



Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

2004 asp 6

PART 1

BIODIVERSITY

1 Duty to further the conservation of biodiversity

- (1) It is the duty of every public body and office-holder, in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.
- (2) In complying with the duty imposed by subsection (1) a body or office-holder must have regard to—
 - (a) any strategy designated under section 2(1), and
 - (b) the United Nations Environmental Programme Convention on Biological Diversity of 5 June 1992 as amended from time to time (or any United Nations Convention replacing that Convention).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1 modified (31.10.2009) by [Climate Change \(Scotland\) Act 2009 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 59(4), 100(2)** (with s. 95); [S.S.I. 2009/341](#), **art. 2(2)(a)**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 in force at 29.11.2004 by [S.S.I. 2004/495](#), **art. 2**

Status:

Point in time view as at 31/10/2009.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004, Section 1.