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# **Current position**

Approximately 36% of Perth and Kinross is designated under national or international legislation to protect the landscape habitats and species (this includes NSA, HGDL, NP, SAC, SPA, SSSI). There has been no change in the total area of designated landscapes in the last 3 years<sup>1</sup>.

## Relevance of this indicator

The diverse landscape, wildlife and habitats of Perth and Kinross are highly valued locally, nationally and internationally and are resources that need to be protected. Biodiversity benefits communities and human health through the provision of a high quality environment in which to live. This indicator identifies those areas within Perth and Kinross highlighted for their contribution to the landscape and identified for specific and habitats protection. (It should be noted that designation of an area does not guarantee its quality).

# PKC Sustainable Development Principle:

SDP5 - Protecting and improving natural resources and biodiversity (e.g. air quality, water quality, land contamination)

SDP6 - Well-maintained, local, userfriendly open spaces with facilities for everyone

#### **Local Outcome:**

Our area will have a sustainable natural and built environment

### **National Outcome:**

We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

Source: Scottish Natural Heritage