

UK Environmental Observation Framework

Working collaboratively to maximise the value of the UK's environmental observations

About UKEOF

The UK Environmental Observation Framework (UKEOF) works to improve coordination of the observational evidence needed to understand and manage the changing natural environment. It is a partnership of public sector organisations with an interest in using and providing evidence from environmental observations.

Supporting knowledge exchange

- Launched in 2008 to support better communication and sharing of information across the observations community
- Representatives from a range of organisations including government, research councils, devolved administrations and agencies work together to achieve UKEOF aims
- This collaborative approach helps inform strategic direction in environmental observations and supports the efficient delivery of operational services
- UKEOF informs policy, management, science and innovation for environmental and economic benefit.

Working Groups

Through its Working Groups (►) and workshops, UKEOF provides a neutral space for organisations to discuss efficiencies and collaborative working. Priority areas for environmental observations have been established where a UK-wide perspective adds value.

Resources

UKEOF has developed a range of resources to support transparent and evidence-based decisions concerning environmental observations. These include:

- Data-related Advice Notes
- Guidance documents
- Workshop reports
- Citizen Science cost-benefit tool
- The UKEOF Environmental Observations Activity Catalogue.

UKEOF Partners

British Geological Survey • Centre for Ecology & Hydrology • Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland) • Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy • Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs • Economic and Social Research Council • Environment Agency • Forestry Commission • Joint Nature Conservation Committee • Met Office • Natural England • Natural Environment Research Council • Natural Resources Wales • Office of National Statistics • Scottish Environment Protection Agency • Scottish Government • Scottish Natural Heritage • UK Space Agency • Welsh Government



UKEOF Working Groups

Data Advisory Group – addresses themes such as data integration and sharing across the environmental observation sector

Citizen Science Working Group – a forum for sharing good practice and future needs with respect to citizen science and working with volunteers

Natural Capital Working Group – working towards a shared understanding of natural capital accounting and an integrated approach to natural capital assessment in the UK

UK DNA Working Group – facilitates dialogue and collaboration in relation to the use of DNA for environmental monitoring.

