

TARGETS AND OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

The Targets and Outcomes framework sets the ambition for how Protected Landscapes should seek to achieve three outcomes from the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP):

- **Goal 1:** Thriving plants and wildlife
- **Goal 7:** Mitigating and adapting to climate change
- **Goal 10:** Enhancing beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment.

The framework should empower Protected Landscape bodies, relevant authorities, farmers, land managers and other organisations to work together in planning and targeting resources and activity. The targets in this framework are set at a national level for all 44 landscapes as a collective. Each individual Protected Landscape body, working with relevant local partners, will set their own individual contribution, which will be embedded in their management plan. Natural England will support this process and ensure contributions represent a fair share and add up to the national total. Natural England intend to start work on the apportionment process in the spring. Natural England will also be responsible for collating data from a range of partner organisations (where available on an annual basis), to demonstrate how Protected Landscapes, as areas, are progressing towards their targets.

THE TARGETS:

Thriving Plants and Wildlife

- 1) *Target 1* – Restore or create more than 250,000 hectares of a range of wildlife-rich habitats within Protected Landscapes, outside protected sites by 2042 (from a 2022 baseline)
- 2) *Target 2* – Bring 80% of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes into favourable condition by 2042
- 3) *Target 3* – For 60% of SSSIs within Protected Landscapes assessed as having ‘actions on track’ to achieve favourable condition by 31 January 2028
- 4) *Target 4* – Continuing favourable management of all existing priority habitat already in favourable condition outside of SSSIs (from a 2022 baseline) and increasing to include all newly restored or created habitat through agri-environment schemes by 2042
- 5) *Target 5* – Ensuring at least 65% to 80% of land managers adopt nature friendly farming on at least 10% to 15% of their land by 2030

Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change

- 6) *Target 6* – Reduce net greenhouse gas emissions in Protected Landscapes to net zero by 2050 relative to 1990 levels
- 7) *Target 7* – Restore approximately 130,000 hectares of peat in Protected Landscapes by 2050
- 8) *Target 8* – Increase tree canopy and woodland cover (combined) by 3% of total land area in Protected Landscapes by 2050 (from 2022 baseline)

Enhancing Beauty, Heritage and Engagement with the Natural Environment

- 9) *Target 9* – Improve and promote accessibility to and engagement with Protected Landscapes for all using existing metrics in our Access for All programme
- 10) *Target 10* – Decrease the number of nationally designated heritage assets at risk in Protected Landscapes