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**Dear Orchard Owner** 

## People's Trust for Endangered Species Traditional Orchard Survey

Traditional orchards are wildlife havens, as well as having local historical and cultural importance. Alarmingly we have lost 90% of this precious habitat since the 1950s and little is known about the current condition of those that still exist. To find out more People's Trust for Endangered Species is coordinating a project to map and survey traditional orchards across the UK.

The project will result in a comprehensive inventory of traditional orchards, which have recently been added to the list of Priority Habitats under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP).

Gaining local knowledge and making contacts with local orchard owners is vital to the success of this project. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to fill in the attached questionnaire and return it to the freepost address.

Your site will then be added to a digital map together with the orchard details that you provide. We can assure you that any personal details provided will be kept confidential.

Further information about the survey and about orchards in general can be found on our website – www.ptes.org/orchards. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your help,

The Orchard Team 020 7498 4533

