# Nature Restoration Fund – Expression of Interest (EoI)

Please use this form to tell us about your proposed project. We will review your Expression of Interest (EOI) and arrange for an Adviser to contact you to discuss it.

If we assess that your project could meet the Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) priorities, we will send you an application form with a unique project reference number to complete. This will only be made available to those projects that have submitted an EoI and have been offered the opportunity to submit a full application. We will not accept any applications without a project reference number. The opportunity to complete a full application does not guarantee that your application will be successful.

**Which NRF stream are you planning to apply for?**

[ ] Helping Nature (grants of £25,000 to £250,000)

[ ] Transforming Nature - Delivery Phase (grants above £250,000)

[ ] Transforming Nature - Development Phase (funding to support preparatory activity for large scale delivery projects of over £250,000).

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| Applicant:  |  |
| Project name:  |  |
| Contact name:  |  |
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| I have read the NRF Information for Applicants and Priorities for Action guidance and assess that this proposal meets the project and eligibility criteria (check box) |[ ]
| I have read the eligibility criteria for the grant programmes noted below and assess that my proposal is not eligible for funding from these sources : * Scotland’s Rural Development Programme (SRDP) - Agri-Environment Climate Scheme (AECS) and Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS);
* Water Environment Fund (WEF); and
* Scotland’s Marine Environment Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)

Please provide details below of any contact you have had with the above grant programmes regarding this:  |[ ]

**Which of the NRF priority themes and actions will be addressed?**

If your project will address more than one theme, please indicate which one will be the main focus for your project

[ ]  **Habitat and species restoration**: Management for enhancement and connectivity

[ ]  **Freshwater** restoration, including restoration of natural flows in rural catchments

[ ]  **Coastal/marine initiatives** to promote restoration, recovery, enhancement or resilience

[ ] Control of **invasive non-native species (INNS)** impacting on nature

[ ]  **Urban:** Enhancing and connecting nature across, and between, towns and cities.

**Project location(s):** Tell us where your activities will take place, including any designations and a grid square reference.Please also include the **Local Authority area(s)** where your project will take place.

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**Project finances:** Please tell us;

* how much you expect the project to cost in total
* how much you are requesting from NRF
* details of other funders (remember that a **minimum** of 10% of total project costs must be offered as match funding from sources other than NRF):

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**Summary project description** (400 words maximum)including:

* **why** your project is needed
* **what** your project will do to protect or restore Scotland’s biodiversity on land or sea (you can expand more on this in the Outline of Proposed Project Activities and Expected Outputs section below)
* **how** the NRF priority themes and priorities for action will be addressed
* **who** will be involved (you can expand on this in the Partners/Partnerships section below)

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If you are planning to apply for **Transforming Nature – Development phase funding** please describe the development activities you are seeking funding for as well as a description of the future delivery project.

**Provide an outline of proposed project activities and expected outputs** (400 words maximum). Please add more rows as required.

| **Activity** | **Expected Outputs** |
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| Eg.Slow water flow in the Allt  | Eg.Site 1 – 3 leaky dams installedSite 2 – 8 leaky dams installed |
| Wildflower meadow creation | 3ha of wildflower habitat created |
| Scrape creation  | 20m2 area of wetland habitat created |
| Plant additional native trees | 100 trees planted |
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**Please give details of partners/partnerships for your project (250 words maximum):**

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If you are seeking **Transforming Nature-Development Phase** funding, please include details of any intended partners/partnerships that would be involved at the development phase you are seeking funding for (not the intended subsequent delivery phase).

**Please give a brief description of how advanced project planning is along with a summary of pre-project discussions and consultations (including with NatureScot staff) (250 words maximum):**

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**Project timeframe**

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| Start date:  | End date:  |

If you intend to apply for **Transforming Nature-Development Phase** funding, please give the start and end dates for your intended development activities (not the subsequent delivery activities).

**Which NRF deadline are you planning to submit an application for?** Please see application deadlines on our website.

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Thank you for your interest in the Nature Restoration Fund. Please email **NRF@nature.scot** with your completed Expression of Interest form. **We aim to respond within 20 working days.**