

Programme for Government 2025 – 2026

LINK Proposals

May 2025

A National Deer Management Programme

Commit to the principles of a National Deer Management Programme and develop its implementation plan.

Commit to begin funding that programme by strategic alignment of Forestry Grant Scheme budget to deer management and natural woodland regeneration.

Organic Action Plan

Fulfil a 2021 PfG commitment and support the organic sector to help farmers to deliver on climate and nature goals, with the Organic Action Plan launched this summer.

Invasive Non-Native Species

Publish national INNS plan plus timed delivery programme, governance structure and reporting mechanisms by end of calendar year 2025.

See more: [Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland: A Plan for Effective Action](#)

Regional Land Use Partnerships

Recommit to RLUPs as a model and produce a roadmap for RLUP rollout across Scotland.

Commit to develop mechanisms for RLUPs to inform decision making on aspects of public spending: for example, by giving RLUPs a coordinating role for collaborative projects.

Utilise the potential of RLUPs to influence high integrity private investment in nature, including through opportunity mapping and in coordinating smaller projects into larger scale opportunities.

See more: [The future of strategic land use planning](#) + [summary briefing](#)

Marine Environment

Consult on and adopt fisheries management measures for all inshore marine protected areas (MPAs) and Priority Marine Features (PMFs) outside MPAs.

Set out initial steps towards an adaptive management framework to ensure the MPA network continues to strengthen and deliver Scotland's 30 x 30 commitments.

Scottish Environment LINK is the forum for Scotland's voluntary environment community, with over 40 member bodies representing a broad spectrum of environmental interests with the common goal of contributing to a more environmentally sustainable society.

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