

# England Species Reintroductions Taskforce (ESRT): government bodies stakeholder meeting

**Date and time:** 18 July 2024, 12:30pm to 2pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

## **Attendees:**

- Andy Clements: Chair of ESRT
- Delphine Pouget: Natural England and ESRT
- Will Stinson: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
- Andrew Stringer: Forestry England and ESRT
- Gerard Clover: Forestry Research
- Eileen Stuart: NatureScot
- Dave Stone: Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
- Richard Gray: Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)
- Murray Thompson: Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS)
- Robbie McDonald: Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)
- Julia Touza-Montero: University of York and ESRT
- Sara McGuckin: Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)
- Liz Halliwell: Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
- Jeremy Sabel: Natural England (NE)
- Mina Patel: NE
- Molly Dadswell: NE – minutes

## **Note of the meeting**

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

Andy Clements welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by individual introductions including summaries of respective professional backgrounds.

### **2. Background to the taskforce**

Andy Clements, Andrew Stringer, Julia Touza-Montero, Will Stinson and Delphine Pouget gave a brief account of the formation and backdrop to the taskforce, covering membership, vision, purposes and current activity. Andy Clements also set out the aims and objectives of this meeting:

- to present the work of the taskforce
- to listen to views, concerns and experiences of the stakeholders – not just from an England perspective, but in partnership with the other UK countries

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- assisted colonisation – another opportunity to collaborate across the 4 nations of the UK – Delphine Pouget explained that the ESRT are looking into a decision framework around this to tackle impacts from climate change
- communications – Andy highlighted the ESRT website, the NE blog and that there will soon be an ESRT LinkedIn page

#### **4. Summary and round up**

Andy Clements thanked attendees for their valuable contributions.