

Policy area	Action
Marine	<p>Develop and deliver a credible, transformative pathway to ocean recovery by 2030, including matching EU ambition for at least 10% of Scotland's seas to be strictly protected. At least 30% Scotland's seas must be under high levels of protection through MPAs and other measures, and at least a third of that (at least 10% of Scotland's seas) strictly protected in line with EU Biodiversity Strategy ambition, in what should be considered as core ocean recovery zones to enhance marine protection. The National Marine Plan should drive ecological restoration in Scotland to help turn around the decline of nature at sea by 2030.</p> <p>Implementation of ambitious conservation strategies, namely the UK Dolphin and Porpoise Strategy and Scottish Seabird Conservation Strategy, which aligns with spatial management of critical habitat through MPAs and eliminates key threats (e.g. bycatch)</p> <p>Ensure the implementation of the Future Fisheries Management strategy improves inshore fisheries governance, including a mechanism to transition to a new spatial management regime, which includes a presumption against trawling and dredging in a significant part of Scotland's inshore water.</p>
Nature and biodiversity	<p>Ensure Nature Recovery targets, in the Natural Environment Bill, are robust and accompanied by clear duty to meet them and an implementation framework.</p> <p>Develop a plan to maintain grey squirrel biosecurity for the Highlands to protect both red squirrels and developing rainforest restoration initiatives (ScotGov commitment) - clear roles and responsibilities for agencies following the end of the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels initiative.</p> <p>New deer legislation to implement the recommendations of the independent Deer Working Group accepted by Scottish Government, and additional measures to facilitate sustainable deer management in line with the climate and nature</p>

	<p>emergencies.</p> <p>Introduce secondary legislation to extend the female deer seasons and to facilitate sustainable deer management based on humane standards as advised by the Animal Welfare Commission.</p> <p>Provide enhanced public support for venison larders, processing infrastructure and marketing, to support processing of increasing numbers of carcasses and to increase local added value and community benefits.</p> <p>Invest in skills and education to increase stalking capacity and train the next generation of deer stalkers required to manage deer populations to sustainable levels. Roll out NatureScot deer management training events in community land areas.</p> <p>Support pilots for community engagement in deer stalking in Regional Land Use Pilot areas and National Parks, to increase community benefits and sustain low impact deer populations long term.</p> <p>Support investment in NatureScot Deer Recording App, FLS Wildlife Management Portal and background data analysis to encourage better recording of deer numbers across Scotland and to inform population modelling at a national and local level.</p>
Agriculture	<p>Commit to a 2030 target for 10% of land in organic production and an ambitious target for organic public procurement in the Agriculture Bill.</p> <p>Remove the lower limit for farm support and invest in urban and periurban market gardens and new entrants.</p> <p>Double investment in advice and knowledge exchange to support the transition to sustainable and regenerative farming.</p> <p>Provide market-making premiums to farmers growing high-health and climate/nature friendly crops for human consumption, including hemp, buckwheat, heritage barley and beans.</p>
Environmental governance	<p>Publish and implement guidance on EU environmental principles and duty to comply.</p>

	<p>Progress Human Rights Bill, including Human Right to a Healthy Environment.</p> <p>Review responses to governance consultation and undertake reappraisal of the case for an environmental court/tribunal.</p>
Sustainable economy	<p>Commit to timetables for consultation on targets and monitoring framework of Circular Economy Bill and publication of final Circular Economy route map.</p> <p>Bring forward measures to implement article 4 of Single use plastics directive.</p>
Planning	<p>Commit, with a timeframe, to the review of permitted development rights for hilltracks.</p> <p>Publish an action plan/detailed programme for implementing and monitoring the implementation of NPF4 guidance, specifically ‘guidance to support the delivery of biodiversity enhancement from major, national and EIA development’ and ‘planning and climate change’ guidance</p> <p>Publish the results of a review of the Scottish Government’s Carbon Calculator with updated guidance on how developers of onshore wind on peatland are expected to use a revised Carbon Calculator and a commitment to an auditing process to check whether there is consistency in quality, detail and accuracy in how developers report carbon assessments. Carbon Calculator assessments should be able to aid the application of NPF4 Policy 5c), specifically an understanding of whether the net carbon losses from developing a site exceed the expected carbon savings from renewable energy development</p> <p>Set timeline for consulting on regulations for an infrastructure levy, with commitment to allowing Local Authorities to use the levy to support nature restoration (green/blue infrastructure).</p> <p>A spatial protection plan for Scotland’s peatlands that compliments the restoration targets (i.e. identifies and protects areas under restoration, identifies degraded areas to be protected, identifies areas already healthy.</p> <p>Timeframe for implementation of framework for delivery of Scotland’s Nature Network, made up of nature networks across Scotland’s local authorities.</p>

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