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Guidance

## Control measure

**Liaison with conservation bodies**



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### Control measure knowledge

Areas of nature conservation (ANC) such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) in Northern Ireland) are important sites designated and protected for being the best examples of their characteristic wildlife and geology. Staff and volunteers from relevant nature conservation bodies normally manage these sites.

### Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Be aware of their legal responsibilities under nature conservation legislation, which includes the [Environmental Damage \(Prevention and Remediation\) Regulations \(EDR\) 2009 for Wales and Scotland or equivalent in Northern Ireland](#)
- Seek advice from relevant nature conservation bodies relating to areas susceptible to physical damage

### Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Seek advice from landowners and other bodies on susceptible areas of the environment
- Implement an appropriate protection plan when an identified nature conservation site is at risk