



Phase 1 GIS Key Sheet Instructions

To use the Phase 1 key sheet you need to download the zipped file “Phase 1 key sheet Packaged“. Included in this file is a workspace also entitled “Phase 1 key sheet Packaged-15.05.08” and the two TAB files “Final-Phase 1 and Des. Sites MapInfo Colour Codes Table” and “RSK Logo” with their associated Jpegs. The workspace has been packed so that it will open so long as all five files are extracted to the same location. Within the page setup menu in MapInfo it is best to view the work space as A4 portrait view, especially if you are printing it.

Once you open the workspace in MapInfo you can see that the key sheet is organised in three rows of habitat categories (e.g. Woodland and Scrub, Grassland and Marsh etc) and habitat sub classes (e.g. Broad-leaved semi natural woodland, Board leaved plantation woodland etc).

Each habitat category is grouped together and is ordered as it appears in the JNCC Handbook for Phase 1 habitat survey (1993). Within each group there are the habitat sub classes, which again are ordered as in the JNCC Handbook for Phase 1 habitat survey (1993).

Each habitat sub class is represented by a polygon, symbol or polyline with an associated pattern and colour, and in the case of symbols a size and lines a width. To the right of the habitat sub class is the description used to identify the sub class e.g. unimproved acid grassland. To the left of each habitat sub class is the colour used to fill the polygon, symbol or polyline associated with that sub class. The colour refers to the second layout in the workspace “Phase 1 Key Sheet Packaged-15.05.08”, named “Layout Colour Codes”. This illustrates which particular shade of colour is used by going along the columns and down the rows. In addition we have added the three most common types of target notes used by RSK Carter Ecological.

Once you have opened the workspace in MapInfo you can select any of the habitat sub classes and identify what style has been used as you would any other polygon, symbol or polyline. The styles have been thoroughly checked to ensure that they contrast well and print of effectively. The colour can also been obtained this way, but it is not strictly as they are described to the left of each habitat sub class.

The pdf versions of the workspaces are also available to download. These are very useful for quick reference, and contain all the information you need.

By using the key sheet styles you can ensure that all maps produced within a company or team are to the same style and standard. Also you can ensure that the printed versions will be as clear as what can be seen on the computer monitor.

We welcome any feedback, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

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