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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Hen Harriers  
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Sorry it has taken me so long to reply to your email – I've been very busy with other work.

Anyway thanks you for replying and for letting me know about the status of the bird in Poland. This was not something we had realised – there being a tendency for us to assume the status is better everywhere then it is here !

Kind regards

Adrian

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 September 2016 10:31  
**To:** Jowitt, Adrian (NE)  
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Hallo Adrian

I know status of Hen Harrier in England and Scotland, I visit Hen Harrier LIFE project website :) <http://www.rspb.org.uk/henharrierlife/>

[REDACTED] made probably a mistake, because I deal only with the protection of Montagu's Harrier in Poland :) Look hier [www.pygargus.pl](http://www.pygargus.pl)  
Hen Harrier almost extinct in Poland. For over more than 10 years we have no confirmed breeding of this species. It is possible that this species may nest in Poland (probably in the north-eastern part of the country), but unfortunately only single pairs and irregularly.

Best regards

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Dear [REDACTED]

Firstly a quick introduction – I'm a principle Advisor working for Natural England, the governments advisors on nature conservation in England. I mainly deal with policy on a number of subject areas including invasive none native species, woodlands and, relevant to this email, Hen Harriers.

As you will probably be aware Hen Harriers are in a perilous state in England – mainly as a result

of persecution. There is a real desire to turn this around by all sides involved in the issue – not just the conservationists, but also amongst the shooters. As part of this the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), with the help of a number of different organisations and input from [REDACTED] developed a [Hen Harrier recovery plan](#). The plan was published earlier this year and Natural England is taking it forward.

One of the actions in the plan is a proposal for a reintroduction into southern England. In England Hen Harriers have in recent history been associated with the grouse moors of Northern England, although historically they have bred in lowland habitats as indeed they do elsewhere in their range. A population in southern England would increase the range and the resilience of the English Hen Harrier Population and whilst Harriers are pretty faithful to the habitats they are raised in, in part explaining why they have not spread from Northern England, it is thought that a population should be established in the south there would be some movement between the different sub populations. It is early days and at the moment we are starting conversations with a number of people who would be effected by the proposals – most notably land managers in some of the areas proposed.

Obviously one thing we need to consider fairly early on is possible donor sites, our preference being to source birds from healthy populations that are already breeding in similar habitats. I am now looking to have some exploratory conversations with relevant people in countries where Hen harriers do breed in lowland habitats. I have been given your contact details by [REDACTED] and understand that you are involved in Hen harrier conservation in Poland (?). I wonder if it would be possible to set up a call with you some time in the next couple of weeks, preferably in the week starting the 26<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

Kind regards

Adrian

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