BSBI DDb: Frequently Asked Questions

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How many records?

29 million!
Where do records come from?

MapMate: 12 million records
- Pre-2000: 4 million records
- Post 2000: 8 million records

Brc VPDB: 7 million records

Other sources: 2 million records
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!