



QGIS Consultation Summary

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- <https://www.fscbiodiversity.uk/plugin-consult>
- 24 responses so far
- Here is a cursory summary so far...

How frequently do you use the current tools?

There are currently four tools in the FSC QGIS Plugin. How often do you use each?

The OSGR tool

never occasionally frequently very frequently

The OSGR tool helps you to see what the OS grid reference (OSGR) is under your cursor and allows you to navigate to an OSGR. It also allows you to generate grids at different levels of precision. Indicate how often you use any feature of the tool.

The Biological Records tool

never occasionally frequently very frequently

The Biological Records tool allows you to take CSV files of biological records geocoded with OS grid references (or easting/northings or lat/longs) and quickly create maps from them - either as points representing individual records or aggregated into 'atlas maps'. It allows you to filter on taxa and can automate the generation of large numbers of maps. Indicate how often you use any feature of the tool.

The NBN tool

never occasionally frequently very frequently

The NBN tool provides a convenient way of using NBN Atlas web mapping services (WMS) directly within QGIS and also provides a convenient way to download raw records. Indicate how often you use any feature of the tool.

The Map Mashup tool

never occasionally frequently very frequently

The Map Mashup tool provides a convenient, ad hoc, way of viewing raster maps from the internet within QGIS. Indicate how often you use any feature of the tool.

What platforms do you use the FSC QGIS Plugin on?

- Windows
- Mac OS
- Linux
- Unix
- Android

Indicate all those that apply.

What versions of QGIS do you currently use the FSC QGIS Plugin with?

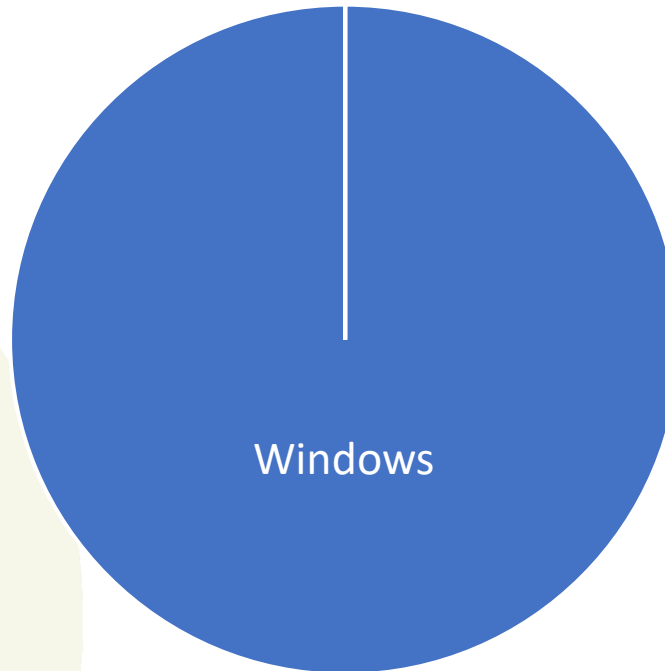
- QGIS version 2 releases
- QGIS version 3 releases

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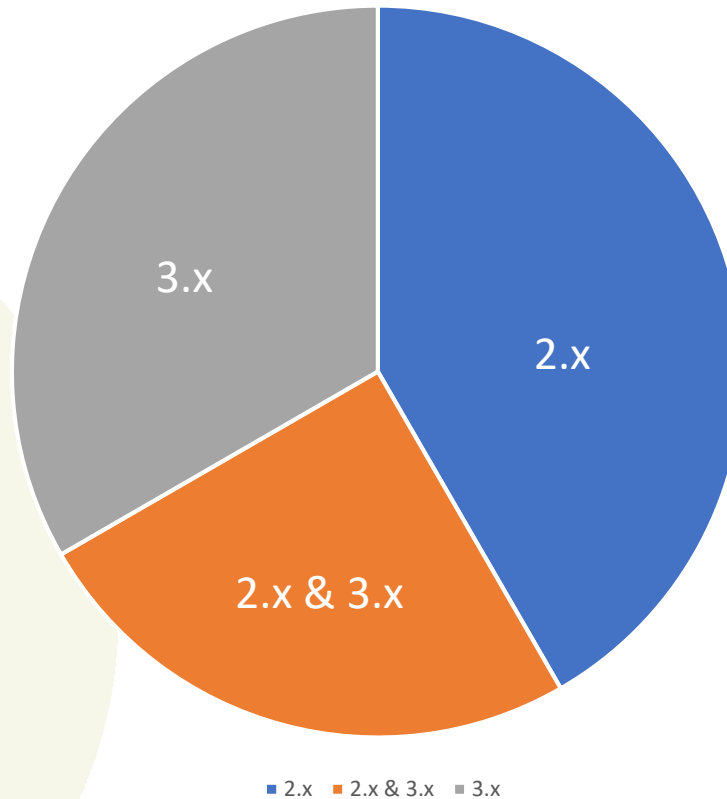
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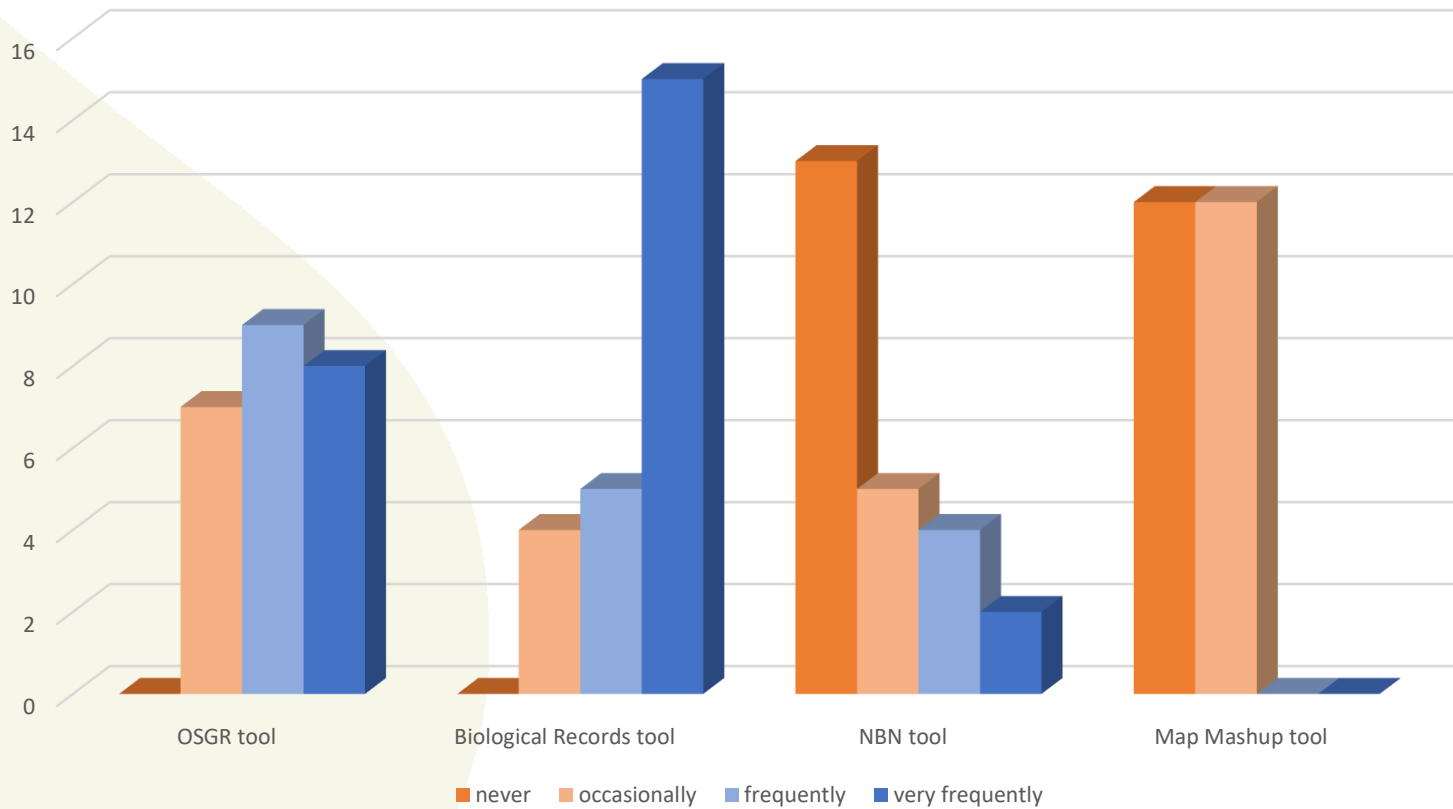
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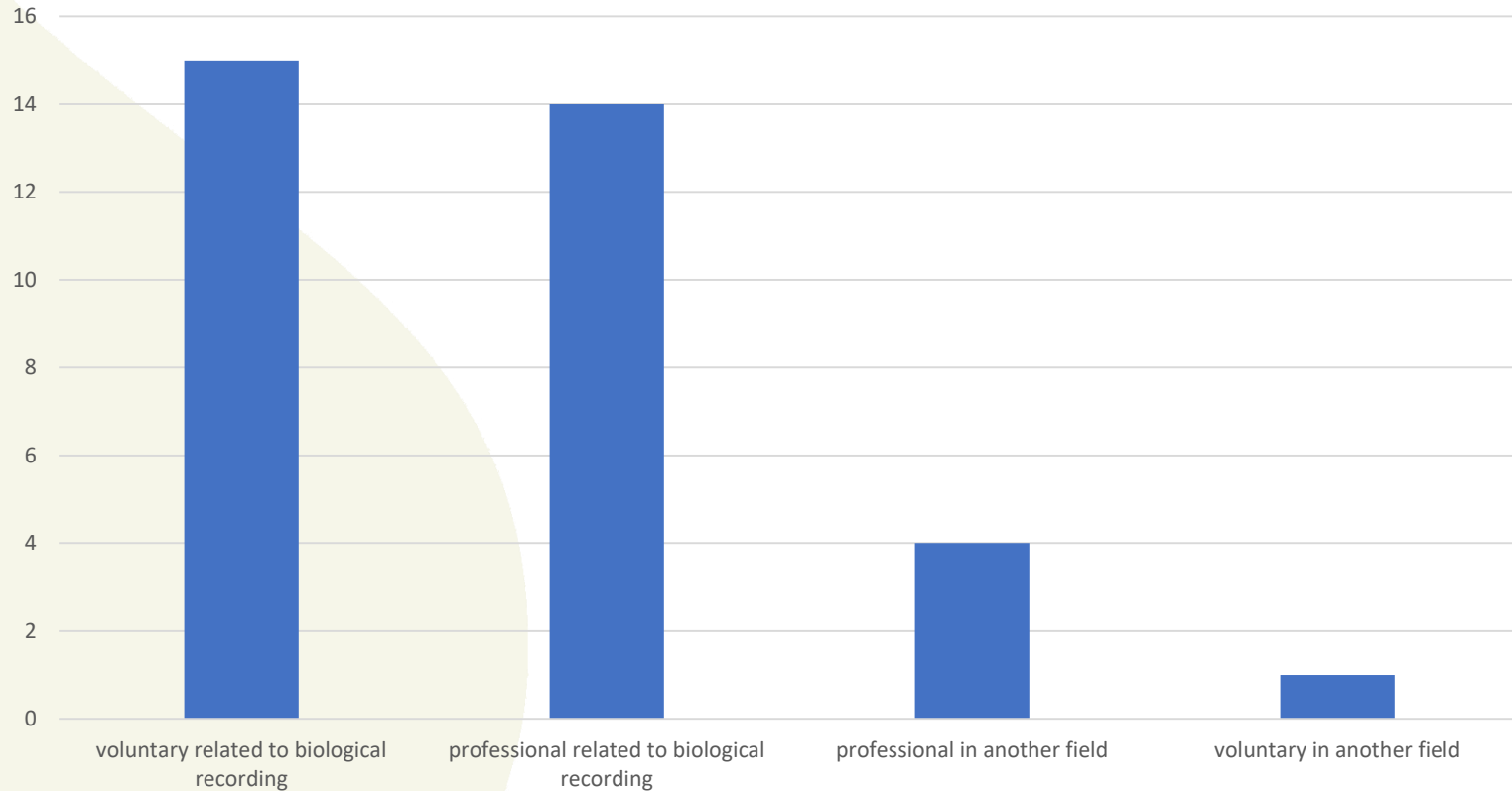
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In what capacity do you use the FSC QGIS Plugin?



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What organisations do you use the FSC QGIS Plugin for?

Gwent amphibian and reptile group

Shropshire Mammal Group

South Wales Mammal Group

London Bat Group

Derbyshire Bat Group

Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend Bat Group

Hampshire Butterfly Conservation

County Moth Recorder

Mersey Rivers Trust

Floodplain Meadows Partnership

Elan Links Project

Elan Valley Trust

CEH Biological Records Centre

FPCR Environment & Design Ltd.

University of Oxford

Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre

Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records

Biodiversity Information Service for Powys and Brecon Beacons (BIS)

West Sussex Council

Chichester County Council

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Bat Conservation Trust

Dipterists Forum (Recording Schemes)

Butterfly Conservation

BWARS

National recording scheme for soldierflies and allies



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What do you use the FSC QGIS Plugin for?

Species/atlas mapping (18)
Grids for field survey (2)
Rapid generation of Shapefiles from CSV (2)
Navigating to an OSGR (2)
Research (2)
Maps for management (1)
Creating OS grids (1)



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What current features of the FSC QGIS Plugin don't work so well for you?

- Working with Irish Grid References (2)
- Working with European data (1)
- Importing large CSV files (2)
- Retaining other data in CSV (2)
- NBN data licensing complications (1)
- Located grid square in OSGR tool disappears! (1)
- Choice of output options in batch mode (1)
- Time manager plugin integration (1)



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What new tools or features would you like to add to the FSC QGIS Plugin?

Using databases for input, e.g. MapMate, Recorder 6 (4)

Retaining more information from original data when aggregating data (3)

Working with Irish national grid (3)

Additional ways to group data in biological records tool, particularly date class (3)

Do things with VCs boundaries, e.g. creating masks, using different styles etc. (2)

Ability to cut and paste to GR's to produce points/squares on the fly (2)

Dynamic grids and point with GR at mouse location

Create a GR attribute on any existing layer and update with the GR at the centroid

Integrated time-series slider to change visibility of records based on date

Automatic taxonomic groupings



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- Have your say!
- <https://www.fscbiodiversity.uk/plugin-consult>
- Will remain open until we carry out more plugin development in 2019
- RB will follow up some ideas individually with consultees

