

**Terms of Reference**  
**UKEOF Citizen Science Working Group**  
**June 2013**

**Purpose**

The aim of the UK Environmental Observation Framework (UKEOF) Citizen Science Working Group is to provide a forum where member organisations ('partners') can share good practice and discuss future needs and plans for using volunteers to provide environmental observation data. This will enable the sector to take a coherent and mutually beneficial approach, and will include identifying areas where UKEOF could potentially best add value.

The Citizen Science Working Group recognises the role that the UKEOF Citizen Science Steering Group had in maximising the benefit to partners of the 'Understanding Citizen Science and Environmental Monitoring' contract. The success of this collaboration provides a strong foundation for the work of the UKEOF Citizen Science Working Group to build on and further strengthen.

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The terms of reference of the UKEOF Citizen Science Working group are to:

- Provide advice and recommendations on citizen science related matters to the UKEOF Management Group;
- Monitor feedback on the 2012 Guide to Citizen Science and supporting report, identify gaps and potential developments;
- Consider how best to add value to on-going work, by drawing on the expertise of the group and identifying areas where UKEOF could potentially best add value;
- Consider the potential for greater collaboration between partners on citizen science activities;
- Consider and promote the potential for co-funding of research and other citizen science activities

The UKEOF Citizen Science Working Group will meet twice a year and communicate regularly by telephone conference. It will report to each meeting of the UKEOF Management Group, and to members' organisations where appropriate.

UKEOF will provide the secretariat for this group for one year initially, with a review after 12 months to ensure continued benefit to UKEOF. The secretariat will be responsible for reporting to the Management Group.

**Membership**

Chair: Rob Grew, Environment Agency

<b>Member</b>	<b>Organisation (alphabetical order)</b>
Nicola Deol	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Jennifer Garrett	Economic and Social Research Council
Rob Grew	Environment Agency
Deborah Procter	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
Aidan Green	Met Office
Andrew Thompson	Natural England
tbc	Natural Environment Research Council – British Geological Survey
Helen Roy	Natural Environment Research Council -

	Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
David Allen	Natural Resources Wales
Claire Campbell/Anne Conrad/Rachel Harding-Hill/Dave Watson	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
tbc	Scottish Natural Heritage
Helen Beadman	UKEOF
tbc	Forestry Commission / Forest Research
	<b>Secretariat</b>
Andrea Turner	UKEOF