

The UK Environmental Observation Framework (UKEOF) is a partnership of public sector organisations committed to working together to improve the coordination of the observational evidence needed to understand and manage the UK's changing natural environment.

Launched in 2008 for the purposes of supporting better communication and sharing of information across the environmental observation community, UKEOF involves representatives from a range of organisations including government, research councils, devolved administrations and agencies. By informing the strategic direction of environmental observations and the efficient delivery of operational services, our collaborative approach supports policy, management, science and innovation for environmental and economic benefit.

Our Working Groups and workshops provide neutral spaces for organisations to share novel ideas, methodologies and solutions to problems, as well as to explore priority areas for environmental observations where a UK-wide perspective adds value. We also provide a range of resources to support transparent and evidence-based decision-making.

The UKEOF Secretariat is currently operated by the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.

For further information about UKEOF, visit ukeof.org.uk or contact office@ukeof.org.uk

Introducing the **UK Environmental Observation Framework**

**Working collaboratively to
maximise the value of the UK's
environmental observations**

OUR WORK



A Management Group oversees UKEOF's strategic direction, whilst the UKEOF Work Plan is delivered primarily through our Working Groups that meet regularly and are open to participants from outside the UKEOF consortium. The Working Groups are:

- **Data Advisory Group (DAG)** - dedicated to fostering collaboration and innovation in environmental data sharing. The DAG facilitates knowledge exchange and the sharing of best practice, ensuring that the UK's environmental data and information resources are utilised to their fullest potential.
- **Citizen Science Working Group (CSWG)** - a space for sharing good practice and discussing future needs and plans for working with volunteers to provide high quality, environmental observation data.
- **Natural Capital Working Group (NCWG)** - bringing relevant organisations together to inform on national approaches and, where possible, align natural capital monitoring and reporting.
- **UK DNA Working Group (UK DNA WG)** - facilitates dialogue and collaboration by providing a forum for the wide community of government agencies, academics and other stakeholders to discuss priorities and emerging developments in the use of DNA for environmental monitoring.
- **Earth Observation Calibration and Validation Working Group (EOCV WG)** - a forum focusing on linking observations across spatial scales, i.e. from ground observations to drones to satellites.

CONFERENCE

We organise a free online conference each year, typically in February or March. These are popular events at which to learn about and discuss developments in environmental observation.

RESOURCES

A wide range of resources relating to environmental observing is available on our website, **ukeof.org.uk**.

UKEOF PARTNERS

British Geological Survey; Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Northern Ireland); Department for Energy Security and Net Zero; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Economic and Social Research Council; Environment Agency; Forestry Commission; Joint Nature Conservation Committee; Met Office; Natural England; Natural Environment Research Council; Natural Resources Wales; NatureScot; Office for National Statistics; Scottish Environment Protection Agency; Scottish Government; UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology; UK Space Agency; Welsh Government.

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