



# Environmental Protection Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 43

### PART VII

#### NATURE CONSERVATION IN GREAT BRITAIN AND COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS IN WALES

##### *Nature conservation in Great Britain*

#### **131 Nature conservation functions: preliminary.**

- (1) For the purposes of nature conservation, and fostering the understanding thereof, the Councils shall, in place of the Nature Conservancy Council established under the <sup>M1</sup>Nature Conservancy Council Act 1973, have the functions conferred on them by sections 132 to 134 below (which are in this Part referred to as “nature conservation functions”).
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Councils in discharging their nature conservation functions to take appropriate account of actual or possible ecological changes.
- (3) The Councils shall discharge their nature conservation functions on and after a day to be appointed by an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of State may give the Councils, or any of them, directions of a general or specific character with regard to the discharge of any of their nature conservation functions other than those conferred on them by section 132(1)(a) below.
- (5) Any reference in this section to the Councils includes a reference to the joint committee and, accordingly, directions under subsection (4) above may be given to the joint committee as respects any of the functions dischargeable by them (other than under section 133(2)(a)).
- (6) In this Part “nature conservation” means the conservation of flora, fauna or geological or physiographical features.

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#### **Subordinate Legislation Made**

**P1** [S. 131\(3\)](#): S. 130(4)(with ss. 131(3) and 164(3)) power exercised: 1.4.1991 appointed by [S.I. 1991/685](#), [art.4](#)

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** [S. 131\(3\)](#): Appointed day for specified provisions is 1.4.1991 see [S.I. 1991/685](#), art. 4(2)

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#### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** [1973 c. 54](#).

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