



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

Supporting local action in Scotland

Stan Whitaker

Wildlife Management and INNS Manager

NatureScot (formerly Scottish Natural Heritage)





Scottish
Government

£500 million investment in the natural environment

As part of net zero commitment to restoration of peatlands, woodlands, and other natural habitats

Nature Restoration Fund

At least £65 million for nature restoration and biodiversity projects over the next five years

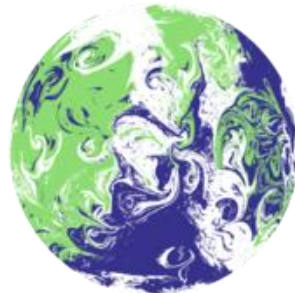
Rainforest Action

Commitment to restore and expand Scotland's rainforest as a natural solution to the climate emergency



NatureScot

Scotland's Nature Agency
Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba



**Net Zero
Scotland**
Scottish
Government



Scottish
Government

Support for INNS control

Funding Scheme

Annual Budget

Agri-Environment & Climate
Scheme (AECS)

– £34.2m in 2021-22

Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS)

– £71.5m in 2022-23

Nature Restoration Fund (NRF)

– £13.5m in 2022-23

Scottish Marine Environmental
Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)

– £0.5m initially in
2022-23



NatureScot

Scotland's Nature Agency
Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba



**Net Zero
Scotland**
Scottish
Government



Scottish
Government

Nature Restoration Fund

Funding stream

Size of grants offered

Competitive Fund
(launches later in 2022)

– Over £250,000 over
3 to 5 years

Nature Restoration Fund
(EOIs in January, full
applications in March)

– £25,000 to £250,000
over up to 2 years

The Edinburgh Process
Fund (local authorities)

– £2,500 to £20,000
in-year capital grant*

* Pilot by The Highland Council; other councils may take a different approach



NatureScot

Scotland's Nature Agency
Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba



**Net Zero
Scotland**
Scottish
Government



Scottish
**Marine
Environmental
Enhancement**
Fund

© Sue Scott

- Enabling investment in tangible, effective marine and coastal restoration projects
- Donations - SMEEF has already attracted the support of the offshore renewable energy sector
- Grants - £500,000 initially available to enhance Scotland's coasts and seas

<https://smeeef.scot/> | info@smeeef.scot | 07717 571762