

Supporting document: Contribution of the Environment Strategy vision and outcomes to National Outcomes and UN Sustainable Development Goals



Centre: Environment Strategy vision

Inner ring: Environment Strategy outcomes

Middle ring: National Outcomes in the National Performance Framework

Outer ring: UN Sustainable Development Goals

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Key

National Outcomes in the National Performance Framework:

-  **Children & young people:** We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential
-  **Communities:** We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
-  **Culture:** We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely
-  **Economy:** We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy
-  **Education:** We are well-educated, skilled and able to contribute to society
-  **Environment:** We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment
-  **Fair work & business:** We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone
-  **Health:** We are healthy and active
-  **Human rights:** We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination
-  **International:** We are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally
-  **Poverty:** We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally

UN Sustainable Development Goals:



Outline of contributions

National Outcomes:	Sustainable Development Goals:
 <p>Environment: Restoring nature, ending our contribution to climate change and using resources sustainably will help to ensure that we value, enjoy, protect and enhance Scotland's natural environment. It will also support our contribution to tackling the global climate and nature crises.</p>	6: Clean water and sanitation 12: Responsible consumption and production 13: Climate action 14: Life below water 15: Life on land
 <p>Economy: Our natural environment is the foundation of our economy, supplying resources, energy and essential services. Leading in the just transition to a net zero, circular economy will create significant new opportunities for Scotland's economy.</p>	8: Decent work and economic growth
 <p>Fair work & business: Many of our industries directly depend on the quality of our natural environment. It supports hundreds of thousands of jobs. The just transition to a net zero, circular economy will help to drive innovation and create new opportunities for business and employment, including in remote rural areas.</p>	9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure
 <p>Communities: Improving the health and accessibility of our natural environment, and boosting green infrastructure in our towns and cities, will help to ensure that our communities benefit fully from the services nature provides.</p>	11: Sustainable cities and communities
 <p>Human rights: The First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership recommended recognising a human right to a healthy environment.</p>	16: Peace, justice and strong institutions
 <p>Education: There is growing evidence that outdoor learning in nature improves children's educational attainment.</p>	4: Quality education
 <p>Poverty: The just transition to a net zero, circular economy will help to create well-paid jobs; support a more inclusive workforce; and tackle inequalities, including fuel and transport poverty. Evidence shows that access to quality greenspace helps to mitigate the health impacts of economic inequalities.</p>	1: No poverty 2: Zero hunger 5: Gender equality 7: Affordable and clean energy 10: Reduced inequality <i>See Note on page 4.</i>

National Outcomes:	Sustainable Development Goals:
 <p>Health: Our physical health depends on a healthy environment. For example, air pollution is associated with around 1700 premature deaths in Scotland per year.¹ Access to greenspace for exercise and recreation can help to prevent and manage a wide range of health conditions. There is strong evidence that spending time outdoors in nature improves our mental health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>3: Good health and wellbeing</p> <p>See <i>Note below</i>.</p>
 <p>Children & young people: Playing and exercising outdoors in nature improves children's health, wellbeing and resilience.</p>	
 <p>Culture: Scotland's nature and landscapes provide inspiration and beautiful places for the enjoyment of our culture and the arts. They are key to our national identity.</p>	
 <p>International: Our natural environment attracts people to choose Scotland as a place to live and work. As a good global citizen, Scotland will play its full role in tackling the climate and nature crises - working collaboratively with other countries and through global forums.</p>	<p>17: Partnerships to achieve the goals</p>

Note: In addition to the benefits for Scotland summarised above, tackling the climate and nature crises will help to mitigate impacts on other countries at the front line of these crises. This will contribute to delivering a wide range of Sustainable Development Goals, including those relating to poverty (Goal 1), hunger (Goal 2), health (Goal 3), gender equality² (Goal 5), clean water (Goal 6) and reduced inequalities (Goal 10).

1 Mortality associated with exposure to fine particulate matter. <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/air-pollution-and-health-briefing-note-mortality-associated-with-exposure-to-fine-particulate-matter-pm25-attributable-mortality-in-scotland/>

2 <https://unfccc.int/gender>