

Appendix 3: Glossary of terms and commonly used acronyms

BESS	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service Sustainability http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/bess/
CAMERAS	A Co-ordinated Agenda for Marine, Environment and Rural Affairs Science. In January 2009 this initiative was established to ensure that science funded by the Scottish Government on these topics is co-ordinated and supports the Government's single purpose of sustainable economic growth. http://www.scotland.gov.uk/298054
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CBD	The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity http://www.cbd.int/
EA	The Ecosystem Approach. A strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way. www.cbd.int/ecosystem/
EAWG	Ecosystem Approach Working Group Links to EST.
ES	Ecosystem(s). A dynamic complex of plant, animal and micro-organism communities and their non-living environment interacting as a functional unit.
ESS	Ecosystem Services. The benefits people obtain from nature and ecosystem processes.
EST	Ecosystem Services Theme (one of 8 strategic research themes funded as part of 2011-2016 programme funded by RESAS) http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Research/About/EBAR/StrategicResearch/future-research-strategy/Themes/Theme1
JHI	The James Hutton Institute
MRPs	Main Research Providers to the Scottish Government http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Research/About/EBAR/research-providers
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
RESAS	Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services division (RESAS) in the Scottish Government (SG)

RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SAC	Scottish Agricultural College
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SG	Scottish Government
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SRDP	Scotland Rural Development Programme
SWT	Scottish Wildlife Trust
UKNEA	UK National Ecosystem Assessment. http://uknea.unep-wcmc.org/
VNN	Valuing Nature Network http://www.valuing-nature.net/
WPs	Work Packages. Three work packages, 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3, make up the Ecosystem Services Theme (EST) funded by RESAS