

The **Joint Nature Conservation Committee** is the forum through which the three country nature conservation agencies – the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW), Natural England (NE) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) – deliver their statutory responsibilities for Great Britain as a whole and internationally. These responsibilities, known as the special functions, contribute to sustaining and enriching biological diversity, enhancing geological features and sustaining natural systems.

The special functions are principally:

- to advise ministers on the development of policies for, or affecting, nature conservation in Great Britain and internationally;
- to provide advice and knowledge to anyone on nature conservation issues affecting Great Britain and internationally;
- to establish common standards throughout Great Britain for the monitoring of nature conservation and for research into nature conservation and the analysis of the results; and
- to commission or support research which the Committee deems relevant to the special functions.

**This Guide** is one of a new series of interpretative publications intended to support users of the National Vegetation Classification. These publications will focus on providing further guidance on practical aspects of the NVC.

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