



English Woodland Grant Scheme

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Habitat Regulations

A number of changes are being made to the Habitats Regulations which increase the legal protection given to European Protected Species (EPS) in England. These changes will come into force on Tuesday 21 August and affect land and marine management. The changes reinforce the European Habitats Directive in England and Wales, and are the UK response to a judgement in the European Court of Justice.

As several of the species covered by the Regulations are found in woodland, this change has implications for how woodlands are managed and forestry operations are carried out.

You may already have received a [background note](#) (PDF 30kb) from one of our Regional Offices.

Further information and guidance is available from the [Protected Species pages](#).