

UK State of Nature Report



The *UK State of Nature Report 2019* was published.

The report uses information from many data providers to identify overall change in abundance and distribution for a range of species. These sources include the UK Biodiversity Indicators, academic literature and measures specifically devised by the partnership.

Many of the UK surveillance schemes that provided data and evidence for the report are highly dependent on the huge contributions of skilled volunteers.

JNCC's Chief Executive, Marcus Yeo, said: "We're pleased to be able to work with the country nature conservation bodies and our NGO partners, to provide best-available evidence that can be used by all to better understand how nature is changing across the UK. We recognise that the continuing declines in biodiversity require urgent action from across society. This report also highlights success stories from which we can learn, and which should be celebrated. Conservation is successful when we all work together."

For more than 25 years JNCC has provided robust evidence and trusted advice on nature conservation to enable UK governments to achieve their policy objectives. As a public body we also work in partnership with business and society. Our people are dedicated to providing high-quality evidence and advice on the natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations. Our vision is to be a world-leading provider of innovative solutions, placing nature at the heart of sustainable wealth and wellbeing.

JNCC attends ESP 10



JNCC staff attended the ESP 10 (Ecosystems Services Partnership) conference in Hannover, Germany.

Amanda Gregory and James Hutchison presented their Natural Capital work in the Overseas Territories alongside the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute, Scotland's Rural College and the British Antarctic Survey. Matt Smith and Jo Hawker contributed to the organisation of the ESP Business track session. Matt presented on JNCC's work in Chile and Colombia, demonstrating the use of earth observation in the application of landscape approaches to ecosystem services delivery and in improving the sustainability of local livelihoods.

Jo and Matt also pitched JNCC projects for the Ecosystem Services in Practise Award, with Matt placing third and presenting during the closing session – a great opportunity to raise awareness of JNCC's work in an international setting!

Circular Cities



As part of *Circular Cities Week*, JNCC hosted a workshop with Opportunity Peterborough on aligning natural capital and the circular economy at a city scale. Peterborough aims to be operating as a truly circular city by 2050.

Representatives from local and national businesses attended, and engaged in lively discussions on the benefits that a circular economy can bring. Speakers included Matt Smith, JNCC; Krista Patrick, Greater Manchester Combined Authority; Steve Arnold, Environment Agency; Trevor Gibson, Opportunity Peterborough; Denyse Julien, Cranfield University and Katie Thomas, Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Our thanks to all who attended.

TEPoP 2019



The UK Terrestrial Evidence Partnership of Partnerships brings together representatives from across many biodiversity monitoring schemes, to collaborate and share news. The annual meeting for 2019 was held at JNCC in Peterborough, with representatives from all partner monitoring schemes and the country nature conservation bodies present.

The group heard updates from all partnership schemes, outlining exciting developments from the year. Common themes included the involvement of volunteers recording multiple taxa, improvements to websites, and the development of new methods and analyses. Workshops explored ways to work together to access new sources of funding for schemes, and ways partnerships could work together to improve communications with volunteers and policy makers.

Making a difference



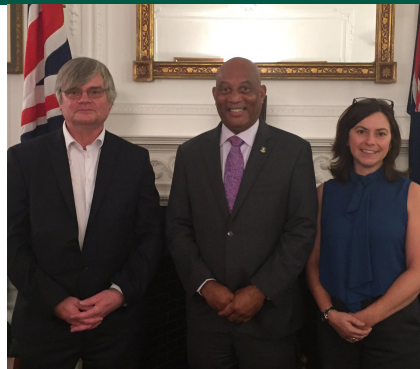
JNCC staff from our Aberdeen office took a day out volunteering and planting trees at the City Social Care facility at Easter Anguston Farm. They were blessed with blue skies, working outdoors and a healthy dose of nature!

Meanwhile, staff from the Peterborough office took part in a beach clean at Old Hunstanton in Norfolk, collecting rubbish and microplastics, and enjoying the sea air.



Enhancing economic stability

JNCC's Tony Weighell and Amanda Gregory met with The Honourable Minister Wheatley, Minister of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration from the Government of the British Virgin Islands (BVI) at their London office. They discussed the *Enhancing economic stability through environmental resilience* project, looking at natural capital data, indicators, economics and reporting for disaster preparedness in the BVI.



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