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MARine Resilience & Improvement of Natural Ecosystems



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Introduction

- Wales's marine ecosystems are under pressure
- Existing funding for marine restoration and recovery is limited and short-term
- MARINE Fund Cymru:
 - A new fund which will secure voluntary contributions, mainly from the private sector
 - Distribute grants for projects that enhance the resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems in Wales



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Fund background



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- Developed through the Wales Coasts and Seas Partnership (CaSP Cymru) via its Blue Investment Working Group
- Modelled on Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)
- Guided by:
 - Welsh Government's marine and environmental policies.
 - High-Integrity Marine Natural Capital Markets Roadmap
 - Welsh Government's Sustainable Investment Principles for Natural Resources



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Fund governance

- Transparent governance model:
 - Steering Group for strategic oversight:
 - Welsh Government, The Crown Estate, NRW, WCVA, CaSP representatives
 - Grant Making Panel for technical decision-making
 - Ethics Committee for accepting donations



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Fund objectives

Support projects that:

1. Enhance the health, resilience and biodiversity of Welsh marine and coastal ecosystems
2. Address climate change and wider environmental pressures through practical, nature-based actions within marine and coastal ecosystems
3. Build knowledge, skills and partnerships that strengthen long-term marine ecosystem recovery and help coastal communities deliver sustainable outcomes



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Fund progress

- Opened for donations in Jan 2026
- First contribution of £500,000 secured from The Crown Estate
 - Work is ongoing to secure further donations
- First grant round planned later this year
 - Call for Ideas launching soon to help shape grant round design



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