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Joint Nature Conservation Committee

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1. There were no matters arising from the November 2013 Committee meeting.
2. Reporting on action points from the November 2013 meeting is included in Annex 1.

Annex 1. Action points from the November 2013 Committee meeting

Agenda item	Action Point	Status
5.6 Chief Executive's report on topical issues (JNCC 13 D06)	<p>Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) to monitor progress on the Strategic Alignment programme and Mr Duke to raise any concerns with the Joint Committee.</p> <p>Mr Yeo to report back to Defra on Committee's concerns around Strategic Alignment and to regularly update Committee on Strategic Alignment developments.</p>	<p>The Chief Executive provided ARAC with an intersessional update on the One Business (Strategic Alignment) programme in January. ARAC will discuss risks around Strategic Alignment at their meeting on 24 March and the ARAC Chair will report back to Joint Committee on 26 March.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>
5.11 Chief Executive's report on topical issues (JNCC 13 D06)	<p>Mr Yeo to engage with Defra's sponsorship team on managing appointments and publicising vacancies on the Joint Committee.</p>	<p>Defra intend to start the appointment process for two independent Committee members once the new Chair has been appointed. Ideas for publicising vacancies will be discussed with Defra in due course.</p>
6.8 JNCC evidence quality policy (JNCC 13 P15)	<p>Executive Management Board to approve a compliance monitoring process to support JNCC's evidence quality policy.</p>	<p>Ongoing. The monitoring of compliance with the evidence quality policy will be developed alongside its implementation.</p>
8.4 Advancing conservation science thinking on protected areas in the UK (JNCC 13 D08)	<p>Mr Casement to lead working group, including NGO representation, on future approach to protected areas.</p>	<p>The Chair agreed an alternative action with Committee following the meeting.</p> <p>A working sub-group of Committee will discuss the next draft of the paper on protected areas on 19 March and Professor Kaiser will report the outcomes of the working group's discussion to the March Committee meeting.</p>

<p>12.5 Changes to governance arrangements (JNCC 13 P19)</p>	<p>Support company staff to address issues raised in relation to the Chief Scientists' Group and representation of country conservation bodies on Committee sub-groups, for discussion by Committee in March 2014.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Chief Scientists' Group have started to discuss the issue. Some initial ideas are included in a paper to the March Committee meeting.</p>
<p>12.8 Changes to governance arrangements (JNCC 13 P19)</p>	<p>Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to feedback on succession planning discussion at March 2014 Committee meeting.</p>	<p>To be discussed at the March Committee meeting.</p>
<p>13.1ii Progress against the Triennial Review implementation plan (JNCC 13 D09)</p>	<p>Mr Yeo to circulate information on key stakeholders to Committee members.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>