



Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership

SCCIP CO-ORDINATOR PROGRESS REPORT (1 APRIL 2007 – 31 MARCH 2008)

1. Introduction

The SCCIP work programme for 2007/08 outlined eight key deliverables for which SNIFFER (SCCIP Coordinator) has responsibility. This document provides a summary report of progress and outcomes against each of the deliverables.

2. Achievements

2.1 Knowledge management service for stakeholders

Website

- Planned, developed and ensured the launch of SCCIP website by Climate Change Minister Stewart Stephenson on 03/09/07.
- Publicity achieved at launch with several articles in national print (Observer, Herald, Scotsman, Press and Journal) and on-line news media (BBC online).
- User statistics 01/09/08 to 22/03/08 show 14,436 visits over the period; with an average of 481 visits per week. Until end February 2008 there were consistently more return than new visitors, this trend was reversed in March 2008 with a total of 765 new visitors recorded against 265 returnees.
- On-line trawl (mid-November) highlighted 40 web links to the SCCIP site from a wide range of stakeholder websites

Responsible for ongoing development of website including:

- Links to new partners, publicising events etc.
- Website review meeting held with Scottish Government (SG) on 04/10/07.
- Production of a website timeline in liaison with SG detailing website and broader communication activities
- Pursuing new content (climate change adaptation good practice case studies with RSPB, FC, Scottish Water and SNH)
- Encouraging partners to establish links to SCCIP on their own websites

Mailings and Communication

- SCCIP mailings sent to stakeholders in August and November 2007 and March 2008. (The SCCIP mailing list has increased by approximately 100 stakeholders over the 2007/08 period with 290 stakeholders now registered).
- Developed a SCCIP communication strategy

Presentations, Articles and Meetings

- Presentation on SCCIP at the SNIFFER/ Edinburgh Consortium for Rural Research (ECRR) (7/11/07).
- Presentation on SCCIP at the December SENCE group meeting SEPA Climate Change Group meeting (31/10/07).
- SCCIP article published in the "Bush Telegraph" - ECRR winter magazine



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- NB a positive response was received from both SNH & SEPA over the inclusion of a SCCIP article in their in-house magazines (in progress)

Promotion of SCCIP

- Raised awareness of SCCIP with Environmental Audit Committee inquiry, Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution Adaptation study, and Scottish Parliament Flooding and Flood Management inquiry

2.2 UKCIP08 Climate change scenarios

UKCIP08 engagement

- Attended UKCIP08 users panel in Newcastle (25/9/07)
- Contributed to consultation on DEFRA UK Climate Trends Handbook (08/10/07)
- Attended Oxford UKCIP08 initial pre launch workshop / proposed dissemination (17/10/07)

Hosting Four UKCIP08 Pre-launch workshops

- Generated list of over 100 Scottish stakeholders keen to attend workshops.
- Managed this demand by preparing, planning and hosting 4 Scottish Stakeholder workshops in liaison with UKCIP colleagues:
 - **Policy Workshop 1** 22/01/08 – Full day workshop at BMA Edinburgh;
 - **Key Decision Makers' Workshop** 22/02/08 – Half day workshop at VQ Edinburgh;
 - **Policy Workshop 3 & 4** 12/03/08 – Two half day workshops at Festival Theatre, Edinburgh (Richard Lamb & Alistair Brown, UKCIP) (32 attendees).

2.3 Knowledge exchange – Scotland expertise map (SEM)

- Meeting held with SDC to share expertise (4/12/07)
- Draft SEM tabled at January DG meeting, with DG invited to comment on draft SEM map.
- Currently finalising the revised SEM map through verification with relevant experts for inclusion on the SCCIP website.

Next steps

To further develop and refine SEM by end April 2008 – with priority given to gap filling.



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2.4 Research activities

SNIFFER managed and delivered a project on Climate Change Tools for Local Authorities

- Project let to CAG consultants (with MWH and SIStech) in June 2007
- Round table project workshop with LA practitioners held September 2007
Project completed on time in early November 2007.
- Project launched by Cabinet Secretary John Swinney at SSN conference (08/11/07).
- Good press coverage of launch received.
- Project disseminated to SCCIP contacts.
- CAG led dissemination at SSN Conference (09/11/07).
- Functional database and guidance available on SSN website **HYPERLINK** "<http://www.sustainable-scotland.net/cc06/>" <http://www.sustainable-scotland.net/cc06/>
- Full project report available on SCCIP website **HYPERLINK** "<http://www.sccip.org.uk/Projects/Default.aspx?pid=39&pageindex>" <http://www.sccip.org.uk/Projects/Default.aspx?pid=39&pageindex>
- Attended the Sustainable Development Commission Scotland and the Improvement Service workshop on, "Emission Inventory and Reporting for Scottish Local Authorities", building on the above SCCIP research project (20/03/08)

Next steps and decisions

- Further refine database – agree next steps with project steering group, in view of outcomes from the above SDC and IS workshop.

2.5 Local Climate Impact Profiles (LCLIPS)

SNIFFER managed and continues to deliver on LCLIPS:

- Established Steering group for the project.
- UKCIP led LCLIPs session during SSN conference 08/11/07
- LCLIPS ITQ sent out 09/10/07
- Procurement process led to a single response within budget
- Pro forma sent to eight initial pilots with response deadline of 18/01/08
- Project steering group reviewed LA responses and selected South Lanarkshire, Perth & Kinross, Edinburgh City and the Highland Council as the four pilot authorities for the project.
- Alan Speedie appointed as contractor to oversee project and produce project report and guidance.
- MM attended LCLIP workshop in Oxford 30/01/08
- Launch workshop led by Gerry Metcalf of UKCIP held with pilot authorities and representatives from other interested organisations e.g. S. Ayrshire Council, Scottish Water, and Scottish Natural Heritage on 4 March 2008.
- Project completion date anticipated to be September 2008.



2.6 Engagement with new sectors

Three sectors were identified as priority for progression in 2007/08. SNIFFER undertook one to one meetings in September/October 2008 to pursue these.

Water Industry

- Meeting held with Scottish Water (02/10/07)
- SCCIP input to future UKWIR research programme (£5m research budget)
- Continuing liaison with Scottish Water over the development of online knowledge exchange opportunities on cc adaptation and potential future research
- Scottish Water engagement with UKCIP08 workshops
- Scottish Water request for SCCIP DG involvement

Forestry Commission

- Meeting held with FC (30/10/07)
- Continuing liaison with FC over the development of online knowledge exchange opportunities on cc adaptation and potential future research
- SCCIP invited to contribute to forthcoming FC Climate Change Action Plan
- FC to contribute to SEM (item 2.3), re Forestry Sector
- FC engagement with UKCIP08 workshops
- Attended launch workshop of FC Scotland's draft Climate Change Action Plan 2008-2010 on 11/03/08
- Begun to develop website links with FC Scotland
- Further planned meeting with FCS on 2/04/08

Public Agencies via SENCE

- Initial meeting held with SEPA (08/10/07)
- Provided SCCIP presentation at SENCE meeting on 12/12/07
- New contact established in Scottish Enterprise and ensured Scottish Enterprise engagement with UKCIP workshops

SNH seminars

- In response to SNH request, SCCIP now assisting in the planning of a climate change and the natural heritage Sharing Good Practice seminars for 14/05/08

Next steps

- Review proposal for water industry workshop with Scottish Water (SCCIP work programme 2008/09)
- DG to consider Scottish Water request for a seat on DG
- Contribute to potential research programme for Scottish Water & UKWIR
- Develop website links with Scottish Water



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- Contribute to potential research programme for FCS
- Respond to consultation on FC Climate Change Action Plan

2.7 Specification for future work programme

The draft future work plan was discussed at January 2008 DG meeting. Follow up discussions have been held with SG and revised draft future work plan for 2008/09 has been circulated to SCCIP DG for comment.

2.8 SCCIP representation on national groups

- Attended London UK Inter-Regional Climate Change Group (UKIRCCG) meeting (25/10/07) and Newcastle UKIRCCG meeting (21/02/08) and submitted progress reports to the other UK partnerships and UKCIP
- UKCIP08 User Group / UK climate trends project (item 2.2 above)
- Scottish Local Authority Climate Change Programme working group (SSN chair). SCCIP has been represented at five group meetings, and contributed to the analysis into how to take forward the work of this group
- Attended MCCIP annual report card launch 16/01/08, Edinburgh

3. CONCLUSION

All eight deliverables as outlined in the original work programme have been delivered. SCCIP's profile has been promoted, key outputs have been delivered, and new sectors engaged.

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