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Dune Scrub and Woodland Conference

12th & 13th September 2012 Liverpool Hope University
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12th September

Registration from 08.45 in the Education and Enterprise (EDEN) Building

<u>Session 1</u>	<i>Chaired by Paul Nolan (Director, Mersey Forest)</i>
09:20 - 09.30	Welcome address - Paul Rooney (Director, Sand Dune and Shingle Network)
09.30 - 10.00	Keynote Address - Professor John Rodwell <i>Seeing the wood for the trees among shifting sands</i>
10.00 - 10.20	John Ratcliffe, Jonathan Rothwell & J. Latham, Countryside Council for Wales <i>Atlantic dune woodland: definition and status in Wales and implications for conservation policy</i>
10.20 - 10.40	Helen Rendell (University of Loughborough) & Michèle Clarke (University of Nottingham) <i>"A most striking improvement in such a bleak neighbourhood": understanding the historic drivers of coastal dune afforestation in the context of future climate changes</i>
10.40 - 11.00	Wouter Hantson (Avia-GIS, Belgium), Lammert Kooistra (Wageningen University), Pieter Slim <i>Mapping Invasive Woody Species in Coastal Dunes: a Remote Sensing Approach.</i>
11:00	Tea/ coffee break
11.30 - 11.50	Luc Geelen and Willem Stuulen, Waternet <i>Black Cherry (Prunus serotina) in the Amsterdam Water supply Dune area: fighting an invasion</i>
11.50 - 12.10	Antonio Perfetti and Francesca Logli, Ente Parco regionale Migliarino San Rossore Massaciuccoli <i>Large scale programme of control of invasive coenosis of Yucca gloriosa scrublands to achieve a favourable conservation status of priority habitats of Coastal dunes with Juniperus spp. in northern Tuscany, Italy</i>
12.10 - 12.30	Speakers' panel, question and answer session
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Poster session
<u>Ente Parco regionale Migliarino San Rossore Massaciuccoli (MSRM)</u>	
Antonio Perfetti, Olga Mastroianni, <i>A newborn in the European dune conservation: the ItDuneNetwork</i>	
Raffaele Spinelli, Francesca Logli and Antonio Perfetti, <i>Use of animal power instead of mechanical means for forest management operation in coastal dune areas</i>	
Andrea Bertacchi and Tiziana Lombardi, Università di Pisa <i>The Coastal habitats of MSRM Regional Park (North Tyrrhenian Coast-Tuscany -ITALY)</i>	

Paul Rooney (Liverpool Hope University) and Dr. Maike Isermann (University of Bremen)
Sea Buckthorn removal supporting plant diversity

Mark van Til & Fabienne Doveren, Waternet
Wild fire as a remedy against Sea Buckthorn

Mersey Forest ForestClim project
Gallery of project posters

Session 2 *Chaired by Fred van der Vegte (Integrated Foundation for Dune Management)*

14.10 - 14.30 Sam Provoost, Research Institute for Nature and Forest
Scrub development in De Westhoek Nature Reserve, Belgium

14.30 - 14.50 Martin Annema, Vereniging Natuurmonumenten
Restoration of dune grassland by removing dune scrub and woodland in a Dutch delta

14.50 - 15.10 Penny Ward (WYG Environment) and Martin Measures (Director of Brushdale Environmental)
Clearance of Sea Buckthorn on Coastal Dunes in West Cumbria and Attempts to Re-establish Dune Heath in its place

15.10 - 15.30 Tea/ coffee Break

15.30 - 15.50 Richard Loxton and Laurence Jones (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology)
Dune conifer woodland and clearings: How closely do beetle and spider assemblages match open dune habitats?

15.50 - 16.10 Paul Nolan, Mersey Forest
Management of woodland in a changing climate – options for management and learning from climate twins

16.10 - 16.30 Graham Weaver, Natural England
Towards a national strategy for Sea Buckthorn management in England

16.30 - 17:00 Speakers' panel, question and answer session

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Session 3 *Chaired by John Houston (Sand Dune and Shingle Network Officer)*

09.00 - 09.20 Chris Gibbard, Mersey Forest
Sefton Coast Forest Management Plan – 10 years on

09.20 - 09.40 Tom Butlin, Mersey Forest
Use of multi-criteria decision support tools in forest management planning

09.40 - 10.00 Dr Derek Clarke and Ms Fatemeh Rahimi, University of Southampton
Groundwater recharge in dune systems : an evaluation of tree impacts

10.00- 10.30 Break/questions

10:30 Introduction to field excursion

11:00 Depart for excursion to Sefton Coast - to discuss scrub and woodland on different sites.

16:00 Return to Liverpool Hope