



OUTCO

OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE

BIODIVERSITY SOLUTIONS



THE NEED TO ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY ON YOUR LAND

50%
OF GDP
DEPENDS
ON NATURE

Biodiversity is vital for the health of our environment, supporting ecosystems that provide essential services such as air and water purification, carbon capture, and soil fertility.

However, habitat loss and environmental degradation continue to pose significant challenges. Enhancing biodiversity is not just a requirement for new developments — it is a responsibility for all landowners and businesses managing outdoor spaces.

At OUTCO, we help our clients take proactive steps to improve biodiversity across their sites, whether or not development is taking place.

Managing land with nature in mind enhances its ecological value, strengthens climate resilience, and ensures compliance with sustainability goals and environmental policies.

By assessing current biodiversity levels, identifying opportunities for habitat enhancement, and delivering long-term management plans, OUTCO provides practical, scalable solutions for businesses looking to make a meaningful environmental impact. Investing in biodiversity is not just about meeting regulations — it's about creating healthier, more sustainable landscapes for the future.

SUPPORTING BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) FOR A GREENER FUTURE

OUTCO is committed to supporting clients through all their biodiversity projects, providing a suite of biodiversity services that not only ensure compliance with BNG requirements, but also enhance the ecological value of your sites.

Our expertise in habitat assessment, AI-driven analysis, and long-term natural capital management helps clients meet regulatory obligations efficiently and sustainably.

By partnering with OUTCO, clients can confidently meet BNG requirements while contributing to a greener, more sustainable future.

WHY CHOOSE OUTCO FOR BNG

- ✓ **Expert-Led Solutions:** Our experienced ecologists and AI technology deliver precise, actionable biodiversity insights.
- ✓ **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensuring full compliance with the Environment Act 2021 and local planning policies.
- ✓ **Sustainable Impact:** Enhancing natural ecosystems while supporting corporate ESG goals.
- ✓ **Seamless Integration:** Our biodiversity services integrate with wider environmental and land management solutions.
- ✓ **Long-Term Management:** Ongoing support to maintain and enhance biodiversity gains over time.



29%

PERFORMANCE
ADVANTAGE
LINKED TO NATURE-
POSITIVE FIRMS

WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)?

BNG is a government-mandated approach to development that requires biodiversity improvements to be measured using the DEFRA Biodiversity Metric. The objective is to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than before development occurs.

OUTCO provides tailored BNG solutions to help clients navigate these new requirements with confidence.

BIODIVERSITY LOSS IS NOW RANKED AMONG THE TOP FIVE GLOBAL RISKS IN TERMS OF IMPACT.

Global Risks Report, World Economic Forum

BNG IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT:

- ✓ Enhances ecosystem services, such as air and water purification
- ✓ Supports climate resilience and carbon sequestration
- ✓ Contributes to corporate sustainability goals and ESG commitments
- ✓ Ensures compliance with the UK Environment Act 2021



PRELIMINARY BIODIVERSITY SURVEYS AND REPORTS

To help clients manage their land properly, meet their corporate and moral responsibilities, along with achieving BNG compliance, OUTCO offers Preliminary Habitat Surveys and Reports, which provide critical early-stage insights into a site's ecological value. Our surveys utilise a combination of high-resolution imagery, artificial intelligence (AI) analysis, and expert assessment to evaluate key biodiversity features.

The Preliminary Survey Report includes:

- Area Habitat Summary: Outlining high-value habitats and potential biodiversity uplift opportunities
- Hedgerow Habitat Summary: Assessing hedgerows' ecological connectivity and value

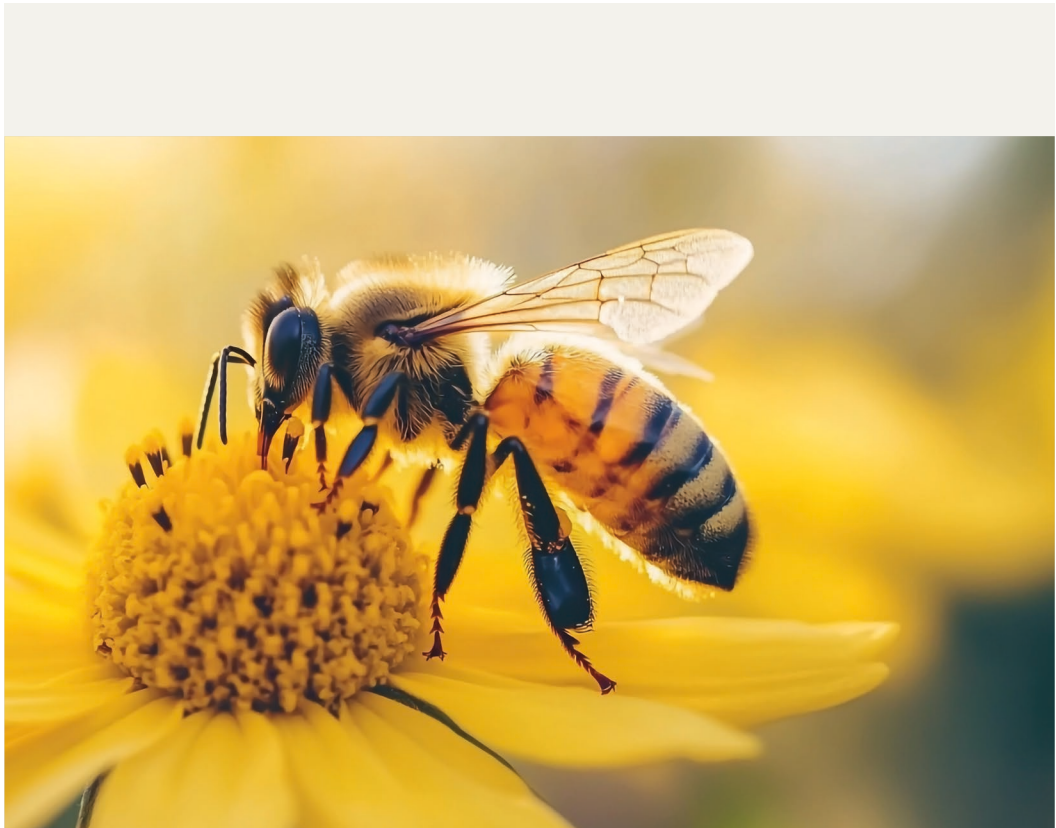
Watercourse Habitat Summary: Identifying aquatic biodiversity and conservation needs

KEY BENEFITS:

- ✓ Identifies irreplaceable habitats within the site
- ✓ Highlights designated nature conservation areas
- ✓ Reviews existing data on protected species
- ✓ Determines the strategic significance of habitats
- ✓ Pre-maps site habitats, expediting field surveys

15%

OF UK MAMMALS
ARE AT RISK OF
EXTINCTION



OUTCO'S NATURE IMPACT SERVICES

OUTCO provides a structured approach to achieving BNG compliance:

1. Nature Impact Opportunity Assessment

Our Nature Impact Opportunity Assessment consists of three stages. First, we establish a baseline understanding of your site's biodiversity value through a habitat assessment, that includes a site visit to conduct ground truthing, biodiversity baseline and habitat mapping.

Second, we perform a desktop analysis of ecological network opportunities within a 2-mile radius of your site, incorporating GIS analysis, a review of local biodiversity action plans, and identification of potential green corridors and ecological stepping stones.

Finally, we collate all gathered data into a detailed nature impact opportunity report, presenting our findings and recommendations for maximising your site's nature impact potential.

2. Nature Impact Design Strategy

The design stage also involves three key steps. First, we leverage the data gathered in the initial assessment to develop a comprehensive nature impact design strategy and site-specific nature recovery concept, incorporating stakeholder and client input.

Next, we translate this concept into detailed design plans and specifications, including drawings, technical specifications, and planting schedules.

Finally, we prepare a detailed budget encompassing all project costs, providing you with a clear and comprehensive financial overview of the investment required to support your organisation's nature impact objectives.

3. Habitat Creation and Implementation

The Habitat Creation Stage encompasses the actual Implementation and delivery of the proposed biodiversity improvements. This includes site preparation, sourcing and installation of all necessary materials, and careful selection of native plant species to maximise biodiversity and ecological resilience.

Our comprehensive 5-year plant defects period includes the replacement of any failed plantings and ongoing maintenance to ensure a thriving ecosystem during the crucial establishment phase.

Monitoring is conducted throughout this period to track ecological progress and adapt interventions as needed to support long-term habitat success.

4. Natural Capital Asset Management

Our natural capital asset management and monitoring services provide robust, quantifiable data to demonstrate the success of your nature impact investment.

We conduct annual ecological monitoring, including detailed surveys and analysis, to track and verify biodiversity uplift over time. This data is complemented by annual habitat maintenance activities, ensuring the long-term health and resilience of your natural assets.

Our findings are compiled into an annual nature impact report, providing you with clear, credible evidence of the positive ecological outcomes achieved on a site by site basis and across your entire portfolio.

42%
OF UK SPECIES
ARE DECLINING



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