



Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 16

PART 2

NATURE CONSERVATION IN THE UK

Coordinated functions

34 Functions of national or international significance

- (1) The UK conservation bodies have the functions described in subsection (2), but those functions may be discharged only through the joint committee.
- (2) The functions are—
 - (a) providing advice to the appropriate authorities on the development and implementation of policies for or affecting any nature conservation matter which—
 - (i) arises throughout the United Kingdom and raises issues common to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland,
 - (ii) arises in one or more (but not all) of those places and affects the interests of the United Kingdom as a whole, or
 - (iii) arises outside the United Kingdom;
 - (b) providing advice to any persons and disseminating knowledge about any matter falling within paragraph (a)(i), (ii) or (iii);
 - (c) establishing common standards throughout the United Kingdom for the monitoring of nature conservation and for research into nature conservation and the analysis of the resulting information;
 - (d) commissioning or supporting (whether by financial means or otherwise) research which the joint committee thinks is relevant to any matter mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).
- (3) “The appropriate authorities” means—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) the Secretary of State (or any other Minister of the Crown),
- (b) the National Assembly for Wales,
- (c) the Scottish Ministers, and
- (d) the relevant Northern Ireland department.