Rachel McCrea is Lecturer in Statistics and NERC Research Fellow based in the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Kent. She is a member of the National Centre for Statistical Ecology which is a research centre spanning many institutions, funded by EPSRC and NERC. Rachel's primary research has focussed on new statistical approaches for the modelling of capture-recapture data and she has recently written a book, *Analysis of capture-recapture data*, published by Chapman and Hall, CRC Press.

Richard Griffiths is Professor of Biological Conservation and Director of the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology in the School of Anthropology and Conservation. His research focuses on amphibian ecology and conservation, and he has been involved in the design and implementation of amphibian survey protocols in Europe, North America, Latin America and Madagascar. Recent work has been funded by NERC, Natural England and Defra, and has focused on evaluating mitigation actions for great crested newts and analysing long-term population trends. Richard is a Trustee of Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and a member of the IUCN Amphibian Specialist Group and Reintroduction Specialist Group.