



# Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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## PART 1

### SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### *Introduction*

#### **4 Principles of sustainable management of natural resources**

In this Part, the “principles of sustainable management of natural resources” are—

- (a) manage adaptively, by planning, monitoring, reviewing and, where appropriate, changing action;
- (b) consider the appropriate spatial scale for action;
- (c) promote and engage in collaboration and co-operation;
- (d) make appropriate arrangements for public participation in decision-making;
- (e) take account of all relevant evidence and gather evidence in respect of uncertainties;
- (f) take account of the benefits and intrinsic value of natural resources and ecosystems;
- (g) take account of the short, medium and long term consequences of actions;
- (h) take action to prevent significant damage to ecosystems;
- (i) take account of the resilience of ecosystems, in particular the following aspects—
  - (i) diversity between and within ecosystems;
  - (ii) the connections between and within ecosystems;
  - (iii) the scale of ecosystems;
  - (iv) the condition of ecosystems (including their structure and functioning);
  - (v) the adaptability of ecosystems.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Section 4.