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22nd National Biodiversity Network Conference
Wednesday 9 November 2022
Flett Theatre, Natural History Museum, London
“Making data work for nature”

09:30 Registration

Morning session – Chair – Professor Sir John Lawton CBE FRS, NBN Trust Patron

09:55 Welcome and introduction by NBN Trust Chairman, Neil Hodges

Session 1: The NBN Atlas is the ‘go to’ place for sharing, finding and accessing UK biodiversity data

10:00 **Keynote address** – Bryony Pound, Senior Associate and Impact Specialist, Dialogue Matters Ltd – *“How can data inform wise decisions for nature”*

10:30 Vince Smith, Head of Digital, Data and Informatics, Natural History Museum, London – *“Harnessing the power of the UK’s natural science collections”*

10.45 Dr Andrew Stringer, Head of Environment, Forestry England – *“Forestry England’s aspirations for utilising eDNA and metabarcoding”*

11:00 Sophia Ratcliffe, NBN Atlas Data Manager, NBN Trust – *“NBN Atlas 2022 Update”*

11:10 Q&A

11:15 Tea / coffee break

Session 2: Biodiversity data is providing the evidence needed for nature’s recovery

11:45 Paul Jepson, Head of Innovation, Ecosulis Ltd – *“What the finance world needs from biodiversity data”*

12:00 Alex Robinson, Commercial Director, Zulu Forest Sciences – *“From datasets to dirty spades: Mapping evolutionary land cover with current floral and faunal species distribution to inform restoration potential”*

12:10 Francesca Mancini, Ecological Modeller, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology – *“Bringing the data revolution to nature recovery”*

12:25 Allyson Lister - FAIRsharing Content & Community Lead, Oxford e-Research Centre (OeRC), Department of Engineering Science, University of Oxford – *“FAIRsharing: curating an ecosystem of databases, standards and policies to enable FAIR data and explore community relationships”*

12:40 Q&A

12.45 **Lunch, posters and displays**

13:25 – 13:40 NBN Trust AGM

Afternoon session – Chair – Neil Hodges, NBN Trust Chairman

13.45 **The Sir John Burnett Memorial Lecture 2022** – Richard Benwell, Chief Executive, Wildlife and Countryside Link – *“Targets trends and trajectories: can DEFRA halt the decline of nature?”*

Session 3: Citizen science is valued, supported and expanded as a major source of biodiversity data

14.15 Jenny Tse-Leon, Conservation, Evaluation and Research Manager, Froglife – *“Dragon Finders”*

14.30 Dr Jessica Wardlaw, Citizen Science Programme Developer, Natural History Museum, London - *“From Fat Spiders to Slimy Snails and Slugs: Using iNaturalistUK to engage new audiences in Biological Recording”*

14:40 Christopher Leeson, Conservation Education Team Leader, BIAZA/ Twycross Zoo - *“BIAZA ‘Spotted on site’ – Citizen Science at the zoo”*

14:50 Q&A

14:55 Tea / coffee break

Session 4: The National Biodiversity Network is a well-connected and highly collaborative community with a united voice on key issues

15.20 Emily Stott, Nature Positive Universities Coordinator, University of Oxford – *“Nature Positive Universities”*

15:30 Laurence Watson, Head of Technology, Subak – *“Improving access to climate data”*

15:40 Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director, GBIF-Global Biodiversity Information Facility – *“Multiplying the value of national activity through international cooperation”*

15:50 Lisa Chilton, Chief Executive Officer, NBN Trust - *“The impact challenge – how can we demonstrate the value of the NBN?”*

16:05 Q&A

16:10 Chairman’s summing up

16.15 End of conference

16:20 NBN Awards for Wildlife Recording – prize-giving ceremony

17:30 End of event

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