

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for biodiversity and nature protection in Scotland**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 11th September 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of biodiversity and nature protection, and key priorities going forward**
Francesca Osowska, Chief Executive, NatureScot
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Scotland's biodiversity strategy and immediate priorities to halt biodiversity loss**
*addressing the drivers of biodiversity loss | enhancing collaborative structures | prioritising key species and ecosystem outcomes |
addressing harmful practices | promoting nature-based solutions | priorities for supporting the agricultural sector in a move to
enhanced biodiversity and nature protection*
Paul Walton, Head, Habitat and Species, RSPB Scotland
Charlotte Maddix, Scotland Advocacy Coordinator, Rewilding Britain
Sarah Cowie, Senior Policy Manager, NFU Scotland
Joyce Campbell, Farmer and Landowner, Armadale Farm
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Implementing an effective monitoring and evaluation framework**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Developing a coordinated approach and options for alignment with relevant EU and international policy**
Senior representative, policy
- 11.25 **Priorities for effective development and implementation of a Natural Environment Bill**
*options for measurable and achievable statutory targets | introducing a programme of ecosystem restoration | partnership projects
for restoration areas | improving resilience and moving towards Biodiversity Net Gain | protecting coastal and marine ecosystems*
Bruce Wilson, Head, Policy and Advocacy, Scottish Wildlife Trust
Emilie Wadsworth, Senior Climate Resilience Manager, Sniffer
Davy McCracken, Head, Department of Integrated Land Management, Scotland's Rural College
Senior representative, legal
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps and long-term priorities for nature protection and implementing Scotland's biodiversity strategy**
Dr Dave Signorini, Director, Environment and Forestry, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Scotland Policy Conferences