



# A new England Biodiversity Strategy

Delivering more space for nature

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## Policy context: International framework

- New global framework for biodiversity agreed at Nagoya
- Ambitious global 2050 vision & 2020 mission
- 20 specific, measurable targets
- Parties expected to revise national plans and strategies



## The new Strategic Plan – Aichi targets

- What did UK sign up to?
  - A clear blueprint for global action consisting of
    1. A 2050 vision
    2. A new global 2020 headline target ('mission')
    3. A series of specific, ambitious & realistic targets



*“By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and widely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people.”*

## Policy context: European drivers

- EU post-2010 Biodiversity Strategy, expected in spring 2011
- Take account of and respond to Nagoya commitments
- Heavy focus on sectoral integration
- EU 2050 vision & 2020 target
- Continued commitments and requirements e.g. Habitat and Birds Directives



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- Defra Business Plan commitment to publish a new England Biodiversity Strategy (April > May)
- Strong links to the Natural Environment White Paper
- Making Space for Nature Report
- Building on lessons learnt from previous EBS





## The Govt's emerging policy landscape....

- Tough fiscal climate
- Localism and the importance of communities
- Small Government/Big Society
- Greater focus on 'enabling' rather than 'directing'
- New policy frameworks – e.g. Planning, NEA
- Political enthusiasm - 'greenest government'
- Need for innovation and different ways of working

## Setting a new direction....

- Continuing to build on existing successful biodiversity work such as protecting our most valuable wildlife and special sites

### ...but also signalling a new approach:

- a **bigger, better, more cost-effective, more innovative** and more **integrated** approach to conservation
- putting **people** at the heart of biodiversity policy and setting an **enabling framework** for biodiversity action across England by partners at all levels





## What Defra have said....

- short, strategic, focussed
- cover period 2011-2020
- set a long term vision and mid-term mission for England
- focus on priorities for England's biodiversity and meeting EU & international commitments
- structure framed by the strategic aims of the Nagoya framework

## But, how will we know if we're succeeding?



- Include means to define and measure success, and report against delivery
- Supported by a shorter term (2-3 year), more responsive delivery plan
- Clear roles and responsibilities for all involved
- Governance structure to oversee delivery under development
- EBS expected in May



Thank you

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