

# OUR VISION

The Scottish Wildlife Trust has a vision of a connected network of healthy, resilient ecosystems supporting Scotland's wildlife and people.



## OUR GOALS

**HEALTHY  
ECOSYSTEMS**

**PROTECTED  
PLACES**

**THRIVING  
SPECIES**

**A SCOTLAND THAT  
VALUES & BENEFITS  
FROM NATURE**

## ...AND HOW WE ACHIEVE THEM

### **CHAMPION**

the ecological, moral, social and economic reasons to protect and restore nature

### **DEMONSTRATE**

best practice in practical conservation and the creation of Living Landscapes and Living Seas

### **INSPIRE**

people to experience, learn about and care for wildlife and wild places

## OUR STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Valued and motivated  
**PEOPLE**

Sufficient and sustainably managed  
**RESOURCES**

Sound knowledge and  
**EVIDENCE**

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## WHERE WE WANT TO BE BY 2022

## HOW WE WILL GET THERE

### HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

Landscape-scale approaches to the protection and restoration of nature are widely adopted

- Deliver campaigns and advocacy to improve understanding of the benefits of healthy ecosystems
- Introduce the concept of *Ecological Urbanism* and champion the case for its practical adoption
- Strengthen our *Living Landscapes* in Coigach-Assynt, Cumbernauld and Edinburgh and further champion *Living Seas*

Fragmented wildlife habitats are more connected and resilient

- Establish new *Living Landscapes* and *Living Seas* partnerships which incorporate the Trust's wildlife reserves
- Champion the case for the practical adoption of a *National Ecological Network*
- Demonstrate the implementation of the *National Ecological Network* through a new flagship project

### PROTECTED PLACES

Our wildlife reserves are delivering multiple benefits for wildlife and people

- Demonstrate best practice in managing our wildlife reserves including re-wilding selected reserves
- Reinforce the role of wildlife reserves in the Trust's wider work including education, community engagement and advocacy

Critical habitats are safeguarded and restored

- Provide leadership within the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) UK Peatland Programme
- Undertake targeted campaigns and planning casework to protect high-priority marine and terrestrial habitats under threat

### THRIVING SPECIES

The decline of key priority species has been reversed

- Inspire and empower land managers and local communities to help save the red squirrel in Scotland
- Refresh our *Flagship Species Framework* and implement action for selected species

There is increased support for the return of keystone species to Scotland

- Champion the establishment of sustainable beaver populations in Scotland
- Build a strong case for the re-introduction of the lynx

### A SCOTLAND THAT VALUES & BENEFITS FROM NATURE

People are more connected to nature and are increasingly championing its benefits

- Inspire and educate people of all ages and backgrounds about wildlife and the natural world
- Develop a network of champions for nature including a growing number of engaged members and supporters

The value of nature is understood by the public and private sectors and given prominence in decisions

- Develop policy recommendations and secure their promotion by key influencers and adoption by decision-makers
- Inspire leadership in the stewardship of our natural environment through the Scottish Forum on Natural Capital

### STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Staff and volunteers continue to be motivated, skilled and highly effective

- Support and develop staff to foster a safe, vibrant, sustainable and high-performance culture
- Refresh our volunteer support structure to enable delivery of the Trust's vision

Our organisational capacity and resilience have increased

- Achieve high standards of governance in accordance with legislative and best practice requirements
- Maintain a clear financial reserves policy, strengthen our income streams and prioritise expenditure
- Develop our infrastructure to increase organisational capacity, efficiency and effectiveness

We have a knowledge and evidence base that is highly respected and well used

- Champion open data and make good use of information to measure our impacts and inform our choices
- Develop a suite of knowledge products to promote understanding of nature and improve decision-making