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I established the Biodiversity Deep Dive to develop a set of collective actions we can take in Wales to support natures recovery. The 30 by 30 target was chosen as a strategic focus for the purpose of the deep dive to consider where and how action could be accelerated. 30 by 30 refers to protecting and effectively managing at least 30% of our land, freshwater and sea for nature by 2030.

With the deep dive group retained to support implementation of their recommendations, I am pleased to publish our first biannual update. This update recognises the progress and milestones we have achieved against each of our published recommendations as well as outlining the next steps required to draw these recommendations towards completion.

30 by 30 is one of a number of targets which form part of the new Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) agreed at COP15 in December 2022. I am committed to implementing the new Framework, not just the 30 by 30 target. We need to take ambitious and integrated action to put nature on the path to recovery. The deep dive recommendations will support the delivery of this, which will be complemented by the development of our own legally binding nature targets underpinned by a new strategic biodiversity action plan.