



Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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PART 1

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

General

24 Power to amend periods for the preparation and publication of documents

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision changing the time by which the following documents must be prepared or published—
 - (a) a state of natural resources report or a draft of such a report;
 - (b) the national natural resources policy.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision by way of amendment of this Part.
- (3) Before making regulations under subsection (1) the Welsh Ministers must consult NRW.

25 Regulations under this Part

- (1) A power to make regulations under this Part is to be exercised by statutory instrument.
- (2) A power to make regulations under this Part includes power—
 - (a) to make different provision for different purposes or cases;
 - (b) to make transitional or saving provision.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this Part may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the National Assembly for Wales.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations whose only substantive effect is to revoke regulations made under section 22(1) is not subject to the requirement in

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subsection (3), but must be laid before the National Assembly for Wales after being made.

26 General interpretation of this Part

In this Part—

“biodiversity” (*“bioamrywiaeth”*) means the diversity of living organisms, whether at the genetic, species or ecosystem level;

“land” (*“tir”*) includes land covered by water;

“land management agreement” (*“cytundeb rheoli tir”*) means an agreement under section 16;

“national natural resources policy” (*“polisi adnoddau naturiol cenedlaethol”*) has the meaning given by section 9;

“natural resources” (*“adnoddau naturiol”*) is to be interpreted in accordance with section 2;

“NRW” (*“CNC”*) means the Natural Resources Body for Wales;

“principles of sustainable management of natural resources” (*“egwyddorion rheoli cynaliadwy ar adnoddau naturiol”*) has the meaning given by section 4;

“sustainable management of natural resources” (*“rheoli cynaliadwy ar adnoddau naturiol”*) has the meaning given by section 3.

27 Minor and consequential provision

- (1) The amendments made by this Part to the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/1903) do not affect the power of the Welsh Ministers to make further orders under sections 13 and 15 of the Public Bodies Act 2011 (c. 24) amending or revoking the provision made by those amendments.
- (2) Part 1 of Schedule 2 provides for minor and consequential amendments and repeals relating to this Part.

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