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# Internal Drainage Board Biodiversity Competition 2010

## Winner

Large-Scale Biodiversity Initiative  
Assessed by the IDB BAP Appraisal Group

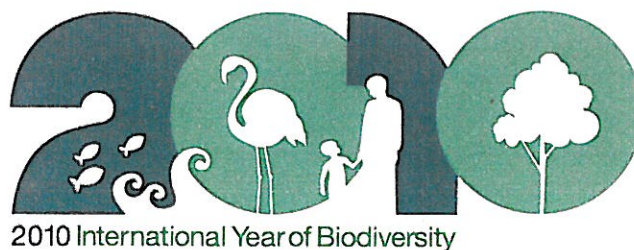
Achieved by

Project        **Otter Holts Construction**  
Board         **The Middle Level IDB BAP Partnership**  
Applicant     **Cliff Carson, Environmental Officer**  
Date          **23 September 2010**

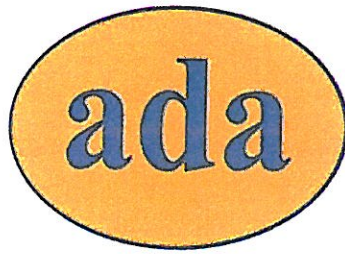
The Appraisal Group commended the Project for its innovative design and implementation, which responds to a need for secure sites for otters to lie-up or to rear young across the Middle Level. The detailed information regarding holt construction and integration of artificial kingfisher nest burrows was particularly praised, as was the ability to monitor otter activity without disturbing each holt and the setting of well-defined targets for holt construction in the Biodiversity Action Plans of a number of Middle Level IDBs.

  
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## Runner Up

Small-Scale Biodiversity Initiative  
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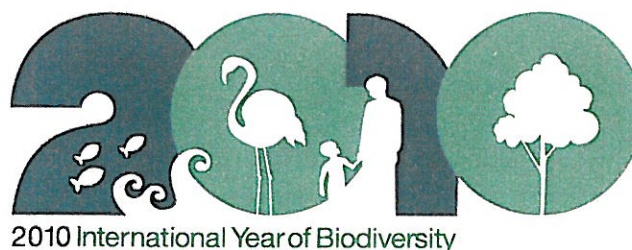
Achieved by

Project      **Kingfisher Nest Site Opportunities in Sheet Piles**  
Board        **The Middle Level IDB BAP Partnership**  
Applicant    **Cliff Carson, Environmental Officer**  
Date         **23 September 2010**

The Appraisal Group commended the Partnership's commitment to establishing Kingfisher nesting sites in sheet piling across the Middle Level, an area that lacks suitable natural nesting banks. The simple, inexpensive methodology and clearly defined targets for implementation within Middle Level IDB Biodiversity Action Plans were particularly praised.

  
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