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Natural Resources Wales

Easy Read

Our plan for managing natural resources in Wales

April 2014 – March 2017

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If any of the words are used later in the booklet they are shown in normal blue writing. If you see words in normal blue writing, you can look up what they mean in **A list of the hard words** on page 14.

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Flooding

For information on flooding ring the Floodline.

Phone 0345 988 1188 (Open 24 hours)

Problems with pollution

Phone 0800 807 060 (Open 24 hours)

Pollution is something in the environment that can harm us. For example: chemical waste from factories.

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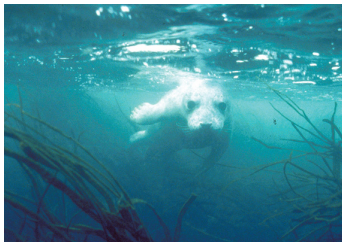
Who we are

Natural Resources Wales is a new organisation. It was set up in April 2013 to look after the **environment** and **natural resources** in Wales.



The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air, and everything that lives in and on it. For example: plants, animals and fish.

Natural resources are things in the environment we can use. For example: water to drink, food to eat, air to breathe, wind and water to make energy.

If we take care of the environment, we will be able to use its natural resources for many years to come.

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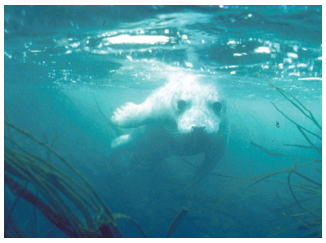
We are supported by Welsh Government, and advise them on how to look after the environment and our natural resources.

We have a big job to do. This is our 3 year plan. It sets out what we want to do to look after the environment and protect our natural resources for the future.

1. Information and learning

To plan for the future, we need to understand how things could change. For example:

- What will the weather be like in 10 or 20 years time?



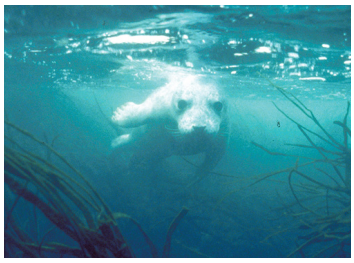
- How will the environment change?

- How much energy and food will we need?

To understand these changes, we need good information and to learn more.

To do this we will:

- Work closely with other organisations.

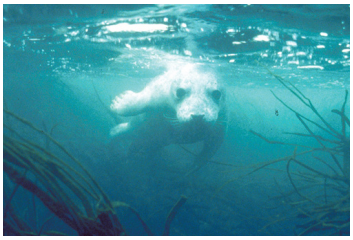


- Look at the big picture. For example: If we make changes to the environment we will look at how the changes will affect plants, animals and birds, as well as people and businesses.

- Find out about the needs of businesses in Wales. For example: how much water and energy they will need.

- Find out what other countries are doing.

- Find out what science can tell us. For example: scientists look at changes in the weather. This can tell us how our rivers and coastline will change over time.



2. The environment

We want to look after the environment today and improve it for the future.

We want to keep plants, animals and fish healthy.

We want to keep the land, the sea, and the air clean.

To do this we will:

- Think about the future when we make decisions today.

- Use our natural resources carefully, so they can be used for many years to come.

- Make sure our air, water, seas and land are clean.

- Keep an eye on plants and animals that carry diseases.

- Find ways to protect the environment from changes in the weather. For example: severe storms and heavy rain.

3. People

We want people to feel safe and enjoy where they live.

To do this we will:

- Do all we can to protect people from flooding and **pollution**.

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- When flooding or pollution happens, we will sort it out quickly.

- Create more ways for people to enjoy the countryside and make access easier. For example: clear pathways and look after the woodland.

- Make sure people in towns and cities can enjoy the outdoors. For example: good parks and clean air.

- Work with communities to improve where they live.

- Help people understand how important the environment and our natural resources are.

4. Business

We want businesses in Wales to look after the environment and use our natural resources in the right way.

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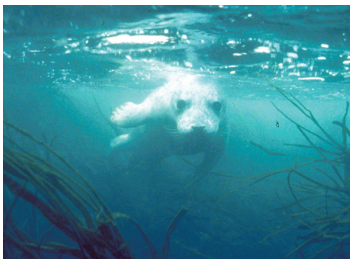

- Make sure businesses understand they have to look after the environment.

- Make sure businesses do not pollute land, air or water.

- Support new businesses and make sure new buildings are built in the right place. For example: they do not spoil the environment or harm wildlife.

- Work with businesses, raising money to look after the environment.

5. Our organisation

We want to do the best job we can.

To do this we will:

- Improve our services to customers and organisations we work with.

- Make sure communities have a say in what we do.

- Work in new ways, to save time and money.

- Train staff to be better at their jobs and be proud of what they do.

More information

Read our Annual Report to keep up to date with our plans. You can find our Annual Report at:

www.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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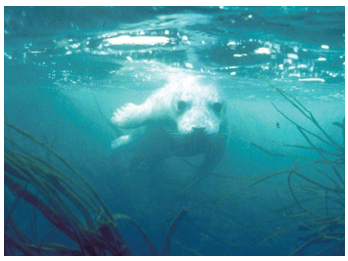

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