



# Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 28

### PART I

#### SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE

##### *Establishment of SNH*

#### **1 Scottish Natural Heritage.**

- (1) There shall be established a body to be known as “Scottish Natural Heritage” (in this Part of this Act referred to as “SNH”) whose general aims and purposes shall be —
- [<sup>F1</sup>(a) in relation to natural heritage, those specified in subsection (1A) below,
  - (b) in relation to deer, those specified in section 1(1) of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 (c. 58).
- (1A) SNH's general aims and purposes in relation to natural heritage are— ]
- (a) to secure the conservation and enhancement of; and
  - (b) to foster understanding and facilitate the enjoyment of,
- the natural heritage of Scotland; and SNH shall have regard to the desirability of securing that anything done, whether by SNH or any other person, in relation to the natural heritage of Scotland is undertaken in a manner which is sustainable.
- (2) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the constitution and proceedings of and other matters relating to Scottish Natural Heritage.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act, “the natural heritage of Scotland” includes the flora and fauna of Scotland, its geological and physiographical features, its natural beauty and amenity; and references to “natural heritage” shall be construed accordingly.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(4) In this Act, “natural heritage functions”, in relation to SNH, does not include the functions in relation to deer conferred on it by or under the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 (c. 58) or any other enactment other than one in this Act. ]

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Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991, Section 1 . (See end of Document for details)*

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1 inserted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#) , s. 134(7) , [Sch. 1 para. 2\(a\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/221 , art. 3(2) , Sch.
- F2** S. 1(4) inserted (1.8.2010) by [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 8\)](#) , s. 134(7) , [Sch. 1 para. 2\(b\)](#) ; S.S.I. 2010/221 , art. 3(2) , Sch.

### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 wholly in force at 27.11.1991 see s. 28(2) ad [S.I. 1991/2633](#) , art. 3 , [Sch.](#)

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