

Community toolkit: Policy and legislation to protect wildlife (Wales)

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Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994	All	European Law	European level law that offers protection to certain species and designated sites (e.g. Special Area of Conservation). The 1994 law transposes the EC Habitats Directive into English and Welsh law. Changes to the Directive are consolidated in the 2010 regulations. Specific species protected are listed in Buglife's legislation guidance.	Buglife legislation guide
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)	All	National Law	National law that offers protection to certain species and designated sites (e.g. Site of Special Scientific Interest). Buglife guidance provides a list of species protected under this legislation.	Buglife legislation guide
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006	Section 42	National Law	This outlines the duty for all public bodies to conserve biodiversity and requires the production lists of habitats and species that are of conservation concern. See Buglife guidance for information on species covered.	Buglife legislation guide
Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2011 and Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999	Schedule 1 and 2 useful for identifying types of development requiring EIA	European Law	These regulations translate the EU Environmental Impact Assessment directive into English and Welsh law. They require certain public and private projects to have a full Environmental Impact Assessment. The regulations only apply to certain types of development and/or projects. The 2011 regulations consolidate changes to the EU directive.	Planning Series - EIA

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Planning Policy Wales	Chapter 5	National	Provides a strategic planning framework for Wales to guide planning at a local level. It also has a useful summary on how policy and legislation fit together in Wales.	PPW
Technical Advice Note 5, Nature Conservation and Planning (2009)	All	National	Advice about how the land use planning system should contribute to protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geological conservation.	TAN 5
Environment Strategy for Wales	All	National	Biodiversity strategy detailing how Wales will meet its European commitments to look after wildlife.	Strategy for Wales
BS42020: 2013 – Biodiversity. A Code of Practice for Biodiversity in Planning and Development	All	UK Wide	This British Standard seeks to promote transparency and consistency in the quality and appropriateness of ecological information submitted with planning applications and applications for other regulatory approvals. Excellent overview of the planning application process and how biodiversity should be addressed through it.	BS42020
Local Development Plans	Varies	Local	Every local planning authority in Wales has a statutory duty to prepare a local development plan within the framework set by national planning policy in Planning Policy Wales. The development plan sets out the proposals and policies to control development of the local area.	DP Guidance

