each of the species, also note the source of information)	Marsh Fritillary Butterfly near Llanafan-fawr (CCW).
Evaluation Matrix	
Justification of overall evaluation	
Monitoring	
Date of monitoring?	2016-01-15
Monitoring undertaken by	Stages 1, 2 and 3 change detection, field verification and amendment completed by Environment Systems in conjunction with the local planning authority. Quality Assurance completed by TACP.

Has this record been updated following monitoring work?