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Statement of support:

*LINK does not usually support specific species translocation or reintroduction initiatives. However, this initiative is important when set against the proven wider biodiversity benefits of beaver reintroductions and the current difficulties on beaver translocation, in particular. Members of LINK's Wildlife Group, below, support beaver translocation in general, adhering to the IUCN guidelines, within a carefully assessed and appropriate location and where appropriate monitoring and control / track mechanisms are in place to enable any necessary mitigation strategies. The sort of planned translocation here is, potentially, a simple mechanism for constructively managing conflict whilst maintaining momentum on beaver establishment. That momentum is required to secure the wider ecological benefits the species can deliver. Well evidenced proposals, such as this, should be progressed without long delays and unnecessary procedural distractions.*

This statement is supported by the following members of LINK's Wildlife Group:

Scottish Wildlife Trust, Froglife, RSPB Scotland, Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Scottish Badgers, Butterfly Conservation, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, British Dragonfly Society, Scottish Wild Beaver Group, National Trust for Scotland, Woodland Trust Scotland, Trees for Life, Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation.

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