

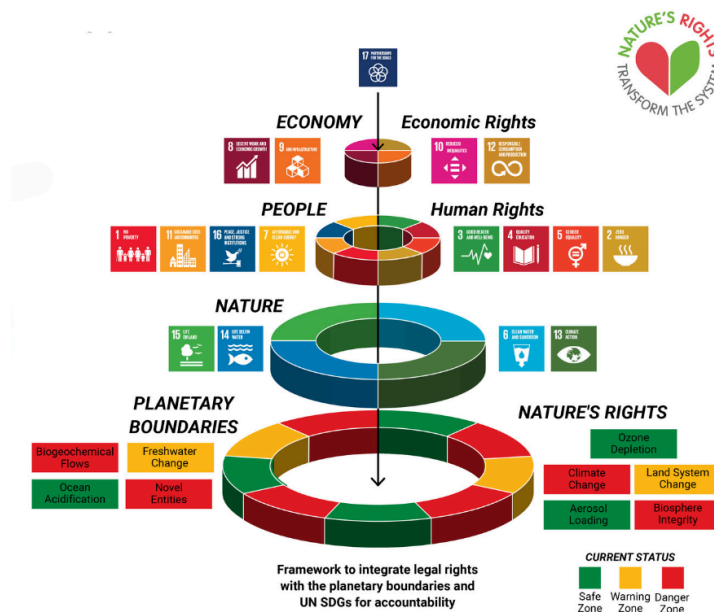


Nature's Rights Bill Explanatory Note

Why this Bill? Why now?

Despite decades of environmental laws, climate pledges, and sustainability goals, ecological collapse is accelerating. From biodiversity loss to climate destabilisation, our current legal and economic systems treat Nature as property — an object to be exploited, not a subject with rights. This systemic flaw lies at the heart of our inability to reverse the ecological crisis.

In our current legal framework Nature, people and the economy are 3 separate things. This fallacy of separation from Nature lies at the heart of the ecological crisis. The *Nature's Rights Bill* introduces a transformative legal framework — the [Integrated Rights Framework](#) — that recognises **Nature as a legal subject** and embeds **human and economic rights within ecological limits**. It acknowledges that the health of people and the economy depends on the health of Nature — not the other way around. Indeed, without Nature, we cannot exist.



The Framework does not replace existing rights but reorders and integrates them so that all decisions and activities uphold ecological integrity, respect Planetary Boundaries, and regenerate life. It aligns the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with planetary boundaries, applies Earth Jurisprudence, and operationalises cutting-edge science such as Earth System Boundaries at the local level.

Endorsed by the **European Economic and Social Committee** and grounded in international obligations such as the **World Charter for Nature** and the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**, this Bill gives legal force to a new governance paradigm — one that secures **rights for Nature, procedural rights for people to defend Nature, and a legal duty of care** for all public bodies, businesses, and individuals.

The Bill creates robust and regenerative governance structures:

- **Legal personhood and rights for Nature** in the context of the Integrated Rights Framework.
- A **Legal Duty of Care** towards Nature.
- A **Nature Guardianship Council** to oversee implementation, coordinate enforcement, and develop regulations;]
- **Bioregional Councils** to ensure decisions reflect local ecological realities;
- **Non-Adversarial Dispute Resolution** and a **Nature's Rights Tribunal** to adjudicate violations and deliver restorative justice;
- A **Select Committee for Nature's Rights** to ensure parliamentary oversight and democratic accountability.

This is a moment of legal evolution. Just as human rights transformed governance in the 20th century, Nature's Rights must lead the legal transition in the 21st. This Bill gives effect to the **growing international recognition** that without securing the rights of Nature, we cannot secure a liveable future for humanity.

It is not only a legal necessity — it is a moral and ecological imperative.

To find out more visit: www.natures-rights.org/uk-bill

To understand the Integrated Rights Framework watch the 13 min explainer video:

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