



# At a glance briefing

We are a uniquely broad network of organisations and their leaders, bringing natural capital into mainstream decision-making.

## What is 'natural capital'?

The stocks of natural assets which include geology, soil, air, water and all living things...

### Why is natural capital important?

From natural capital, humans derive a wide range of benefits, often called ecosystem services, that make our life possible.

"Natural capital...
is fundamental to a
healthy and resilient
economy."

Source: Scottish Government Economic Strategy

# Why become a member of the Forum?

Business intelligence: Hear about the latest natural capital approaches and policy developments. We'll help you think about how natural capital relates to your business or organisation, and what the opportunities are.

**Networking:** Connect with other members and key influencers across the private, public and voluntary sectors. We'll bring people together to share experiences and forge new partnerships.

Influence: Help shape future policy by making your voice heard. We'll facilitate an exchange of views, ensuring ideas and actions can quickly gain traction and influence.

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Join the Scottish Forum on Natural Capital and learn how the whole economy relies on the health of our natural environment.

# Our vision and the value we bring

### High level steering group

Convening leaders from the public, voluntary and private sectors, facilitating and influencing an exchange of views, ensuring ideas and actions can quickly gain traction and influence.

#### **Broad Forum membership**

Connecting stakeholders from across society to showcase and exchange the latest natural capital approaches through case studies, events, toolkits, briefs and reports.

### Strong alignment with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

Helping to deliver Scotland's National Performance Framework by identifying opportunities, highlighting gaps in policy, seeking solutions, and enhancing policy coherence.

### Membership of the Scottish Forum is free To find out more, please contact; Rory McLeod, Project Officer 0131 312 4765 rmcleod@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk

#### The vision of the Scottish Forum

A Scotland in which all parts of society, including business, NGOs, the Government, public bodies and communities, recognise our reliance on natural capital and the impact we have on it.

A Scotland in which an understanding of our relationship with natural capital leads to action to protect and rebuild it.

A Scotland which is exercising leadership to galvanise action both here and beyond Scotland's borders.

#### The context we are working in

Interest in a "Green recovery" agenda to tackle the climate biodiversity emergencies.

Momentum, opportunities and global focus on Scotland as the host of UN COP 26.

Demand for sustainable nature based solutions from policy makers, government and business.



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