



Biodiversity

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BIODIVERSITY

- ▶ **Biodiversity is all the different kinds of life you'll find in one area—the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world.**
 - ▶ **Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, like an intricate web, to maintain balance and support life.**
 - ▶ **Biodiversity supports everything in nature that we need to survive: food, clean water, medicine, and shelter.**
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WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION?

- ▶ Biodiversity conservation is the protection and management of biodiversity to obtain resources for sustainable development.
- ▶ Biodiversity conservation has three main objectives:
 - ▶ To preserve the diversity of species.
 - ▶ Sustainable utilization of species and ecosystem.
 - ▶ To maintain life-supporting systems and essential ecological processes.

CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES

- ▶ Historic assets will be managed to sustain their values. ...
- ▶ Understanding the significance of historic assets is vital. ...
- ▶ The historic environment is a shared resource. ...
- ▶ Everyone will be able to participate in sustaining the historic environment.



1. HISTORIC ASSETS WILL BE MANAGED TO SUSTAIN THEIR VALUES

- ▶ **Conservation is about making sure that the special qualities of our historic assets are protected, enhanced, enjoyed and understood by everyone now and in the future.**
 - ▶ **Any change to a historic asset and its special qualities should bring benefits that outweigh any loss or harm.**
 - ▶ **Those benefits should protect and sustain the historic asset.**
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2. UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HISTORIC ASSETS IS VITAL.

- ▶ **Historic assets have many values that contribute to their significance. These include:**
 - ▶ **their physical remains and surviving fabric**
 - ▶ **pictorial and documentary records that help us understand them,**
 - ▶ **their capacity to illuminate aspects of the past and connect us to it**
 - ▶ **their aesthetic qualities**
 - ▶ **the value they have to the people who relate to them.**
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3. THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT IS A SHARED RESOURCE.

- ▶ **The historic environment gives distinctiveness, meaning and quality to the places where we live.**
 - ▶ **It is a social and economic asset and a resource for learning and enjoyment.**
 - ▶ **This means that we all share a responsibility for making sure that everyone can use, enjoy and benefit from it, both now and in the future.**
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4. EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUSTAINING THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT.

- ▶ **Caring for our historic environment depends on informed and active participation.**
 - ▶ **We need access to specialist knowledge and expertise to tease out what's important about our historic assets and guide their management.**
 - ▶ **We also need to share what we learn so that we raise awareness and understanding of heritage more widely.**
 - ▶ **And we need to make sure that we develop, maintain and pass on the skills and knowledge that we need to care for the historic environment.**
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