



The one hundred and thirty-sixth meeting of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee to be held at 11.00 on Wednesday 13th September 2023 and 09.00 on Thursday 14th September 2023, at JNCC's offices, Inverdee House, Baxter Street, Aberdeen AB11 9QA

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Matters arising

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Executive Summary

1. A report on outstanding action points from previous meetings is attached at Annex 1. All other action points have been discharged.

Annex 1: Action Points Table Joint Committee 2022 to 2023

March 2022

Action	Person responsible	Progress update
Meeting Day 2		
6.6 Report from Committee sub-groups (Official-sensitive) (Oral) AP12. Dr Wilkinson to develop a workshop/engagement event in the next 12 months, for Committee members to take a strategic look at international reporting and to consider opportunities for streamlining reporting requirements across conventions.	Ms Askew/Ms Stoker	On hold. There have been significant cuts to JNCC's reserved funding and one of the elements that has been dropped out is streamlining the UK's international reporting. Discussions are underway with Defra.

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Meeting Day 1		
6.5 Global nature context and implications for the UK (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 06P) AP01 Ms Askew and Ms Stoker to prioritise the MEAs that JNCC provides scientific advice to and those JNCC could provide advice to as part of the international roadmap and provide a paper later in the year setting out the international roadmap in more detail.	Ms Askew/Ms Stoker	In progress. Team Leaders have been commissioned to deliver components of the roadmap in Q1, which will be brought together in Q2 into a paper for Joint Committee at the November meeting. This includes prioritisation of the MEAs.
7.6 JNCC Strategy 2030 – “Together for Nature” (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 07D) AP02 Dr Harper to provide feedback to members on comments made by Defra on the set of KPI's for 2023/24 after the first Ministerial Delivery Meeting.	Dr Harper	Complete. No direct comment on the KPIs was provided at the Ministerial Delivery Meeting, it was clear that the Minister and Defra support our work and are content with our approach to focus on critical milestones this year.

Meeting Day 2		
<p>4.4.v JNCC business plan 2023 to 2024 including budget scenarios (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 10D) AP09 Mr Collins to add an additional column to the KPI table to highlight where there are links to more than one strategic priority.</p>	Mr Collins	On hold until Q3. ELT agreed to focus on the development and use of key Milestones for the year. These were agreed ahead of a ministerial performance review in May. Further development of our outcome focused KPIs is planned for later in the year.
<p>6.4.ii Risk Management in JNCC (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 12D) AP13 Country body members to email their risk appetite statements to Mrs Quince.</p>	Country Body Members	Discharged through CNCB Governance teams.
<p>6.4.ii Risk Management in JNCC (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 12D) AP14 ELT to consider the risk appetite in each of the 10 categories and circulate the revised statement to Joint Committee for comments.</p>	ELT	To be completed once CNCB risk appetite documents available.

June 2023

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Meeting Day 1		
<p>5.2 Matters Arising (Official) (JNCC 23 21P) AP01 Governance Team to liaise with NRW regarding the planned ARAC meeting in Bangor in November 2023 and Joint Committee meeting in Cardiff in March 2024.</p>	Governance Team	In progress. ARAC meeting in Bangor is now virtual rather than in person.

<p>7.4 iv Report from Chief Scientists Group (Official) (JNCC 23 22P) AP03 Mr Stone to follow up on JNCC inclusion in the UKRI RIDE forum and continue to develop relationship with UKRI.</p>	<p>Prof Stone</p>	<p>Complete. JNCC now represented on UKRI RIDE forum. Relationship with UKRI being developed – JNCC now involved in the drafting of two future research calls.</p>
<p>8.3 vii The role of JNCC within the context of CBD Global Biodiversity Framework Commitments – updates on actions agreed at the March engagement event (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 23 24D) AP04 Dr Wilkinson to find out if all statutory bodies have the same level of authority in developing and implementing policies in relation to the CBD Global Biodiversity Framework commitments.</p>	<p>Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Complete. Defra and the devolved governments are responsible for implementation of GBF and developing policies. ALBs, including the SNCBs, have a delivery and advice function. OEP, ESS and IEPAW all have a slightly different role. This is set out in this review http://cms/JNCCIntranet63/pdf/cpe-environmental-governance-bodiesintheUK-v2.pdf (first table is useful in this respect)</p>
<p>8.4 The role of JNCC within the context of CBD Global Biodiversity Framework Commitments – updates on actions agreed at the March engagement event (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 23 24D) AP05 Dr Wilkinson to coordinate gaining clarity from the UK governments on their plans in relation to reporting on the CBD Global Biodiversity Framework commitments.</p>	<p>Dr Wilkinson</p>	<p>Complete. In the context of the GBF, all have expressed an interest in our UK GBF Response project, especially ESS and OEP given their wider remit than IEPAW. Defra have been actioned by 4CBG to check if the OEP's duties extend to overseeing the GBF targets, in addition to the EIP. This is outstanding with a rather unclear answer to date.</p>
<p>9.4 Species Monitoring – investment in surveillance schemes (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 23 25D) AP06 CSG to discuss which species monitoring schemes should be maintained and how budget for innovation in this area can be sources.</p>	<p>CSG</p>	<p>Complete. to be discussed at October meeting of CSG.</p>

Meeting Day 2		
<p>3.2 vi Feedback on engagement event (Official-sensitive) (Oral)</p> <p>AP07 ELT to consider replicating the September Scottish Parliamentary Event in England and Wales to promote JNCC's work and build consensus.</p>	ELT	In progress
<p>6.2 ii Report from the three thematic Joint Committee sub-groups) (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 29P) - International sub-group update</p> <p>AP08 International sub-group to change their title to "International & UK Overseas Territories".</p>	Ms Askew/Ms Stoker	Completed. In July 2023 the sub-group agreed to adopt the title of 'International and Overseas Territories' (IOT).
<p>6.2 ii Report from the three thematic Joint Committee sub-groups) (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 29P) - International</p> <p>AP09 Ms Stoker and Ms Askew to explore ways for UKOTA representation on the sub-group.</p>	Ms Stoker/Ms Askew	Completed. In July 2023 the sub-group discussed options and concluded the chair, Steve Ormerod, would write to UKOTA inviting them to nominate a representative to join the sub-group.
<p>6.6 Report from the three thematic Joint Committee sub-groups) (Official-Sensitive) (JNCC 23 29P) - UK Co-ordination</p> <p>AP10 Committee to appoint a new Chair to the UK Co-ordination sub-group.</p>	Mr Banner	In progress.
<p>8.3 ix Performance report for year ended 31 March 2023 (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 23 30D)</p>	ELT	In progress.

<p>AP13 Potential to second JNCC staff to DAERA to help deliver CBD priorities should be explored by ELT.</p>		
<p>8.4 Performance report for year ended 31 March 2023 (Official-sensitive) (JNCC 23 30D)</p> <p>AP14 CSG to consider how resources are deployed across the SNCBs in freshwater and inland waterways and whether a new interagency group is required on this area</p>	<p>CSG</p>	<p>Complete. Interagency group exists. The group will bring an update and issues paper to CSG in Q4.</p>

24 July Intersessional Meeting

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<p>AP01 Tracey Quince to review whether remuneration can be implemented for the Deputy Chair role.</p>	<p>Mrs Quince</p>	<p>In progress.</p>
<p>AP03 Dr Goold to arrange for an update on the current situation relating to bird flu to be circulated to members.</p>	<p>Dr Goold</p>	<p>In progress.</p>