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## Consultation on Scotland's Strategic Framework for Biodiversity

Today I launched a [consultation on Scotland's Strategic Framework for Biodiversity](#). I am very grateful to you and your colleagues for your help and support in developing the framework thus far.

The consultation is seeking views on its plans and actions to accelerate nature restoration and regeneration. It sets out the key elements of Scotland's overall Biodiversity Framework, including:

- Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy – published in draft form in December 2022 – setting out goals of halting biodiversity loss by 2030 and reversing declines by 2045;
- The first 5-year Delivery Plan to implement this strategy;
- A set of principles to guide the delivery of key commitments to conserve 30% of land for nature by 2030 and expand 'nature networks' across Scotland;
- Proposals for the upcoming Natural Environment Bill, including the introduction of statutory nature recovery targets which will be binding on government in the same way that climate change targets require Ministers work towards meeting net zero targets; and
- Changes to National Parks legislation to strengthen the leadership role of National Parks in tackling the climate and biodiversity crises.

The consultation will be supported by a series of thematic workshops to ensure people from across different interest groups have the opportunity to ask questions, provide their ideas and help develop the framework to deliver a nature-positive, net zero Scotland. I should be very grateful for your support encouraging engagement and helping to ensure the consultation lands in a positive way.

Thank you for your expert advice and engagement in this process and we look forward to continue to work with you over the course of the next few months.

Kind regards,



**LORNA SLATER**