

LINK Jargon Buster

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A

ACOSVO – Association of Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations

ADA – Association of Drainage Authorities

ADEPT – Association of Directors of Environment, Economy Planning and Transport

AGLV – Area of Great Landscape Value

AHDB – Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

AHVLA – Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency

AONB – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (none in Scotland – England, Wales and Northern Ireland designation only)

ANC – Areas Facing Natural Constraint

APRS – The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland

AQMA – Air Quality Management Areas

ARC – Amphibian and Reptile Conservation

ARCADIA – Adaptation and Resilience in Cities: Analysis and Decision making using Integrated Assessment

ARCC (CN) – Adaptation and Resilience to a Changing Climate (Co-ordination Network)

ARCOES – Adaptation and Resilience of Coastal Energy Supply

ARIES – Adaptation and Resilience in Energy Systems

ARP – Adaptation Reporting Power

AS – Archaeology Scotland

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B

BAP – Biodiversity Action Plan

BBSRC – Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

BBCT – Bumblebee Conservation Trust

BCT – Bat Conservation Trust

BEFS – Built Environment Forum Scotland

BES – British Ecological Society

BEUC – Bureau Europeen des Unions de Consommateurs Aisbl (The European Consumer Organisation)

BIOCC-net – Biodiversity Impacts of Climate Change Observation Network

BIS – Department for Business, Innovation and Skills [Westminster]

BME – Black and Minority Ethnic

BRE – Building Research Establishment

BREEAM – Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method

BSCG – Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group

C

CAA – Civil Aviation Authority

CACC – Campaign Against Climate Change

CADW – Welsh Assembly Heritage Agency

CAP – Common Agricultural Policy

CBI – Confederation of British Industry

CCRA – Climate Change Risk Assessment

CCS – Carbon Capture and Storage

CDP – Carbon Disclosure Project

Cefas – Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

CFE – Campaign for the Farmed Environment

CFP – Common Fisheries Policy

CIBSE – Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers

COIN – Climate Outreach and Information Network

CoSLA – Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

COPFTS – Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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C

CNPA – Cairngorms National Park Authority

COAT – Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust

CPRE – Campaign to Protect Rural England

CPRW – Campaign to Protect Rural Wales

CRD – Chemicals Regulation Directorate

CRESH – Centre for Research on Environment, Society and Health

CREW – Community Resilience to Extreme Weather

CRG – Customer Representative Group

CSF – Catchment Sensitive Farming

CSFT – Central Scotland Forest Trust (now CSGNT)

CSGNT – Central Scotland Green Network Trust

CSO – Combined Sewer Overflow

CSP – Concentrated Solar Power

D

DCLG – Department for Communities and Local Government [Westminster]

DCS – (formerly) Deer Commission for Scotland

DECC – Department of Energy and Climate Change [Westminster]

DeDeRHCC – Design and Delivery of Robust Hospital Environments in a Changing Climate [Westminster]

Defra – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [Westminster]

DfT – Department of Transport [Westminster]

DH – Department of Health [Westminster]

DNO - Distribution Network Operator

DPF – (The LINK Board's) Discretionary Project Fund

E

EA – Environment Agency [England]

EAD – Expected Annual Damage

EC – European Commission

ECA – European Court of Auditors

ECCI – Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation

ECR – Economics of Climate Resilience

EDAS – Economic Development Association Scotland

EEA – European Environment Agency or European Economic Area

EEB – European Environmental Bureau

EED – Energy Efficiency Directive

EESHS – Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing

EFF – European Fisheries Fund

EH – English Heritage

EIA – Environmental Impact Assessment

ELC – European Landscape Convention

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E

EMR – Electricity Market Reform

EMS – Environmental Management Systems or European Marine Sites

ENA – Energy Networks Association

ENPFIPEG – European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument East Countries Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Programme

EOCA – European Outdoor Conservation Association

EPSRC – Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

ETS – Emissions Trading System

EU – European Union

EUBS – European Union Biodiversity Strategy

EUROSAI – European Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions

EUROSAI WGEA – EUROSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing

EWTP – England Woodland and Timber Partnership

EWFF – England and Wales Wildfire Forum

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F

FADs – Fish Aggregating (or Aggregation) Device

FAME – Fatty Acid Methyl Ester

FAS – Farming Advice Service

FC – Forestry Commission

FCE – Forestry Commission England

FCERM – Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management

FCS – Forestry Commission Scotland

FCW - Forestry Commission Wales

FE – Forest Enterprise

FES – Forest Enterprise Scotland

FERA – Food and Environment Research Agency

FMQ – First Minister's Questions

FOES – Friends of the Earth Scotland

FoI – Freedom of Information (request)

FQD – Fuel Quality Directive

FutureNet – Future Resilient Transport Network

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G

G6 – Meeting with Scottish Government with 6 eNGOs (government decides who attends) – LINK, NTS, WWF, RSPB, SWT, FOES

GAEC – Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition

GBS – Government Buying Standards

GCET – Global Conference on Environmental Taxation

GDP – Gross Domestic Product

GES – Good Ecological Status [*WFD*] or Good Environmental Status [*MSFD*]

GHG – Greenhouse Gases

GIB – Green Investment Bank

GIP – Green Infrastructure Partnership

GLA – Greater London Authority

GMACC – Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change

GM – Genetic Modification

GRaBS – Green and Blue Space adaptation for urban areas and eco towns

GVA – Gross Value Added

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H

HA – Highway Agency

HEN – Healthy Environment Network

HEPU – Historic Environment Policy Unit [Scottish Government]

HES – Historic Environment Strategy or Historic Environment Scotland (now HS/RCAHMS)

HIE – Highlands and Islands Enterprise

HLA – Historic Land Use Assessment

HMEP – Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme

HNV – High Nature Value

HPA – Health Protection Agency

HRA – Habitats Regulation Appraisal

HS – Historic Scotland

HSE – Health and Safety Executive

HWDT – Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust

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ICZM – Integrated Coastal Zone Management

IDB – Internal Drainage Boards

IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy or Independent Energy Efficiency Programme

IEMA – Institute for Environment Management and Assessment

IGSD – Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development

INDCs – Intended Nationally Determined Contributions

INNS – Invasive Non-Native Species

INTOSAI – International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions

INTOSAI WGEA – INTOSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing

IPA – Industrial and Power Association

IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

ITRC – Infrastructure Transitions Research Consortium

IUCN – International Union for the Conservation of Nature

IUK – Infrastructure UK

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J - K

JAP – Joint Action Plan

JHI – James Hutton Institute

JMT – John Muir Trust

JNCC – Joint Nature Conservation Committee

JSNA – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

KBA – Key Behaviour Areas

KPIs – Key Performance Indicators

KSB – Keep Scotland Beautiful

L

LAAP – Local Adaptation Advisory Panel

LBAPPs – Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnerships

LCA – Landscape Character Assessment or Land Capability for Agriculture

LCCP – London Climate Change Partnership

LDP – Local Development Plan

LEP – Local Enterprise Partnership

LFA – Less Favoured Areas

LFASS – Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme

LGA – Local Government Association

LHRP – Local Health Resilience Partnership

L

LLA – Local Landscape Area

LLFA – Lead Local Flood Authority

LLTNPA – Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

LNP – Local Nature Partnership

LNR – Local Nature Reserve

LRF – Local Resilience Forum

LTIS – Long Term Investment Strategy

LWEC – Living With Environmental Change

LUS – Land Use Strategy

LULUCF – Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry

M

MAES – Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services

MBE KTN – Modern Built Environment Knowledge Transfer Network

MCCIP – Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership

MCS – Marine Conservation Society

MCZ – Marine Conservation Zone (English, Welsh and European specified term)

MCofS – Mountaineering Council of Scotland

MEP – Member of European Parliament

MFF – Multi-Annual Financial Framework

MLA – Member of the Legislative Assembly [Wales]

M

MMO – Marine Management Organisation [England and Wales]

MP – Member of Parliament [Westminster]

MPA – Marine Protected Areas (generic term or specific to Scotland)

MS – Marine Scotland [a Directorate of Scottish Government]

MSC – Marine Stewardship Council

MSP – Member of Scottish Parliament

MSFC – Marine Strategy Framework Directive

MUSCOs – Multiple-Utility Service Companies

N

NAG – National Advisory Group

NAS – National Adaptation Strategy

NCVO – National Council for Voluntary Organisations [England]

ND-GAIN – Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index

NDPB – Non- Departmental Public Body [an agency established by statute with autonomous Board]

NE – Natural England

NEA – National Ecosystems Assessment

NEMT – North East Mountain Trust

NERC – Natural Environment Research Council

NESAC – Natural Environment Statistics Advisory Committee

NEWP – Natural Environment White Paper

NFE – National Forest Estate

NFU – National Farmers Union

NFUS – National Farmers Union Scotland

NHBC – National House Building Council

NHS – National Health Service

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N

NIA – Nature Improvement Area

NIDOS – Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland

NGO – Non-Governmental Organization

NMP – National Marine Plan

NNR – National Nature Reserve

NPA – National Park Authority

NPF – National Performance Framework or National Planning Framework

NPPF – National Planning Policy Framework [England]

NPS – National Policy Statement

NSA – National Scenic Area

NTS – The National Trust for Scotland

NVC – National Vegetation Classification

NVZ – Nitrate Vulnerable Zones

NWSS – Native Woodland Survey Scotland

O

OFGEM – Office of Gas and Electricity Markets

OFWAT – Office of Water Services

OPQ – Oral Parliamentary Question

ORR – Office of Rail Regulation

OSCR – Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

OSPAR – [Oslo/Paris] Convention (for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North –East Atlantic)

OECD – Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

ORJIP – Offshore Renewables Joint Industry Plan

P - Q

PAHA – Physical Activity and Health Alliance

PAWS – Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime Scotland or Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites

PEDV – Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea Virus

PES – Payment for Ecosystems Services

PIP – Pearls in Peril (project)

QUANGO – Quasi Autonomous Non-Governmental Organisation (now NDPP)

R

RAFTS – Rivers and Fisheries Trust of Scotland

Ramsar – not an acronym but a place in Iran – often confused so included for clarity!

RASE – Royal Agriculture Society of England

RBMP – River Basin Management Plan

RDPE – Rural Development Programme for England

RDR – Rural Development Regulation

RED – Renewables Energy Directive

REDD+ - Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

R

RFF – Regional Forestry Forum

RIBA – Royal Institute of British Architects

RIIO – Revenue = Incentives+Innovation+Outputs

RPID: Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate

RPP2 – Report on Policies and Proposals

RSA – Restoring Sustainable Abstraction

RSPB – Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

RSSB – Rail Safety and Standards Board

RTFC – Renewable Transport Fuel Certificates

RTFO – Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation

RVAs – Risk and Vulnerability Assessments

RZSS – Royal Zoological Society of Scotland

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S

SAB – Sustainable Drainage Systems Approving Body

SAC – Special Area of Conservation (designated under the EU Habitats Directive)

SAGS – Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society

SAls- Supreme Audit Institutions

SAMS – Scottish Association for Marine Science

SAP – Standard Assessment Procedure

SASA – Scottish Agricultural Science Agency

SAWI – Scottish Ancient Woodlands Inventory

SBC – Scottish Biodiversity Committee

SBS – Scottish Biodiversity Strategy

SBL – Scottish Biodiversity List [of species, under Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004]

SBIF – Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum

SBS – Scottish Biodiversity Strategy

SBSTA – Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

S

SCCAP – Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme

SCCS – Stop Climate Chaos Scotland

SCRA – Scottish Countryside Rangers Association

SCCYP – Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People

SCNP – Scottish Campaign for National Parks

SCRA – Scottish Countryside Rangers Association

SCUP – Scottish Conservatives and Unionist Party

SCVO – Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

SDGs – Sustainable Development Goals

SDMP – Sustainable Development Management Plan

SDU – Sustainable Development Unit for the NHS

SEA – Strategic Environmental Assessment

SEARS – Scotland's Environment and Rural Services

SEFF – Scottish Environment Funders Forum

SEG – Sustainable Economic Growth

S

SEPA – Scottish Environment Protection Agency

SFF – Scottish Fisherman’s Federation

SG – Scottish Government

SLA – Special Landscape Area

SLC – Scotland’s Landscape Charter

SLE – Scottish Land and Estates [Landowner’s body]

SMaSH – Scottish (Managed) Sustainable Health Network

SMEs – Small and Medium Enterprise

SMPs – Shoreline Management Plans

SNACC – Suburban Neighbourhood Adaptation to a Changing Climate

SNH – Scottish Natural Heritage

SNP – Scottish National Party

SOA – Single Outcome Agreement

SOC – Scottish Ornithologist Club

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S

SPA – Special Protection Areas (designated under the EU Birds Directive)

SpAd – Special Advisor

SPP – Scottish Planning Policy

SPS – Strategy and Policy Statement

SRDP – Scotland Rural Development Programme

SRP – Sector Resilience Plan

SRSB – Scottish Raptor Study Group

SRUC – Scotland's Rural College

SSACN – Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network

SSPCA – Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest

STEP – Scottish Transport Emissions Partnership

STHAG – Scottish Tree Health Advisory Group

SuDS – Sustainable Drainage Systems

SUP – Southern Uplands Partnership

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S

SVA – Supporting Voluntary Action

SWLG – Scottish Wild Land Group

SWM – Sustainable West Midlands

SWT – Scottish Wildlife Trust

T

TAFTA – Trans-Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (also known as TTIP)

TCPA – Town and Country Planning Association

TEEB – The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity

TfL – Transport for London

THPBETF – Tree Health and Plant Biosecurity Expert Task Force

TTIP – Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (also known as TAFTA)

TRaCCA – Tomorrow's Railways and Climate Change Adaptation

TSB – Technology Strategy Board

U

UCO – Used Cooking Oil

UHI – Urban Heat Island

UKBAP – UK Biodiversity Action Plan

UKCIP – UK Climate Impacts Programme

UKCP09 – UK Climate Projections (2009)

UKCS – UK Continental Shelf

UKFS – UK Forestry Standard

UKRLG – UK Roads Liaison Group

UKOA – UK Ocean Acidification

UKOTs – UK Overseas Territories

(UK) UWMN – United Kingdom Upland Waters Monitoring Network

UNESCO – United Nations Organisation for Education, Science and Culture

UNFCCC – United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UNISDR – United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

V - Z

VNN – Valuing Nature Network

VQ – Victoria Quay [Scottish Government office]

WDC – Whale and Dolphin Conservation

WFD – Water Framework Directive

WHS – World Heritage Site

WIAT – Woods In and Around Towns

WPQ – Written Parliamentary Questions

WRMP – Water Resource Management Plan

WTS – Woodlands Trust Scotland

WWF – World Wildlife Fund

WWP – Water White Paper

WWT – Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

ZWS – Zero Waste Scotland