

## ***Interactive comment on “Land cover and vegetation data from an ecological survey of ‘key habitat’ landscapes in England, 1992–93” by Claire M. Wood et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #1**

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The authors have reported on components of land cover data for a sequence of landscape types. This types of reports have a generic interest in a monitoring context, in this case in the context of Countryside Survey and contribute to the build-up of monitoring experiences and capacity. To be useful in a scientific context, however, I miss the purpose, objective and direction of the manuscript - Which research questions are addressed and what results were extracted? I also miss the context in which this study is placed - How does this contribute to monitoring and using outputs from monitoring in the U.K. and internationally in comparison with the existing know-how? Finally, despite a rich reference list - these references are not reflected well enough in the text. I also find that the review of the international literature is not adequate, e.g. the statements on

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lines 80-81 on not known monitoring of rarer habitats. There are examples available.

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