

Drawdown Zones: Conservation and Management

National One-Day Meeting First Announcement

In association with the BES Aquatic Ecology Group

16 June 2010: Charles Darwin House, London.

Drawdown zones are found in ponds, lakes and reservoirs with fluctuating water levels. They are also a characteristic feature of distinctive sites such as turloughs, the Breckland Meres and winterbourne streams. It is anticipated that the hydrological changes caused by climate change will present both threats and opportunities to their conservation and management in coming years.

This national meeting seeks to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners interested in the ecology of this poorly understood habitat type, providing the first opportunity in the UK to bring together knowledge from a range of relevant disciplines. Opportunities will be provided to understand common ground, identify key gaps in knowledge and allow the sharing of best practice management guidance. The meeting will be of interest to academic researchers, ecologists, conservation managers and regulators working on a wide variety of taxa, and at a range of sites.

Planning for the meeting is still underway, but an initial group of speakers have offered papers. These provisionally include the following subjects:

- Review of recent European research
- International/national designated sites
- Turloughs
- Breckland Meres
- Bryophytes and liverworts
- Higher plants
- Macroinvertebrates
- Shoreline birds

If you are interested in attending, speaking, or sponsoring the event, then please get in touch with the organisers at drawdownzone@virgin.net. Further details will be posted at www.drawdownzone.eu and advertised through the BHS Hydrology and BES Aquatic Ecology jiscmail lists.



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