Workshop session

How do we synthesise and prioritise the conservation issues?

- published information
- expert knowledge
Workshop session

Data extraction

Data analysis

Report writing
Mind mapping and the Delphi process

What we will do today

list of conservation issues

sort, order, prioritise

reflect, reorder, reprioritise

final report on prioritised conservation issues
The conservation science dilemma…

…do ecologists wear their conservationist hats and muster their expertise in defense of life, or do they wear their scientist hats and muster their expertise in defense of “truth”?

Earl D. McCoy
*Herpetologica* **50**:98-103 (1994)
Challenges and opportunities

Challenges

• Assessing populations and habitats
• Data management
• Scale – species, sites, landscapes regions...
• Conflicting conservation interests
• Negative publicity
• Site disturbance by adder enthusiasts
• Political climate

Opportunities

• Positive publicity
• Citizen science
• Collaboration between volunteers and scientists
• Political climate
Where do we go from here?

• Complete Delphi analysis by Jan 2107 and report back at HWM 2017
• Press release?
• New campaign?