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Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: International Climate Finance Nature Spend

Thank you for your two requests for information of 17 June 2026 about International Climate Finance nature spend. We have handled your requests under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

REQUEST 1

Please provide a full list of all recorded International Climate Finance (ICF) nature spend by your department, including project title, project code and value by year, for each of the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (including provisional figures where relevant).

We enclose a copy of some of the information you requested at Annex C, namely information for the financial years 2021/22–2024/25.

We can also confirm that we hold information for the financial year 25/2026. However, we have decided that it should be withheld as it falls under the exception at regulation 12(4)(d) of the EIRs, which relates to incomplete data. This exception is engaged because the data is still being processed and analysed.

In applying this exception, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure.

We recognise that there is a public interest in release of data concerning ICF spending, and that such data could be released to promote openness and transparency.



However, there is a stronger public interest in withholding the information because the information requested is still subject to further adjustments before it is finalised. Defra officials are in the process of analysing the data to ensure it is as accurate as possible, and this analysis should be completed by July. Disclosure prior to this will only distract efforts away from completing this work.

Therefore, we have concluded that in all the circumstances of the case, the information should be withheld.

REQUEST 2

Further to your response to EIR2026/00894, received on 30/01/2026, please see below for a related query.

As a subset of nature ICF, reported forest ICF spend by programme should be equal to, or less than, reported nature ICF.

Defra had previously provided itemised figures for total departmental nature ICF spend in Fol request EIR2025/17623 (10/09/2025). This did not contain any reported nature ICF spend for the following three programmes identified as receiving forest ICF in EIR2026/00894:

- *GB-GOV-7-ICF-P0003-EcoB*
- *GB-GOV-7-ALB-KEW001*
- *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)*

Could you please clarify:

- a. whether the reported forest ICF spend figures for GB-GOV-7-ICF-P0003-EcoB, GB-GOV-7-ALB-KEW001 and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) are correct?*

The reported spend is correct per the data at Annex C.

- b. if so, what the corrected nature ICF spend figures for GB-GOV-7-ICF-P0003-EcoB, GB-GOV-7-ALB-KEW001 and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) are?*
- c. whether any other programme nature ICF figures previously provided in EIR2025/17623 (10/09/2025) have changed?*

There is a small change in Forest spend for the Eco.business fund (£160,000 revised to £140,000) following finalisation of provisional spend for 2024/25. Nature spend for EBF remains correct as previously reported. Nature spend for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) was not included in nature spend for EIR2025_17623 as that response did not list contributions to Multilateral Environmental Agreements, which has been included in recent returns. The data for Kew remains correct as reported in EIR2025_17623 and EIR2026_00894.

Information disclosed in response to this EIRs request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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