



Scottish Forum on Natural Capital

At a glance briefing



Natural capital

Natural Capital can be defined as: “the stocks of natural assets which include geology, soil, air, water and all living things”.

There is an **urgent need** for society to gain a better understanding of our reliance and impacts on the world’s **rapidly diminishing natural capital** and **Scotland has as an opportunity to lead by example**.

Scottish Forum overview

Launched in 2013 at the inaugural World Forum on Natural Capital, the Scottish Forum on Natural Capital is a ground-breaking initiative bringing together public, private and voluntary sector organisations to protect and rebuild Scotland’s natural capital.

Founding partners:



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The vision of the Scottish Forum

The Scottish Forum on Natural Capital vision is of:

- A Scotland in which all parts of society, including companies, 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.

Membership

The growing membership of the Scottish Forum includes **over 70 organisations** from the public, private and voluntary sectors that are committed to the vision of the Scottish Forum on Natural Capital.

Membership of the Scottish Forum is free.

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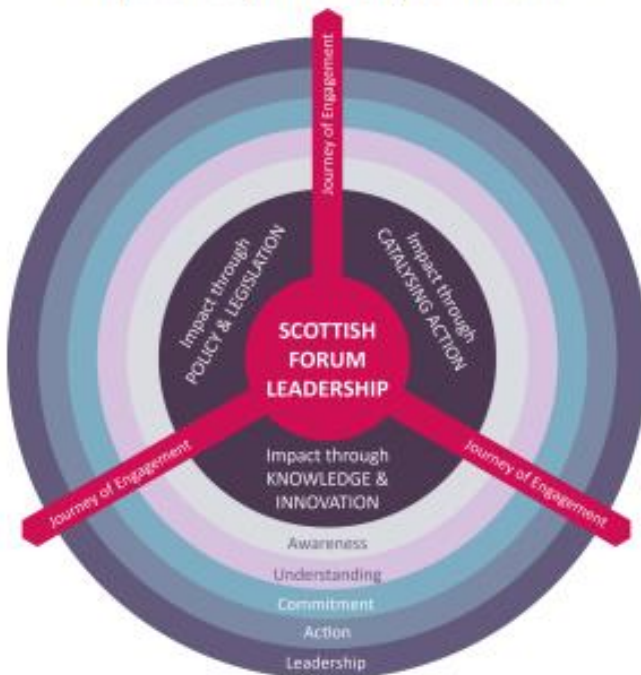
Strategic Framework



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To work towards its vision the Scottish Forum's Strategic Framework is focused on:

- Impact through Catalysing Action
- Impact through Policy & Legislation
- Impact through Knowledge & Innovation



Long-term Strategic Aims

Impact through Policy and Legislation

- Scotland has a policy framework informed by natural capital thinking, including the use of appropriate business incentives and penalties.
- The Scottish Government's expectations in relation to natural capital expressed in the Government Economic Strategy, Programme for Government and the National Performance Framework are understood across the public, private and voluntary sectors.
- Scotland's natural capital risks and trends are routinely monitored, using robust data, as an integral part of the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework.

Impact through Knowledge and Innovation

- Stakeholders from Scotland's public, private and voluntary sectors are using and actively shaping natural capital research in Scotland.
- Decisions in Scotland's public, private and voluntary sectors are informed by leading natural capital research and practice from Scotland and around the world.
- Scotland has a dynamic and successful natural capital innovation programme, engaging a variety of sectors, leading to new approaches to protecting and enhancing natural capital.

Impact through Catalysing Action

- Action to protect and enhance natural capital is championed by a wide range of stakeholders from Scotland's public, private and voluntary sectors
- Collaboration is leading to increasing investment in Scotland's natural capital.
- Natural capital related initiatives (e.g. Natural Capital Protocol, Natural Capital Declaration) are widely adopted within Scotland.