

# National Statistics: UK Biodiversity indicators

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This release and publication report on UK progress towards meeting the biodiversity goals and targets 'the Aichi targets' agreed in 2010. These targets were set out in the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#). The UK is a signatory to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

All of the 2018 Biodiversity Indicators for the UK are available on the [Joint Nature Conservation Committee](#) website.

Biodiversity is the variety of all life on Earth. It includes all species of animals and plants, and the natural systems that support them. Biodiversity matters because it supports the vital benefits we get from the natural environment. It contributes to our economy, our health and wellbeing, and it enriches our lives.

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