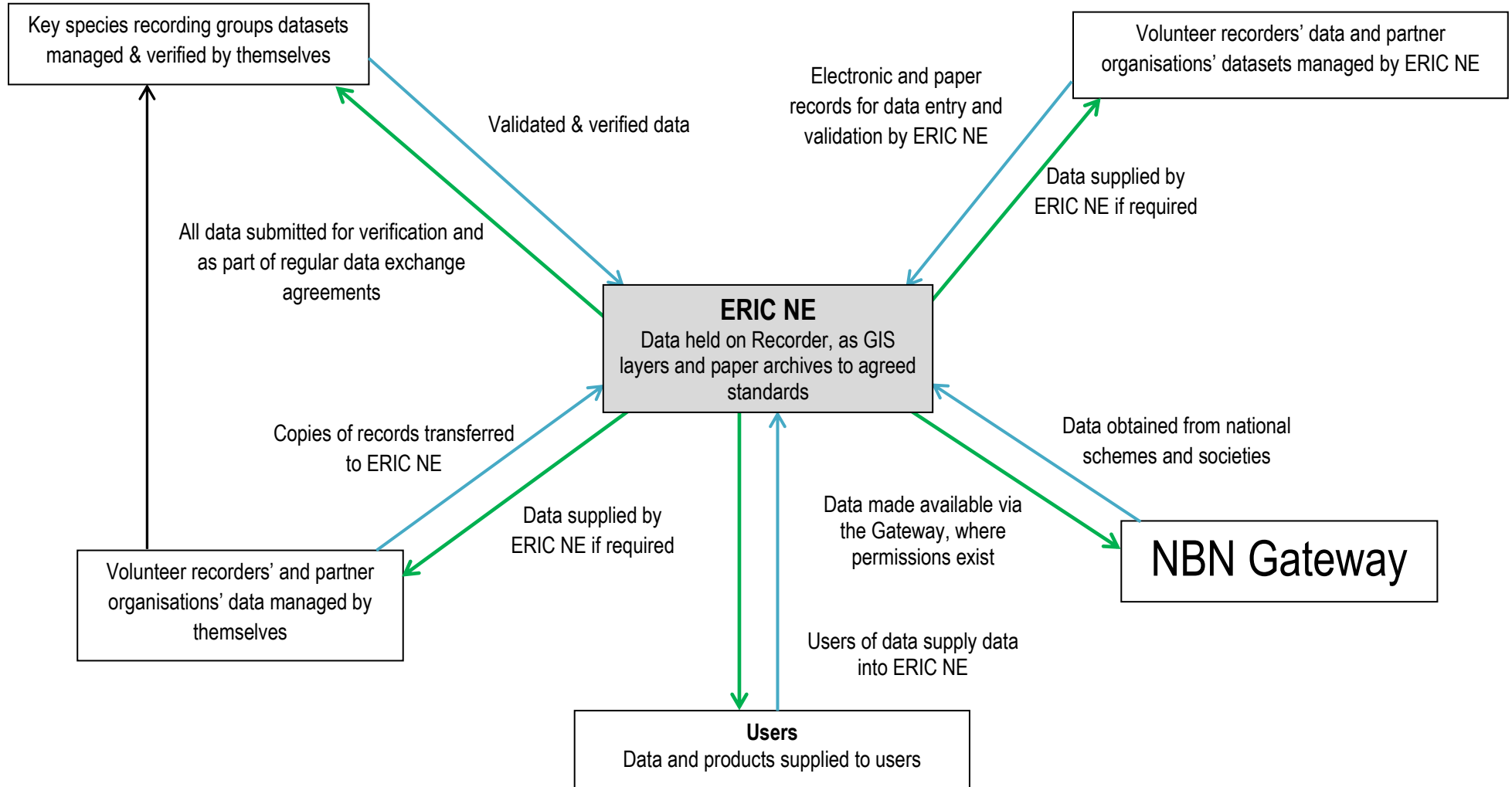




Data Flow Structure

The relationship between data custodians, suppliers and users and ERIC NE



The following applies to the operational model:

- ERIC NE manages one main species database (Recorder 6) with data exchange agreements being used to control use of data by ERIC NE and to enable ERIC NE to offer a range of services to the Groups to support their data gathering and data management activities.
- ERIC NE manages datasets to NBN standards as well as any locally agreed standards.
- Data collected by ERIC NE is collected from a variety of different sources in different formats. Data entry and management is carried out according to any terms that may be set out in Data Sharing agreements with providers as well as ensuring sufficient metadata is supplied so that users can easily ascertain whether the data is suitable for their needs.
- ERIC NE provides data to users according to our data access policy, Data security policy and alongside any terms which may be set out in Data Sharing Agreements. ERIC NE's services are set through our charging policy and funded by Service Level Agreements and one off fees for commercial data searches.
- ERIC NE will accept custodianship of datasets where necessary and manage and disseminate data on their behalf
- ERIC NE will manage all personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
- Where possible records passed to ERIC NE from volunteer recorders on an ad hoc basis are redirected to the appropriate species groups for validation and input, to prevent duplication of records on databases.
- ERIC NE also holds and distributes various GIS datasets on behalf of the funding partners.
- Some data ERIC NE Commercial data users supply species data to ERIC for use in the database. This data is managed to NBN standards and any other locally agreed standards.
- ERIC NE will manage data flow where possible through policies and Data sharing agreements.
- ERIC will manage data according to ERIC Data Management Guidelines. These will be updated on an ad-hoc basis to ensure guidance stays relevant.