# Nature Without Borders

***The importance of local action for global targets***

The Wildlife Trusts' primary focus is conserving and restoring nature locally through 46 independent Wildlife Trusts across the UK, Alderney and the Isle of Man. Yet nature and climate do not recognise borders. International engagement is therefore a "golden thread" through Strategy 2030, connecting place-based action with global goals and strengthening delivery at home.

We connect **global to local** by translating international biodiversity and climate targets into practical recovery, and **local to global** by sharing the federation's evidence, expertise and experience. Our distinctive contribution is rooted in strong local community relationships, the places we manage for nature, and our expertise in local conservation and restoration.

By linking action, learning and advocacy across borders, we can accelerate nature's recovery in the UK and beyond.

## Our four international objectives

1. **Deliver locally for global impact.** We strongly align our local work with the UN conventions, the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement. By restoring habitats, reducing emissions and building resilience, local action (from peatland and temperate rainforest restoration to species recovery, marine programmes, and nature-friendly farming) we contribute tackling the interconnected nature and climate crises.
2. **Support international conservation action.** Share the skills and knowledge of 47 charities, 4,400 staff, more than 33,000 volunteers and almost one million members where we can add most value. Our distinctive contributions include world-leading peatland expertise through the IUCN UK Peatland Programme; protection of migratory species across their ranges; recovery of our shared ocean; and support for locally led conservation in the UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.
3. **Maximise networks, partnerships and learning.** Use our founding membership of IUCN and wider international relationships to exchange knowledge, build equitable partnerships and bring global best practice into UK delivery and advocacy, whilst avoiding duplication and the re-inventing of wheels.
4. **Hold our governments to account.** Act as a constructive, critical friend to the UK Government and devolved administrations: supporting strong ambition, contributing practical evidence and challenging lack of progress against international obligations for biodiversity, climate, landscapes and migratory species.

## How we work

All our international engagement follows our values and commitments to equality, diversity and inclusion. We work through invited, equitable and community-centred partnerships, guided by Indigenous and local knowledge and shaped by meaningful community and youth participation. We share power, support locally led action, communicate with cultural respect and plan transitions mutually so that relationships and benefits endure.

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