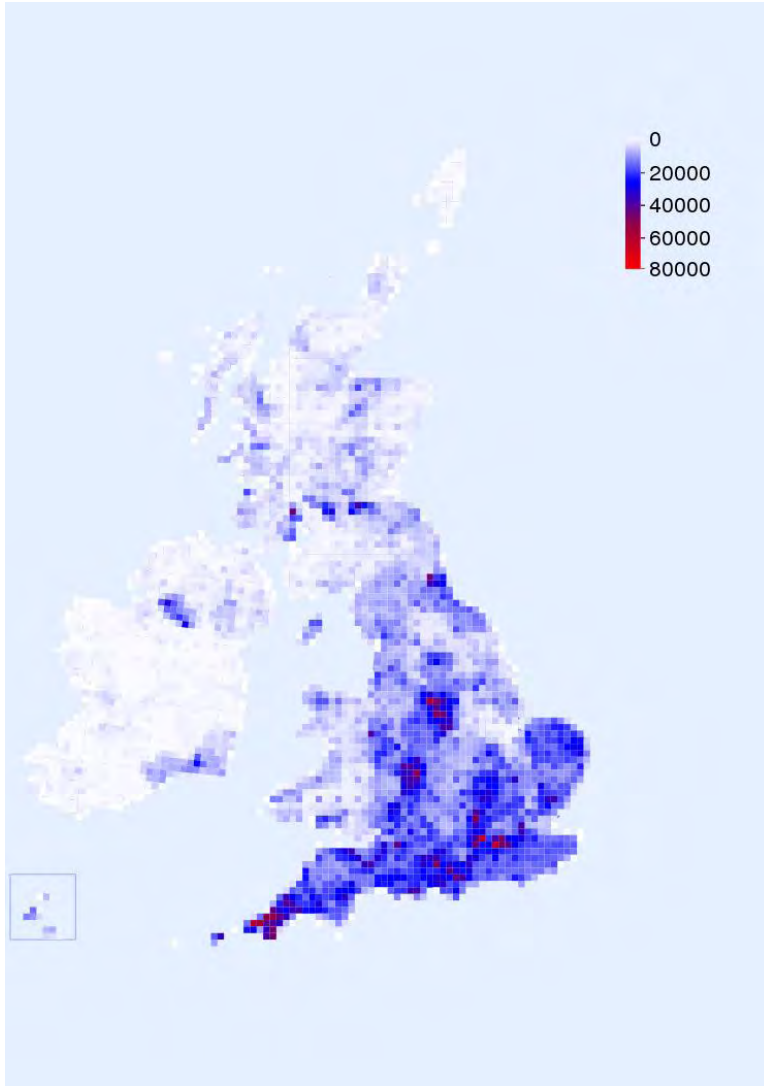


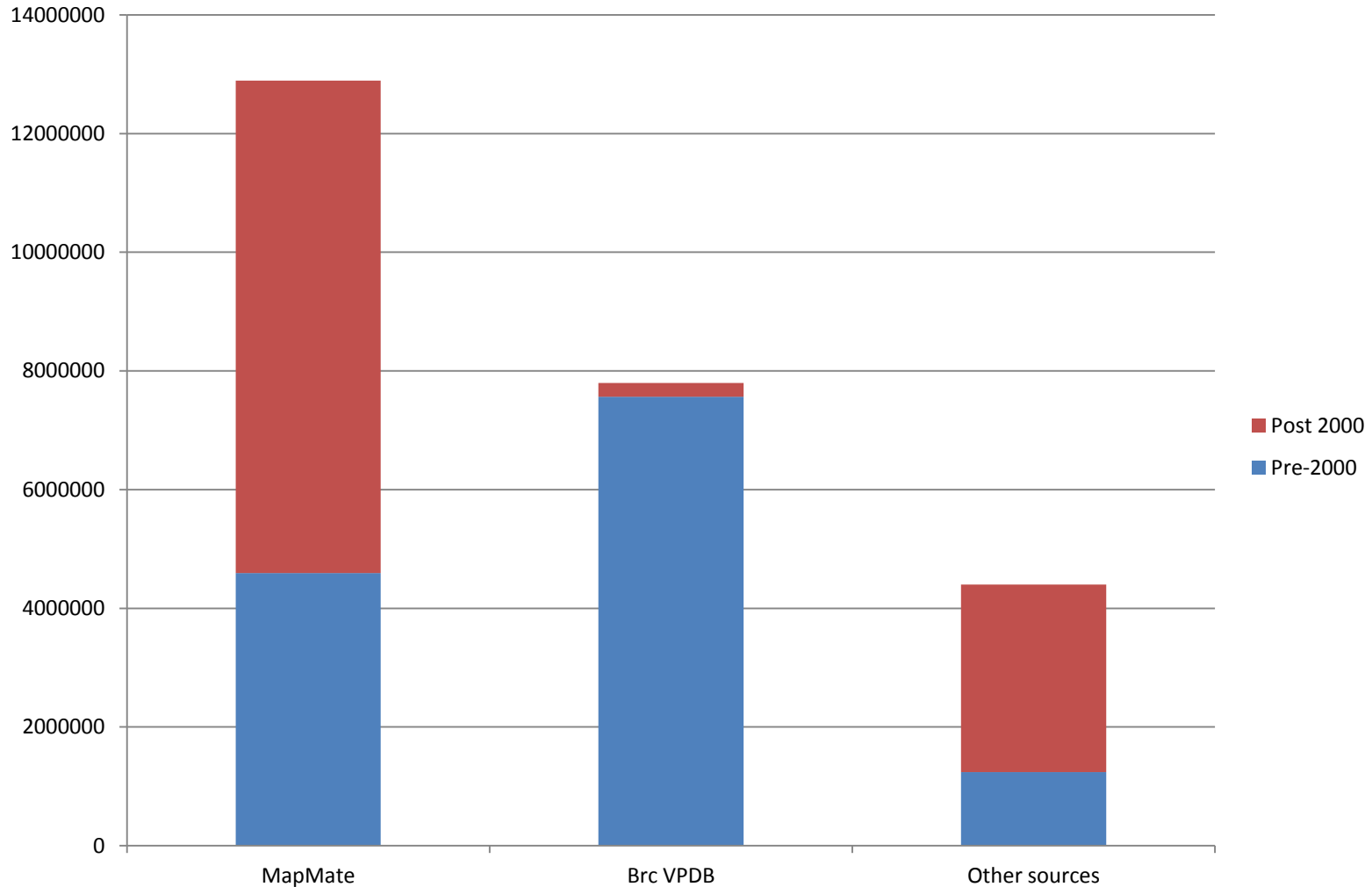
BSBI DDb: Frequently Asked Questions

How many records?



29 million!

Where do records come from?



How to send records?

- MapMate hub

Changes automatically refresh the DDb – edits or deletions in MapMate will reach the DDb.

Updates twice a month.

- Directly to the DDb

What to send?

- MapMate
 - New field records and data from local collaborators
 - Data without complex extra details
- Direct to DDb
 - Records with complex structure
 - Records from live external databases
 - Data-sets that span counties

What not to send!

- Duplicates
- Records reimported from MapMate users
- Records from BSBI projects
- Data from iRecord, NBN or the DDb

(if in doubt then please ask)

When to send records?

- Frequently!
 - don't wait to perfect your records

Who has access to the DDb?

- County recorders and taxon referees
& people collaborating locally with their VCR
- Agencies (SNH, NE, NRW etc.)
- Researchers

What about sensitive records?

- Data sets loaded with full details
- Where necessary records can be marked as sensitive or 'not to be passed-on'
- VCR control over detail-level of data shown to the public or sent on to the NBN.

What about data validation?

Most records already checked for the last atlas.

Records since 2000 'unchecked'.

- data cleaning will be a huge task
- ongoing process, starting now
- VCRs and taxon referees have primary responsibility

Data validation

- Watch the DDb for new records
- Prioritise
 - 1) Rarities - national and local
 - 2) Obvious anomalies
 - 2) Records from trusted sources
 - 3) 'the rest'

What would you like from the DDb?

Let us know how to make your life easier!