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JOINT NATURE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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1. At the December meeting, Committee approved a draft strategy (JNCC 08 P15) as a basis for consultation with core stakeholders.
2. Since this meeting, consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders in Defra, other Whitehall departments, devolved administrations and the country conservation bodies. Meetings were held with most of the core stakeholders.
3. Stakeholders have expressed strong support for the revised strategy and welcomed the clarity it provides about JNCC's future direction. Only minor amendments have been made to clarify the text as a result. The final draft, with changes highlighted, is attached at Annex 1.
4. The strategy has already been used to guide the development of the business plan for 2009/10 (JNCC 09 P01) and will continue to shape JNCC's work in the short to medium term.

Annex1. Proposals for revised vision, mission and strategic objectives¹

Vision for JNCC

JNCC will be recognised as a reputable provider of high-quality scientific evidence and advice relating to UK-wide and international terrestrial and marine nature conservation working with the country conservation bodies.

Mission for JNCC

JNCC provides evidence and advice to assist the UK government and devolved administrations in developing and implementing coherent domestic and international policies on the protection of natural resources as an integral part of sustainable development. The evidence and advice covers biodiversity and geodiversity issues which arise in one or more country within the UK and affect the interests of the UK as a whole, in the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, and, where appropriate, internationally. JNCC disseminates knowledge to foster understanding of these issues.

Through the Support Company, JNCC staff provide support to enable JNCC to advance its vision and mission.

Our strengths are:

1. we operate at a UK level within a devolved UK
2. we have a strong culture of working with others and promoting collaboration
3. we work across multiple geographic scales, which strengthens our evidence base and our capability to deliver
4. we have, and draw together, a wealth of skills and knowledge on nature conservation in the terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments

We will:

5. contribute to the development of the UK, EU and global evidence base and identify future challenges to UK biodiversity and geodiversity by gathering intelligence and assessing risk and opportunity
6. provide advice and long-term thinking on solutions to biodiversity and geodiversity challenges, and engage in, commission and deliver initiatives to address these challenges:
 - a. outside territorial waters
 - b. in the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies
 - c. globally

¹ Amendments made as a result of consultation with stakeholders are underlined.

7. act as an informed link between national, European and global decision-making and implementation bodies, and provide advice on policy and implementation and communicate best practice to stakeholders working across and at these scales.