

The Biodiversity Duty in Scotland

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Nature Conservation Act (Scotland) 2004

“It is the duty of every public body and office-holder, in exercising any functions, to **further the conservation of biodiversity** so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions”

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- (2) In complying with the duty imposed by subsection (1) a body or office-holder must have regard to—
- (a) any strategy designated under section 2(1),
and
 - (b) the United Nations Environmental Programme Convention on Biological Diversity of 5 June 1992 as amended from time to time (or any United Nations Convention replacing that Convention).

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- Scottish Biodiversity Strategy
- Scottish Biodiversity List
- Report to Parliament every 3 years

The Big Picture

Our Purpose:

To focus Government and public services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth

The Big Picture

5 Strategic Outcomes

- Healthier
- Smarter
- Wealthier and Fairer
- Safer and Stronger
- Greener

‘Improve Scotland's natural and built environment and the sustainable use and enjoyment of it.’

The Big Picture

15 National Outcomes:

- We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.
- We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.
- We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.

45 National Indicators:

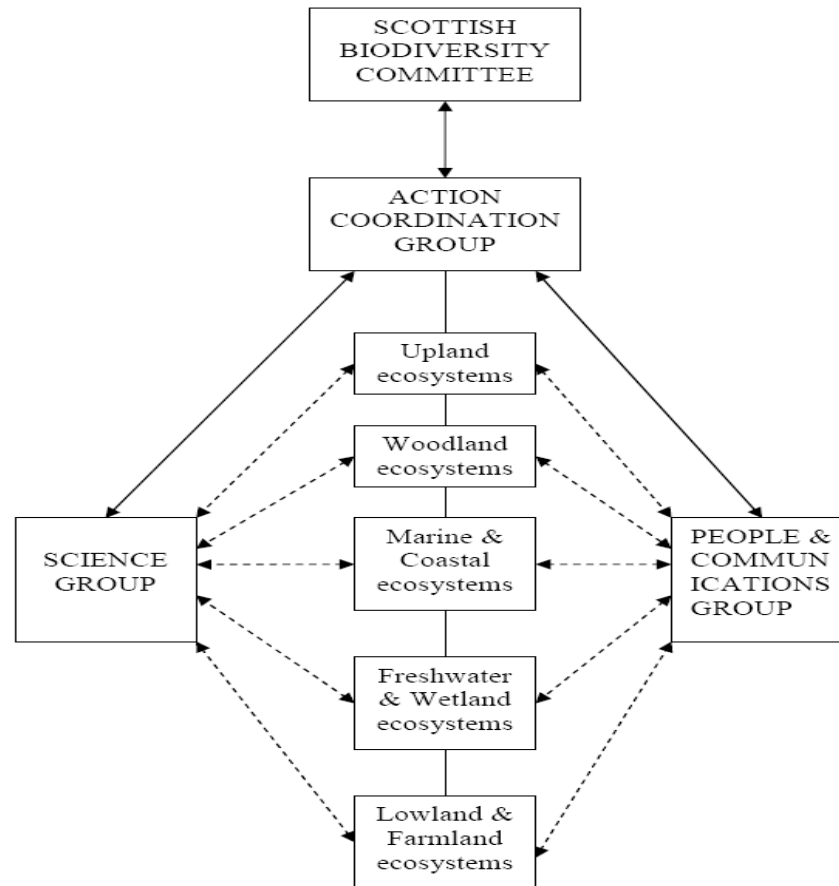
- Increase to 95% the proportion of protected nature sites on favourable condition
- Increase the abundance of the index of terrestrial breeding birds
- Increase the proportion of adults making one or more trips to the outdoors every week

Single Outcome Agreements

- 13 local authorities have included biodiversity indicators
- 13 have included indicators about favourable condition of protected sites
- 13 visits to outdoors

How we do it

STRUCTURE CHART



Cross-cutting components include the LBAP Network and Species Lead Partners

Issues

- One duty among many?
- Implementation on the ground?
- Monitoring?
- Enforcement?
- Guidance?