



Biodiversity and Ecology Consultancy

Supporting your business to measure biodiversity impacts and uncover opportunities to mitigate nature-based risks.

Biodiversity underpins life on earth. The air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat are all supported by the ecosystems that make up our planet. The value of these ecosystems is becoming increasingly recognised and with this recognition comes an urgency to protect and restore them.

While biodiversity loss remains a global concern, we believe the best solutions are local, and every business can play its role in tackling the nature emergency. Our team are here to support businesses, large and small, to take positive action to restore and protect their natural assets.

Our team of experts have a sound knowledge of Scottish Farming systems enabling them to work with farmers to find realistic solutions that are practical to implement.

How we can help:

- Biodiversity audits and practical recommendations for enhancement
- Habitat surveys and mapping (e.g. Phase 1, UKHab, NVC)
- Designing bespoke frameworks for biodiversity monitoring
- Biodiversity accounting and biodiversity uplift (e.g. Biodiversity Net Gain)
- Natural capital assessments
- Specialised biodiversity monitoring (e.g. insect pollinators, acoustic monitoring)
- Herbivore impact assessments and grazing management plans
- Habitat management plans (woodland, peatland, moorland)
- Nature-related risk assessments
- Drone surveys for habitat extent mapping
- Ecological surveys for planning proposals
- Preliminary ecological appraisal, ecological impact assessment
- Protected species surveys (e.g. breeding bird, otter, badger, water vole, great crested newt)



There is a desire across sectors to act responsibly and protect the natural assets that their business depends on. We can guide you through how to monitor your natural assets, determine their condition, identify risks, and demonstrate how your business is taking positive actions to protect and restore these assets. With healthy ecosystems being more resilient to future shocks (environmental, climate, social and economic), restoration is not only good for the planet, but also makes good business sense. Acting now will help your business meet future requirements to monitor, assess and disclose their impacts on biodiversity and to mitigate against nature-based risks.

Our team of professional ecologists combine robust research skills, ecological knowledge and a sound understanding of Scottish habitats and the species they support. From years of working with land managers, they can provide tailored advice that is practical and viable to deliver on the ground.

As part of SRUC, we draw from experts in every field, from natural capital governance to economists and agronomists. Our team of specialists provides an impartial, robust, and tailored service to help your business protect and restore its natural assets. Together we can tackle the nature emergency.

To explore how we can help your business, contact us on environment@sac.co.uk.

