



## WWT Environmental Statement

WWT, the charity for wetlands and wildlife, is on a mission to restore wetlands because they are a wondrous solution to the problems our world faces. Working together we will unlock their power and help nature burst back to life. Because when wetlands flourish, all life will flourish.

Our vision is a world where healthy wetland nature thrives and enriches lives. We have big ambitions to restore bigger, better and more connected wetlands and to inspire more people to value, act for and benefit from wetlands. To achieve our ambitions, we also need to become more sustainable and effective.

We recognise that in delivering these ambitions for wetlands we may also have an impact on our environment, both positive and negative. Our main environmental challenges relate to greenhouse gas emissions from energy use at our sites and, as a national and international charity, from business travel. Our works and activities consume resources, can generate emissions and waste and have the potential to impact on water quality.

WWT is committed to minimising our negative impacts. In particular, our strategy *Wetlands are the Way*, has a strategic outcome for WWT to meet our net zero carbon target (in our operations) by 2030. We will reduce our operational emissions as much as possible and offset our residual carbon footprint through additional carbon sequestration applying our expertise in the superpower of intertidal wetlands as carbon sinks.

The strategy also has a key focus on our own impact on the water environment ensuring that we are compliant with all our water discharges at all times, and that wherever possible water quality is improved

In summary WWT will

- Be net zero by 2030.
- Protect our wetland environments and species, ensuring compliance with existing legislation across our estate, and wherever feasible always exceeding compliance standards.
- Adapt our land management practices and operations to a changing climate.
- Adopt the principle of continuous improvement in our approach to our environmental impact, seeking to reduce resource consumption, pollution risk and waste generation.
- Monitor, implement and comply with changes to existing and new legislation.
- Ensure that our staff and volunteers are aware and actively contribute to our sustainability outcomes.
- Wherever feasible, purchase goods and services that recognise and support positive environmental and social practices, working with our suppliers.
- Reduce pollution risks, resource consumption and waste generation.
- Manage our investments in a manner that demonstrates a positive approach to Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)
- Set clear sustainability metrics and measure our performance against them
- inspire others to act sustainably, particularly in reducing impacts on wetlands.

This statement has been endorsed by WWT's Executive Leadership Team and Council. Responsibility for its implementation lies with the Senior Leadership Team, supported by the Head of Sustainability and the Trust's Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Committee, in association with Senior Managers, staff and volunteers.

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