

NRW B B 43.15 Annex 2 BIODIVERSITY LEGISLATION / POLICY DRIVERS

The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 contains a substantive but not fully comprehensive list of primary and secondary legislation that impinges on all aspects of NRW's work. NRW has a range of advisory and executive functions regarding biodiversity under international agreements, EU and UK legislation and policy drivers which include -

Global Agreements and Conventions including:

Convention on Biological Diversity
Ramsar Convention (Wetlands)
The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

EU Directives and Policies including:

Habitats, Birds and Water Framework Directives
Environmental Impact Assessment Directive / Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive
EU Common Fisheries Policy
Marine Strategy Framework Directive
EU Strategic Plan for Biodiversity
EU Integrated Maritime Policy
Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) Resolutions, Criteria and Indicators
EU Forest Strategy and Action Plan

UK Legislation and Policy including:

Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)
Environment Act (1995)
Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)
UK Biodiversity Framework
The UK Forestry Standard
Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Wales Legislation / Policy including:

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015)
Sustainable Development Scheme – *Status of BAP species and habitats is a headline indicator*
Wales Environment Strategy – *(Biodiversity - Outcomes 19-22)*
Wales Woodland Strategy – 'Woodlands for Wales' (2009)
Agri-environment schemes

Planning Policy Guidance Note and Technical Advice Notes (TAN 5)
Wales Biodiversity Partnership Framework
Pollinators Action Plan

Regional / Local Policies including:

Local Biodiversity Action Plans
Local Development Plans and policies
Supplementary Planning Guidance
River Basin Management Plans
Marine Planning

Natural Resources Wales including:

Natural Resources Wales Corporate Plan & Business Plan
Natural Resources Wales Directorate and Operational Delivery Plans
Natura 2000 Site Management Plans
Forest Design Plans

Future including

Environment Bill
Planning (Wales) Bill
Historic Environment (Wales) Bill
Nature Recovery Plan