



Workshop	One	Two
Theme	Practical challenges	Scientific and data challenges
Date	June	September
No. participants	41	37
No. Key Messages	11	10

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## **Precedents and parallels – consider them**

- Offsetting in the UK and abroad
- Policy precedents: levy schemes, impact assessment tools

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## **Restoration – apply existing knowledge**

- Species generalists easy, specialists hard
- Outcomes are never certain. Maintenance vital.

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**Enough information to start now –  
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