



Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

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PART 2

CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATURAL FEATURES

CHAPTER 1

SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

Exercise of functions in relation to sites of special scientific interest

12 Exercise of functions by public bodies etc.

- (1) This section applies to the exercise by a public body or office-holder of any function on, or so far as affecting, any land which is or forms part of a site of special scientific interest.
- (2) The body or office-holder must—
 - (a) consult SNH in relation to the exercise of the function,
 - (b) have regard to any advice given by SNH, and
 - (c) in exercising the function, take reasonable steps, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of the functions of the body or office-holder, to—
 - (i) further the conservation and enhancement of the natural feature specified in the SSSI notification, and
 - (ii) maintain or enhance the representative nature of any series of sites of special scientific interest to which the SSSI notification contributes.
- (3) This section is without prejudice to sections 13 to 15.