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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Environmental Targets (Biodiversity)  
(England) Regulations 2023**

**PART 4**

Targets relating to the abundance of species

CHAPTER 2

Species abundance: long-term target

**Long-term biodiversity target to reverse the decline of species abundance**

**14.** The long-term biodiversity target to reverse the decline of species abundance is that the overall relative species abundance index by 31st December 2042 is—

- (a) higher than the overall relative species abundance index for 31st December 2022; and
- (b) at least 10% higher than the overall relative species abundance index for 31st December 2030 (the specified date for the 2030 species abundance target).

**Measurement of the long-term biodiversity target to reverse the decline of species abundance**

**15.—(1)** The long-term biodiversity target to reverse the decline of species abundance is to be measured by calculating the overall relative species abundance index for the following dates—

- (a) 31st December 2022;
- (b) 31st December 2030; and
- (c) 31st December 2042.

(2) Regulation 12(2) to (6) applies in relation to the measurement of the long-term biodiversity target to reverse the decline of species abundance as it applies to the measurement of the 2030 species abundance target described in regulation 11.

**Reporting date for the long-term biodiversity target to reverse the decline of species abundance**

**16.** For the purposes of section 6(1) of the 2021 Act, the reporting date for the target in regulation 14 is 15th April 2044.