



# Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

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### PART 2

#### CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATURAL FEATURES

### CHAPTER 1

#### SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

##### *Exercise of functions in relation to sites of special scientific interest*

#### **12 Exercise of functions by public bodies etc.**

- (1) This section applies to the exercise by a public body or office-holder of any function on, or so far as affecting, any land which is or forms part of a site of special scientific interest.
- (2) The body or office-holder must—
  - (a) consult SNH in relation to the exercise of the function,
  - (b) have regard to any advice given by SNH, and
  - (c) in exercising the function, take reasonable steps, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of the functions of the body or office-holder, to—
    - (i) further the conservation and enhancement of the natural feature specified in the SSSI notification, and
    - (ii) maintain or enhance the representative nature of any series of sites of special scientific interest to which the SSSI notification contributes.
- (3) This section is without prejudice to sections 13 to 15.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**11** S. 12 in force at 29.11.2004 by [S.S.I. 2004/495](#), [art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004, Section 12.