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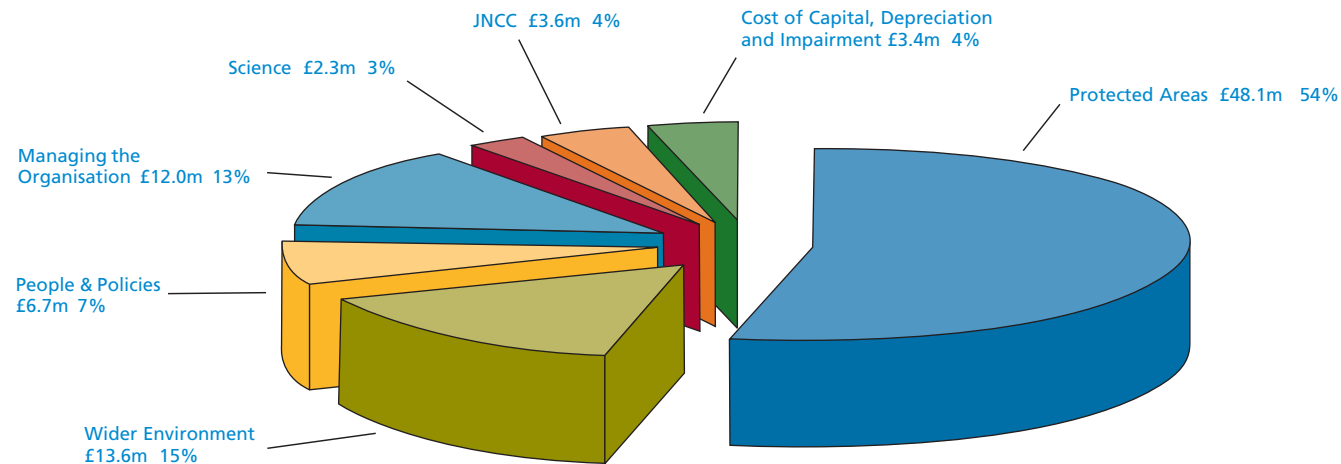
# English Nature

English Nature is the Government funded body the purpose of which is to promote the conservation of England's wildlife and natural features. We achieve this by taking action ourselves and by working through and enabling others.

Our main duties and powers have been given to us by the following Acts of Parliament:

- National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949
- Countryside Act 1968
- Nature Conservancy Council Act 1973
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (amended 1985)
- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

## Budget expenditure 2005-2006



We are governed by a Council whose Chair and Members are appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment and, as at 31.12.04, we employed over 950 permanent staff.

We work closely with the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Countryside Council for Wales for a consistent approach to nature conservation throughout Great Britain, and towards fulfilling our international obligations.

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English Nature's total budget for 2005/2006 is £89.7m. This budget is made up of £84.1m Grant in Aid from Defra (including £3.8m from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund) and £5.6m in other receipts.

## Publications and information

We want people to understand and appreciate England's natural heritage and our work. We provide a whole range of information sources to help people find out more.

**Publications:** Our publications catalogue lists the major titles available, including our *Review of the year* – an illustrated summary of English Nature's most recent activities and achievements. Other titles relate to particular habitats, species or issues. The catalogue is available from:

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## Designated sites in England

### NNRs and MNRs

National Nature Reserves are sites that have been declared by English Nature or its predecessors under Section 19 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 or Section 35 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. They are either owned or controlled by English Nature or held by approved bodies such as wildlife trusts.

Marine Nature Reserves in England are declared by the Secretary of State for the Environment. At present there is one MNR, Lundy in Devon, which is included in the figures below.

As at 31.12.04 there were 217 NNRs covering 89,340 hectares.

### SSSIs

Sites of Special Scientific Interest are notified by English Nature because of their plants, animals, or geological or physiographical features. Most SSSIs

are privately owned or managed. About a third of the area of SSSIs are owned or managed by public bodies, such as the Forestry Commission, Ministry of Defence and The Crown Estate, or by the voluntary conservation movement.

As at 31.12.04	<b>Number</b> 4,113	<b>Hectares</b> 1,072,412
SSSIs cover approximately 7.5% of England's total area. English Nature works closely with over 32,000 owners and occupiers on these sites.		

### Local Nature Reserves

All LNRs are owned or controlled by local authorities and some, but not all, are SSSIs. Local authorities consult English Nature on all new proposals for LNRs in England.

As at 31.12.04	<b>Number</b> 1,158	<b>Hectares</b> 28,923
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### SPAs/Ramsar sites/SACs

**Ramsar sites:** The UK Government signed the convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (the Ramsar convention) in 1973. Under the Convention the Government is committed to designate 'Wetlands of International Importance' (Ramsar sites) and to use the wetlands within its territory wisely.

**Special Protection Areas (SPAs):** The Government is bound by the European Communities Council Directive of April 1979 on the Conservation of Wild Birds. Under this Directive the Government has to designate Special Protection Areas to conserve the habitat of certain rare or vulnerable birds (listed under the Directive) and regularly occurring migratory birds. It has to avoid any significant pollution or disturbance to or deterioration of these designated sites.

All designated SPAs and Ramsar sites are Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Some sites qualify for both Ramsar and SPA designations. English Nature's particular involvement is in the identification of these sites, their notification as SSSIs and carrying out consultations on the proposed designations with owners, occupiers, local authorities and other interested parties.

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	Ramsar sites	SPAs
Number of sites designated (in whole or part) as at 31.12.04	70	87
Total area designated (hectares) as at 31.12.04. 57 sites are designated both Ramsar/SPA sites	377,057	682,045

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