### Ecologi

# UK Nature Fund: Explainer





# Why your support for the UK Nature Fund matters:



Local nature
recovery projects
tackle climate
change and increase
species diversity
across the UK.



Healthy ecosystems provide a wealth of services, including drought and flood prevention.



Resilient and diverse ecosystems support the health and wellbeing of local people.

Due to human activity, the UK now has less than half of its biodiversity remaining.

The latest <u>State of Nature Report</u> found that 1 in 6 species in the UK is at risk of extinction, and the UK is in the <u>bottom 10</u>% of countries for ecosystem intactness. <u>41</u>% of our insects, vital for the entire food web and pollination of our crops, are threatened with extinction, <u>80</u>% of our peatland is damaged, and <u>92</u>% of our seagrass beds have been lost since 1936.

Recent research by the University of Oxford determined that failing to address environmental degradation in the UK could lead to the UK's GDP being 6 – 12% lower than it would be otherwise by 2030, potentially wiping out around £150 – 300 billion from UK GDP – equivalent to between 4 and 7 years of growth. The study also found that around half of the £4 trillion of financial assets held by UK financial institutions are at least moderately dependent on ecosystem services, and around 10% are highly or very highly dependent. In spite of this, the funding gap that needs filling to achieve the UK's nature targets is estimated to be £56 billion per year. We must reverse biodiversity losses through funding holistic habitat restoration across a range of ecosystems, working alongside local communities.

## 5 types of intervention

# Current site locations







#### Partner spotlight

# International Tree Foundation



Project type: Community tree planting

Location: United Kingdom

Partners since: March 2022



#### We love this partner because

Our work with ITF in the UK supports a range of community-led projects which restore woodland all around the UK – from southern England to Northern Ireland.

As one example, the Uigshader Living Forest Project (ULFP) is a community-driven reforestation initiative on the Isle of Skye. It focuses on restoring an old sitka plantation by planting native trees to restore local biodiversity, improve soil health, and create habitats for wildlife. The project involves the local community in conservation efforts and environmental education, including the local primary school. Within the project area is the picturesque Lon an Eireannach, a small tributary of the River Snizort – and a crucial habitat for salmon.

Read more about this project

#### Partner spotlight

### Project Seagrass

Project type: Seagrass restoration and research

Location: Wales

Partners since: July 2025



#### We love this partner because

The UK's seagrass habitats are vitally important for biodiversity and carbon storage. The leaves of seagrass can also filter pathogens, and pollution out of seawater, making our oceans a cleaner and safer environment to enjoy. With Ecologi's support, Project Seagrass is scaling their work over the coming year, boosting the amount of seagrass they are able to grow and collect seeds from in their nursery in South Wales. They have already had great success with one species that grows in UK waters – Zostera marina – and now they have begun working with the other UK species – Zostera noltii. This important step will unlock significantly more planting opportunities next year, when a project in North Wales will be a focus for Project Seagrass and funding from the Ecologi community. At Ecologi, we listen to the experts to make sure our funding has the biggest possible impact for our climate, nature and biodiversity. Working with Project Seagrass will help your funding for seagrass provide far-reaching benefits for these important ecosystems, both in the UK and globally.

Read more about this project

#### Partner spotlight

### Future Forest Company

Project type: Restoring wildflowers, wetlands and wildlife

Location: United Kingdom

Partners since: May 2020



#### We love this partner because

The UK's biodiversity is under immense pressure. Wildflowers in the UK have fared particularly badly over the last few decades – <u>97% of wildflower meadows have been lost</u> since the 1930s. In 2023, we expanded our long-standing collaboration with the Future Forest Company to work together on the restoration of wildflowers, wetlands and wildlife across Scotland.

The FFC team has been working tirelessly to restore wildflower meadows, regenerate peatlands, and support habitats for wildlife here in the UK. They've already produced some fantastic results, with pine martens and rare butterfly species already spotted onsite.

Read more about this project

### What to expect

When you contribute to an Ecologi fund you'll receive:



A detailed PDF contribution summary with exclusive updates and insights from the projects you are supporting through this fund.



A 6-monthly impact report updating you on what's been achieved recently thanks to your business's contribution to this impact fund.



A range of social assets curated specifically for this fund, making it easy for you to share your contribution's impact with your network.



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