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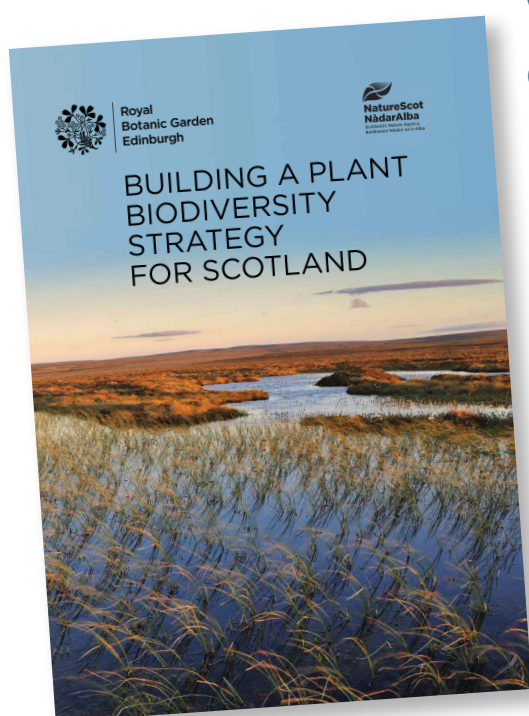




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Why we are doing it

The Scottish Government committed to the Plant Biodiversity Strategy in December 2020. This is being led by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and NatureScot, working with partners from the James Hutton Institute and Plant Link Scotland.



What we have done so far

We set out our aspirations for native plant conservation in Scotland and these were published in July 2022.

The Policy

The Global Biodiversity Framework sets out an ambitious pathway to reach the vision of a world living in harmony with nature by 2050.

From that we have the Global Strategy Plant Conservation which specifically seeks to halt the continuing loss of plant diversity. (Whilst achieving the aims of the GBF).

In Scotland we have the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy published soon and are developing the Scottish plant biodiversity strategy which is aligned to the GSPC and GBF meaning that all actions can be easily identified as sitting within agreed targets and contributing to the global vision.

Next Steps

There are many threats to plant biodiversity. We need to focus on specific steps to make sure we protect the most important parts of plant life in Scotland.

We've highlighted important steps and areas where we need more information, along with possible ways to implement them. This list isn't complete, so we invite you to think about how you can help in managing our country's plant diversity sustainably.

More Information

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