# [***United Kingdom : Funding to restore nature and tackle biodiversity loss***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6336-DC51-F11P-X1WR-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Body**

Projects that restore nature, safeguard wildlife and tackle the causes of ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** and climate change will get a share of 10 million through a new Scottish Government fund.

The Nature Restoration Fund will support a mix of urban and rural-focused projects, such as improving greenspace for outdoor learning, green active travel routes, planting of wildlife corridors and natural flood management.

Half of the funding will go to local authorities to develop new or existing projects which help address the twin crises of ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** and climate change, but which also aim to promote the health and wellbeing of local communities and reduce inequalities.

The remaining 5 million will include a small project competitive fund of 1 million to be distributed by NatureScot, and the balance will go directly to established nature restoration projects across Scotland, including native-tree planting, nature restoration in rivers, lochs and coasts, and improving and connecting habitats.

To announce the new funding, Environment Minister Mairi McAllan visited Malls Mire, a community regeneration project in North Toryglen, Glasgow where 15 hectares of land has been turned by Clyde Gateway and Urban Roots into park, wetland and woodland with accessible paths.

She said: Our new 10 million fund will help address the twin challenges of ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** and climate change in a way that supports Scotlands urban and rural communities and tackles inequalities.

And its just one of a range of actions were taking. From our ground breaking work leading the international Edinburgh Process to investing in locally driven nature restoration projects in urban, rural and coastal Scotland, were helping to improve the health and wellbeing of communities, improve air and water quality, create green jobs and tackle climate change and ***biodiversity*** ***loss***.

As we prepare to welcome COP26 to Glasgow later this year, were committed to raising our ambition for natures recovery. Our Statement of Intent sets out our ambitions and includes a new voluntary commitment to protect 30% of our land for nature by 2030.

NatureScot Chief Executive Francesca Osowska said: More people than ever now understand and support the need to put nature at the heart of our recovery from the twin crises of ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** and climate change. With COP15 and COP26 coming up, Scotland has a huge opportunity to address the many challenges and pressures that nature is facing.

This 10 million investment is a significant boost for nature restoration, allowing us to support many more projects working to put our woodlands, peatlands, rivers and seas back on the road to recovery taking carbon out of the atmosphere, adapting to climate change and reducing the risks of flood, drought and wildfire.

These nature-based solutions will not only help us reach net zero by 2045, theyll provide the nature-rich future we need for a healthier, more resilient Scotland.

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