

## **Corporate information: Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs – Statistics at Defra**

We publish national and official statistics relating to the environment, rural communities, food, farming and biosecurity.

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## **Form: Habitats regulations assessment: derogation notice**

Competent authorities must give notice of their decision to allow a plan or project that has an adverse effect on a European site to go ahead.

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## **Detailed guide: Duty to protect, conserve and restore European sites**

Competent authorities must take action to help protect, conserve and restore the protected habitats and species of European sites.

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## **Detailed guide: Habitats regulations assessments: protecting a European site**

How a competent authority must decide if a plan or project proposal that affects a European site can go ahead.

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## **Detailed guide: Special Nature Conservation Orders and stop notices**

When you get a Special Nature Conservation Order (SNCO) and how to challenge it, what a stop notice means, and get consent for restricted activities that affect European sites.