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Glossary of Acronyms

ACO	Architectural Conservation Officer
B&AH	Built and Architectural Heritage
BHIS	Built Heritage Investment Scheme
BHP	Built Heritage Policy
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CARO	Climate Action Regional Office
CBD COP 15	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity 15th Conference of the Parties
CCMA	County and City Management Association
CCSAP	Climate Change Sectoral Action Plan
CITES	The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CLG	Company Limited by Guarantee
CMF	Community Monuments Fund
CNCI	Council of National Cultural Institutions
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CPI	Cultural Policy Initiative
D/ECC	Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
D/Education	Department of Education
D/FHERIS	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.
D/RCD	Department of Rural and Community Development

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D/TCAGSM	Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
D/Trans	Department of Transport
DAFM	Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine
DHLGH	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
EAC	Expert Advisory Committee
EIP	European Innovation Partnership
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESD	Education for Sustainable Development
ETB/ETBI	Education and Training Boards, Ireland
EU	European Union
EYCH	European Year of Cultural Heritage
FEE International	Foundation for Environmental Education International
HC	Heritage Council
HI2030	Heritage Ireland 2030
HSF	Historic Structure Fund
HTI	Historic Town Initiative
ICAHM	The International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management
ICAN	Irish Community Archive Network
ICCROM	International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property

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ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites.
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ISL	Irish Sign Language
LA	Local Authority
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Marine Planning Act
MSPI	Museum Standards Programme of Ireland
NBAP	National Biodiversity Action Plan
NBDC	National Biodiversity Data Centre
NCI	National College of Institute
NDFEM	The National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management
NEB	New European Bauhaus
NI	Northern Ireland
NIAH	National Inventory of Architectural Heritage
NIEA	Northern Ireland Environment Agency
NMI	National Museum of Ireland
NMPF	The National Marine Planning Framework
NMS	National Monuments Service
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Services

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OEWG	Open-Ended Working Group
OPW	Office of Public Works
RIA	Royal Irish Academy
SBI	Subsidiary Body on Implementation
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SEAI	Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNaP	LIFE Strategic Nature Project
SOLAS	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea
TCF	Town Centre First
TU Shannon	Technological University Shannon
UCD	University College Dublin
UNESCO	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
WI	Waterways Ireland
WH	World Heritage

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Programme for Government commitments in relation to heritage		Update September 2023
1.	Connect heritage with all relevant priorities within Programme for Government.	Ongoing. 
2.	Publish and implement the new all-of-government heritage Strategic Policy [Heritage Ireland 2030] and begin its nationwide implementation.	Ongoing.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Ireland 2030 published in 2022. • Inaugural Heritage Ireland 2030 Summit held Oct 2022. • 2nd Summit held Oct 2023. • Implementation Update published in Q3 2023. • Inaugural Senior Officials Group meeting held in May 2023. • Implementation is ongoing.
3.	Explore multi-annual funding models and ensure adequate funding is made available for the implementation of each County Heritage Plan.	Ongoing.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions ongoing re multi-annual funding in relation to built and archaeological heritage grant mechanisms. • Local Authority (LA) heritage staff are being strengthened with appointment of various posts. • Heritage Council (HC) provides annual funding (100%) for County Heritage Plans. New Service Level Agreement (SLA) with each LA so that the objectives set out in each County Heritage Plan are clear, measurable and strategic. • HC has increased County Heritage Plan funding 20% in 2023.



Green: Action completed






Amber: Action ongoing



Red: Action not yet commenced





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<p>4.</p>	<p>Continue to support the role of the Heritage Officers in the areas of heritage education, health and wellbeing and citizen science.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Council and County and City Management Association (CCMA) implementing recommendations outlined in the 2021 review of the Heritage Officer Programme. 
<p>5.</p>	<p>Encourage each local authority to appoint a Conservation and Repurposing Officer.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) has prepared a funding scheme to subvent creation of new Architectural Conservation Officer (ACO) positions in Local Authorities; discussions ongoing with CCMA. 
<p>6.</p>	<p>Build on community-led schemes such as the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the Structures at Risk Fund, which provide grant aid to protect and maintain important historic buildings in our local communities.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for Built Heritage Grant Schemes increased by 33% for 2022. In 2022, 128 sites/projects were awarded €6m funding under the Community Monuments Fund (CMF). In 2022, the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) awarded €4 million to 512 projects addressing the conservation of building fabric and thereby build resilience to the effects of climate change. In 2022, the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) awarded €4m to 78 projects further enabling condition assessments and conservation of fabric nationally. Combined €14m for all 3 schemes delivered 718 projects in 2022. In 2023, €4.5m was awarded under the HSF supporting 95 projects. In 2023 €4.5m was awarded under the BHIS supporting 556 projects (a 12.5% increase on 2022 allocation). In 2023 €8m was awarded under the CMF to 140 projects (a 33% increase on 2022 allocation). Funding committed to community led schemes for built heritage under HC Community Grants. 



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<p>7.</p>	<p>Encourage traditional building skills in devising an apprenticeship programme with the sustainable construction sector focusing on heritage disciplines and crafts.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Council in advanced discussion with the Prince’s Foundation and Department of Communities, Northern Ireland to establish bursary programme for 2022/2023. • DHLGH and Office of Public Works (OPW) have commenced discussions on potential options to expand primary training and upskilling in traditional building craft and conservation skills within the OPW. • All-Ireland Heritage Skills programme launched in 2022. Six participants enrolled in the programme. Recruitment for 2023 programme currently underway. 
<p>8.</p>	<p>Expand the Heritage in Schools Scheme so that more students can enjoy our rich natural and cultural heritage.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional budget allocated to Heritage in Schools Programme for 2022/23. • Sanction for new post of Education Policy Officer in Heritage Council secured and are being recruited. 
<p>9.</p>	<p>Continue with the expansion of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) and include modern and industrial buildings.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional powers will be made available by the transfer of the legislation underpinning the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) into the Historic and Archaeological Heritage Bill. • Further NIAH survey expansion continuing. 
<p>10.</p>	<p>Build the capacity of local authorities to lead locally and engage citizens on climate change and biodiversity.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for 11 additional Biodiversity Officers allocated in February 2023, to bring the total to 25. Programme being delivered by the Heritage Council and the CCMA, with the support of the National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS). • Built and Archaeological Heritage Climate Change Sectoral Action Plan (CCSAP) enshrines community involvement with relevant actions being delivered. 

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under actions of the CCSAP, training for local authority officials has been developed to promote the inclusion of heritage actions and LA Climate Action Plans.  • Heritage Council and Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) workshop for local authority heritage staff held in April 2023 in collaboration with DHLGH Heritage. • Community Monuments Fund assisting LAs in community engagement on climate change impacts in line with Climate Change Sectoral Actions. • Under auspices of New European Bauhaus, DHLGH has supported a range of events to support and encourage local, regional and national actors to support delivery of the Green Deal and enhance built-environment sustainability. • Subvention by DHLGH of LA Architectural Conservation Officers positions expected to increase capacity in respect of historic built environment climate mitigation. • Heritage Council working with CAROs to co-ordinate strategic delivery of built and natural heritage actions through Local Authority Climate Action Plans. • Workshops held April 2023 (with assistance of DHLGH Built Heritage and NPWS) to workshop actions, will result in agreed Heritage Actions from Heritage and Biodiversity Officers at local level. • Heritage Council assisting DHLGH Climate Adaptation Working Group with development of training programme for LA staff to raise awareness of the importance of built heritage and archaeology in Climate Action Plans. • Training for LA staff delivered June 2023.
<p>11.</p>	<p>Work with the Northern Ireland Executive to deliver the flagship cross- border Ulster Canal project in order to restore the all-island inland water system as a premier tourism attraction.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction of Phase 2 of the Ulster Canal Restoration has progressed significantly over the last year and will continue into 2024. This includes a new marina at Clones, 800 m of new canal navigation, two new stone and masonry bridges, a new flood relief culvert and the restoration of an existing masonry arched bridge which formed part of the original Ulster Canal infrastructure.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant work is taking place to develop the visitor experience elements associated with the Ulster Canal in collaboration with the Local Authorities and Fáilte Ireland. 	
12.	Expand the Environment Fund, taking account of the consultation process which has been completed, through the introduction of new levies, and ring fence this money for investment in biodiversity and climate initiatives, including a parks fund to support the development of new parks and wildlife areas.	Not yet commenced.	
13.	Coordinate the actions in the Programme for Government regarding peatlands to maximise the benefits for biodiversity.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Peatlands Initiative Exploratory Study Report published October 2022. 	
14.	Progress the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity.	<p>Complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen's Assembly convened September 2022. Final Report issued April 2023. 	
15.	Promote biodiversity initiatives across primary, post primary and third-level sectors, and ensure that schools, colleges and universities across the country play an active role in providing areas to promote biodiversity.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHLGH made submission to Department of Education (D/Education) (April 2023) on new Statement of Strategy to capture measures to address this - discussions ongoing. 	


- Ireland’s Second National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): ESD to 2030 was launched in June 2022, with co-sponsorship by three government departments, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS), the Department of Education and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY). As well as supporting the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Target 4.7. ESD to 2030 will be an enabler for the achievement of all of the SDGs. 
- At the heart of the strategy is a whole institution approach to ESD, transforming educational spaces into places and spaces for sustainability and embedding ESD across teaching and learning, research and operational environments. Pillar 2 of the Strategy focuses on “Transforming Learning Environments”.
- This action is included under this Pillar and its implementation is led by the DHLGH in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Green-Campus is an international student-led environmental education programme, offering well-defined, controllable ways for educational campuses to take environmental issues, innovation and research from the academic departments and apply them to the day-to-day management of the campus. Green-Campus is a programme of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE International) and is operated in Ireland by An Taisce, with funding from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC). The 7 step programme involves establishing a committee representative of the campus community, review of environmental performance, taking action, monitoring and evaluating actions, embedding education for sustainable development into learning and informing and involving the campus and wider community.

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- The Green-Campus Programme has been in operation in Ireland since 2007 and there are currently 53 campuses in further and higher education institutions and hospitals involved in the Green Campus initiative in Ireland. Twenty-one of these have been awarded the Green Flag. The Green-Campus Programme encourages practical environmental education and the empowerment of campuses to become exemplars in environmental stewardship. Biodiversity is one of the themes explored by campuses through the Green Campus programme. 
- DFHERIS requesting updates from higher education institutions and other lead stakeholders on progress towards short term and ongoing actions in the ESD to 2030 implementation plan, with a view to publishing an interim progress report in Autumn 2023. Further information will be available at that point.
- In addition to the ESD to 2030 strategy, DFHERIS, in collaboration with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and Education and Training Boards, is actively promoting biodiversity training initiatives across the Further Education and Training sector. Education and Training Boards (ETB) are delivering a range of biodiversity and ecology courses nationwide at Levels 5 and 6. Laois and Offaly ETB, in a model of collaboration with the NPWS and OPW, are also leading on a Nature Skills Training Pilot Course, to raise awareness of biodiversity conservation among public sector staff and contractors working in sensitive environments.

16. Review the remit, status and funding of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to ensure that it is playing an effective role in delivering its overall mandate and enforcement role in the protection of wildlife.

- Ongoing. 
- Strategic Action Plan for the NPWS published in May 2022.
 - NPWS established as an Executive Agency in 2022.
 - Significant additional funding and resources being provided to NPWS.





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17.	Ensure that every local authority has a sufficient number of biodiversity and heritage officers among their staff complement.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for 11 additional Biodiversity Officers allocated to Heritage Council in February 2023, to bring total to 21 under programme being delivered by the Heritage Council and the CCMA - 26 in total (including those employed directly by LAs). Heritage Officer now appointed to each LA. 
18.	Support biodiversity data collection.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) established by Heritage Council incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), Chairman, John McCarthy. Operating Agreement signed between HC and NBDC, March 2023. 
19.	Publish a new National Pollinator Plan and encourage public bodies to promote and protect biodiversity.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan for 2021 - 2025 is a five-year road map that aims to help bees, other pollinating insects and our wider biodiversity. NBDC progressing on the delivery of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan. 
20.	Review the protection (including enforcement of relevant legislation) of our natural heritage, including hedgerows, native woodland and wetlands.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement and prosecutions are being strengthened. 
21.	Develop a new National Invasive Species Management Plan.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A National Invasive Alien Species Management Plan is included in the Programme for Government. 
22.	Introduce policies on supports for urban biodiversity and tree planting.	Ongoing. 




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23.	Encourage and support local authorities to reduce the use of pesticides in public areas.	Ongoing. 
24.	Continue implementation of the third National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021 and build on the commitments made at the first National Biodiversity Conference.	Ongoing.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Seeds for Nature commitments made at the first National Biodiversity Conference is available on https://www.biodiversityconference.ie • Review of the implementation of the 3rd National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) published. • Public Consultation on Ireland’s 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan concluded in November 2022.
25.	Support local nature groups and local authorities to work in partnership on local biodiversity projects.	Ongoing.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Biodiversity Action Fund, operated by NPWS, offers funding to assist local authorities with the implementation of projects that promote actions contained in the NBAP. • NPWS funding to Local Biodiversity Action Plan was increased to 1.5m in 2022 and doubled to €3 million in 2023. • Community Foundation Ireland Nature Fund has awarded grants related to biodiversity work of just over €1 million, with €450,000 provided by NPWS to date, and commitment of grants of €350,000 in 2022, including €150,000 from the NPWS. • Heritage Council in collaboration with CCMA operating Local Authority Biodiversity Officer Programme. (See Action 17 update)
26.	Support nature-based solutions for land-use management.	Ongoing. 

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in relation to heritage *cont'd***





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<p>27.</p>	<p>Continue to raise awareness of biodiversity through initiatives like the Annual Biodiversity Awards Scheme.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farming for Nature, supported by DHLGH and Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM), raises awareness amongst farmers about the benefits of farming for nature. There is an annual Farming for Nature Ambassador award. • Biodiversity awareness will be a key part of the role of Local Authority Biodiversity Officers as they take up post across the country. 
<p>28.</p>	<p>Building on the success of the UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere, achieve further UNESCO designations for Irish sites.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New World Heritage Tentative List for Ireland announced in June 2022 and was formally accepted by UNESCO in Q1, 2023. DHLGH are continuing to support applicants in nominations. 
<p>29.</p>	<p>Appoint Education Liaison Officers in each of our National Parks to work with schools across the country, to promote the importance of biodiversity and the natural world, and to involve pupils in the work that goes on in our National Parks.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPWS provide a schools programme at many of its National Parks sites, as well as teacher training programmes, and is committed, through its new strategic plan, to the provision of a focused education and awareness programme that is consistent across all sites. 

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30.	Better seasonality at national parks and monuments and historic properties in the care of the State with extended opening hours where appropriate to do so.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement being reached on the transfer of the Shannon Heritage business and heritage sites in county Clare from Shannon Group to the Council. This will contribute to progress in the future towards the following actions under the Access heading: Actions 30, 31, and 32 updates. • Work is underway to maintain year round opening at all our National Parks, as resources allow, with many visitor centres remaining open over the winter season this year. 
31.	Improve access to heritage through expanded visitor services and interpretation at national parks, nature reserves, monuments and historic properties in the care of the State.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHLGH continuing to work with OPW - a new Strategic Partnership with Fáilte Ireland to enhance visitor interpretation at key national monuments and historic properties. • CMF funding improving access and interpretation at monuments in public ownership. • New wayfinding signage is being rolled out by NPWS this year at all 6 National Parks sites and at Coole Park. This will be followed by a review of interpretation signage. 
32.	Create more access to heritage through expanded visitor services and opening hours, where appropriate, at cultural institutions and local museums.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased opening hours extended to cultural institutions as part of the Night Time Economy. • Public tours expanded at the National Museum of Ireland (NMI), providing a greater number of tour guides and offering tours in a variety of languages. • Irish Sign Language (ISL) tours feature at some sites. 




Access cont'd

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<p>33.</p>	<p>Develop a national management plan for national cultural heritage datasets.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHLGH Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Modernization Programme to assist in the delivery of this Action. • Inventories of Archaeological Heritage Shipwrecks and National Heritage Inventory (to include potential WH sites) will be established under the new Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill. 	
<p>34.</p>	<p>Continue to support Fáilte Ireland partnerships to deliver enhanced and sustainable visitor experiences that can/ will act as catalysts for economic activity.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 31 update. 	
<p>35.</p>	<p>Focus government investment in tourism capital projects on improving product quality and innovation, and the development and enhancement of cultural and heritage experiences to attract a wide range of visitors to Ireland.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 31 update. 	
<p>36.</p>	<p>Increase and improve universal access to heritage for the elderly, people with disability and children, including through the use of new technologies.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPW 2023 Programme of Irish Sign Language Tours being rolled out. • Heritage infrastructure projects are being designed with universal access in mind and new visitor centre displays incorporating new technologies to enable greater access and engagement (e.g. Céide Fields and Brú na Bóinne). • Increased use of social media, including use of new technologies e.g. 3D modelling. • ISL tours developed at some National Cultural Institution (NCI) sites. 	





Built and Archaeological Heritage

Update September 2023

<p>37.</p>	<p>Integrate heritage considerations into urban and rural regeneration to ensure that built and natural heritage objectives underpin the planning and development process and inform the ‘Town Centres First’ policy approach.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced emphasis on vacancy in Historic Town Initiative (HTI) 2022, per Town Centres First (TCF). • DHLGH pilot conservation advice programme to encourage investment in protected structures. DHLGH is currently developing a programme to fund conservation advice for recipients of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (Croí Conaithe). • Ongoing collaboration by DHLGH with Heritage Council, Planning Division, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Centre for Irish Towns, TCF National Office and others to promote and enhance the role of built heritage in rural and urban regeneration.
<p>38.</p>	<p>Promote our vernacular built heritage and support associated traditional skills and availability of materials, especially in rural Ireland, and on a cross-border basis in cooperation with the Northern Ireland Executive.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Living Tradition</i>: a strategy to enhance the understanding, care and handling of our built vernacular heritage was published in Q4, 2021. • Year 1/2 (2022/3) Actions of the Living Tradition strategy are being progressed. • All-island Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in relation to the built vernacular heritage was signed in Q1, 2022. • All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme established by the Heritage Council in collaboration with Department of Communities, Northern Ireland and the Prince’s Foundation.
<p>39.</p>	<p>Work with the insurance industry to facilitate affordable insurance for thatch structures, Protected Structures and historic buildings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report in Insurance and Fire Safety in Thatched Properties published November 2022.  • Engagement ongoing with Department of Finance and insurance industry to disseminate findings; public guidance currently in development.





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40.	Publish and implement the <i>A Living Tradition: Understanding, Minding and Handing on Our Built Vernacular</i> by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Living Tradition</i>: published Q4 2021. • Year 1/2 (2022/3) actions are being progressed. 	
41.	Enact new Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill with appropriate communication and training strategy in place.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 passed all stages in Seanad Éireann in April 2023 and concluded Committee Stage in Dáil Éireann in July 2023. It is anticipated that the Bill will be enacted during Q4 2023. • National Monuments Service (NMS) reviewing the steps necessary to commence and implement the enacted Bill as soon as practicable following enactment. 	
42.	Review the structure of conservation grants schemes to allow for the introduction of greater flexibility in the spending of funds and a more structured approach to their allocation.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of built heritage grant schemes was completed and first phase of recommendations were implemented in 2023 schemes. 	
43.	Devise a programme supporting early intervention and maintenance of the historic built environment.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot scheme to provide conservation advice (including advice on maintenance) to owners of protected structures completed. 	

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44.	Direct resources to safeguard buildings that are most at risk to include a dedicated fund for local authorities to enable them undertake emergency stabilisation works or acquire properties by compulsory purchase.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant programmes such as Historic Structure Fund and Community Monuments Fund direct funds toward at-risk buildings and emergency works subject to resources. 
45.	Implement the recommendations of the Expert Advisory Committee Report on the Review of Operation of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Action 137 update. BHP has engaged with Planning Division on draft Planning and Development Bill 2022, to insert legislative recommendations into the Bill; ongoing liaison will take place to ensure review recommendations are inserted into the associated Regulations in due course. Work in hand on increasing architectural conservation capacity in Local Authorities through subvention of new ACO posts. 
46.	Demonstrate the benefit of routine maintenance and sympathetic conservation repairs of architectural and archaeological heritage through the publication of exemplars funded under relevant heritage grant schemes.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual publication of heritage grant exemplars is planned. Work on CMF online publication being considered. 
47.	Support the expansion of the Historic Towns Initiative, Community Monuments Fund, Historic Structures Fund and Built Heritage Investment Schemes.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased grant schemes awarded in 2022 Funding for HSF and BHIS increased by 33% on 2021. CMF increased by 43% from €4.2m to €6m in 2022. 2023 Grant schemes announced February - April 2023 with significant increased allocations. Increase of €1m (12.5%) across Historic Structures Fund and Built Heritage Investment Scheme. Increase of €2m (33%) in Community Monuments Fund. 

Built and Archaeological Heritage *cont'd*

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48. Support expansion of existing grant schemes for biodiversity protection and enhancement.




Ongoing.

- €1.5 million allocated to the 2022 Local Biodiversity Action Fund, operated by the NPWS representing a 300% increase on 2019 funding.
- Community Foundation Ireland’s Nature Fund in 2019 has awarded grants related to biodiversity work of over €1 million, with €450,000 provided by NPWS to date, and a commitment of grants of €350,000 in 2022, including €150,000 from the NPWS.







Climate Change




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<p>49.</p>	<p>Implement the Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plans for Biodiversity and Built and Architectural Heritage, working also with the Northern Ireland Executive.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Built and Archaeological Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan (B&AH- CCSAP) continuing, including engagement on National Adaptation Committee. • Working Groups have been established and an Implementation Group meets regularly. Resources in place to carry out mid-term review. • Implementation on the Biodiversity Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan (B-CCSAP) has been addressed primarily through implementation of the National Biodiversity Action Plan. • Engaging with NI authorities under provision of Mo U on Climate Action and Heritage. 
<p>50.</p>	<p>Collaborate with other government departments and agencies on the implementation of relevant actions in their Sectoral Adaptation Plans.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement through National Adaptation Framework Steering Committee is ongoing. 
<p>51.</p>	<p>Carry out Climate Change Risk Assessments in every local authority area to establish a baseline of information from which the benefits and impacts of Climate Change Actions on the built and natural heritage can be measured and documented.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is being progressed through relevant B&AH CCSAP Working Groups. • Ongoing engagement with UK national heritage bodies to share knowledge and experience on climate change risk assessment. • OPW piloting climate change risk assessments at a number of National Monument sites. 

Climate Change *cont'd*

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<p>52.</p>	<p>Pilot case studies in every local authority on the appropriate and sensitive energy upgrading of traditional buildings to use as exemplars for other home and building owners.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on improving the energy efficiency of traditional/historic buildings developed with D/ECC, D/ES, Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI), OPW and Heritage Council at advanced stage with publication due in Q4, 2023. Pilot case studies being supported and progressed in collaboration with Fingal, Galway County and Dublin City Councils and in consultation with SEAI. 	
<p>53.</p>	<p>Establish Regional Panels of Historic Building Energy Assessors to specify appropriate and non-damaging interventions to retrofit historic buildings.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorandum of Understanding being developed by DHLGH with SEAI to address the issues associated with the correct energy retrofit of historic buildings including ensuring that the necessary expertise is available nationwide. Heritage Council initiated Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training initiative in collaboration with Technological University of the Shannon, launched 2022 – Certificate in Energy Ratings for Traditional Buildings. Programme will continue in 2024. 	
<p>54.</p>	<p>Deliver the relevant actions of the <i>Climate Action Plan 2021</i>, many of which contribute directly or indirectly to heritage.</p>	<p>Complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant B&AH-CCSAP Actions enshrined within Climate Action Plan 2021 progressed. 	
<p>55.</p>	<p>Continue to support the work of the Climate Heritage Network.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHLGH examining how best to support (September 2023). 	


Communications		Update September 2023	
56.	Support the establishment of a Heritage Youth network.	Not yet commenced.	
57.	Improve communication about and understanding of the benefits of heritage laws, regulations and policies, and address crimes against heritage.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Protect our Past</i> videos and campaign (archaeological monuments) launched in 2021 and relaunched September 2022 and now annual. • National Policy on Architecture Grant has funded the Irish Green Building Council in 2022 to produce videos on relevant subjects, e.g. biodiversity and the built environment. • Stakeholders are being kept advised on ongoing basis regarding progress of Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill whilst going through the Oireachtas. • The Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2023 will provide a basis for: the issuing of Guidelines to Local Authorities in relation to their dealings with historic heritage and World Heritage Properties and Tentative List sites, the promotion of best practice in disciplines or professions relating to the protection and the promotion of historic heritage by public authorities in the course of the performance of their function. 	
58.	Improve interpretation and visitor management at our national monuments, national parks, national nature reserves and at national heritage properties.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMS/BHP continuing to work with OPW, and in a Strategic Partnership with Fáilte Ireland to enhance visitor interpretation at key national monuments and historic properties. • New wayfinding signage is being rolled out by the NPWS at all 6 National Parks sites and at Coole Park. This will be followed by a review of interpretation signage. 	

Communications <i>cont'd</i>		Update September 2023	
59.	Design outreach programmes to assist social inclusion and civic pride in areas of economic deprivation.	Ongoing.	
60.	Ensure heritage information produced by State bodies meets international Plain English standards and seek the Plain English mark from the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA).	Ongoing.	

Community


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61. Recognise the importance, and broad understanding of local cultural heritage to communities, and support its collection and promotion.

Ongoing. 

- Increased support through 2022/2023 by relevant heritage grant schemes through DHLGH and Heritage Council.
- Heritage Council Heritage Stewardship Fund created in 2022.
- Museum Standards Programme of Ireland (MSPI) programme manager post created by Heritage Council in 2022.
- 2020 MSPI Review Recommendations implemented in 2023.
- ICAN, Adopt a Monument.

62. Build support for community-led heritage schemes and put in place structures to facilitate access to these and support volunteerism.

Ongoing. 





- Increased support through 2022/2023 by relevant heritage grant schemes through Department and Heritage Council.
- Heritage Council Community Heritage Grant Scheme increased in 2023.
- National Heritage Week coordinator post created in Heritage Council. 1,804 projects organised in 2022 which is an increase of almost 80% on the 1,055 projects that were organised in 2021. 920 organisers. Targeting 2000 projects and 1000 organisers in 2023.
- NPWS Small Recorders Grants is aimed at volunteer, unpaid recorders, or groups, societies and associations of recorders who have limited/no access to financial support for their work.
- The Local Biodiversity Action Fund, operated by the NPWS, supports actions for biodiversity led by biodiversity and heritage officers in local authorities. An amount of €1.5million has been made available in 2022 for this scheme, representing a 300% increase on 2019 funding.
- The Community Foundation Ireland, supported by the NPWS, launched an Environment and Nature fund in 2019. The fund allows local groups to work on projects protecting plants and wildlife, with support from trained ecologists, in 155 communities across the Country.

63. Collaborate with heritage partners in the EU, Northern Ireland and Britain on areas of mutual interest.

Ongoing.

- MOUs in place with Scotland and Northern Ireland on Climate Action and Heritage (Built and Archaeological).
- Regular meetings between DHLGH Heritage and NI Department of Communities – Historic Environment Division on relevant heritage matters.
- Ongoing collaboration with Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland, Cadw and NI Department for Communities on climate hazard mapping/ climate action.
- Collaboration on the European Union (EU) Commission report '*Strengthening Cultural Heritage Resilience for Climate Change*' completed with final report and recommendations published in September 2022, including 8 Irish best practice case studies.
- On-going collaboration on '*Towards a shared culture of Architecture – investing in a high quality living environment for everyone*',
- National Contact point and on-going engagement with the New European Bauhaus (NEB) team and MS network on matters of funding, innovation and collaboration to support transition to a carbon neutral continent 2050.
- Workshop with Europa Nostra focusing on the award winning 18 Ormond Quay as the basis for heritage – led regeneration, March 2022.
- DHLGH is CHARTER Erasmus+ project partner, with OPW and Heritage Council as associate and affiliate partners
- Ongoing work with NI to progress transboundary Tentative List sites for nomination onto the World Heritage List.
- INTERREG VA is successful delivering action across borders in both jurisdictions, and this work will continue under PeacePLUS.
- Cross-border scientific monitoring is coordinated where possible with the Northern Ireland Environmental Agency (NIEA).
- All Island Climate Biodiversity Research Network has been established.



Community <i>cont'd</i>		Update September 2023	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All-Ireland Heritage Skills programme established by Heritage Council, Department of Communities Northern Ireland and Prince’s Foundation. Year 1 completed, year 2 commencing July 2023. Ongoing work with NI to progress transboundary Tentative List sites for nomination onto the World Heritage List. 	
64.	Ensure that openness, inclusivity and transparency are at the heart of heritage policy and the approach with which Heritage Ireland 2030 will be implemented.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Ireland 2030 (HI2030) Webpage developed with intention to publish updates transparently. Inclusivity will remain at the heart of implementation of HI2030. 	
65.	Develop a ‘Heritage and Inclusion’ policy in collaboration with disability organisations, immigrant and asylum seeker representative groups, ethnic minority groups i.e. Traveller Representative Organisations, Roma Representative Organisations, and other hard to reach groups.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural and Inclusive Heritage Officer appointed to Heritage Council in 2021. Heritage Council are collaborating with the Irish Traveller Movement and are finalising the establishment of a working group to compile an issues paper and define the next steps. Extensive stakeholder engagement is essential. This work will continue into 2024. 	
66.	Develop a Code of Practice for appropriate citizen engagement with the public heritage estate.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHLGH/OPW ‘Protect our Past’ campaign launched in 2021 and is rolled out annually. 	

Community *cont'd*

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67. Build on community heritage initiatives such as Heritage Week, Adopt a Monument and the Community Wetlands Forum, and other public engagement activities.





Ongoing.





- Funding for Community Wetlands Forum doubled in 2022.
- Built and Archaeological Heritage grant schemes enabling strong public engagement.
- All-Ireland Heritage Skills programme.
- National Heritage Week programme manager appointed in 2022. 1,804 projects organised in 2022 which is an increase of almost 80% on the 1,055 projects that were organised in 2021. 920 organisers. Targeting 2000 projects and 1000 organisers in 2023. This will continue in 2023/2024.



Education/Skills/Heritage Data




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<p>68.</p>	<p>Review and identify heritage skills and address gaps in heritage skills education/training opportunities.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHLGH full partner in Skills CHARTER project (alongside OPW and HC as affiliates). • A Memorandum of Understanding being developed with SEAI to address the training and skills needed for the correct energy retrofit of historic buildings. • Support provided to TU Shannon, Irish Georgian Society, Dublin Civic Trust to develop and deliver / disseminate courses, seminars, exemplars, etc... • DHLGH and OPW in discussions on potential options for expanding primary training and upskilling in traditional building craft and conservation skills within the OPW. 
<p>69.</p>	<p>Establish a National Centre for Traditional Building, Conservation and Maritime Skills.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Council commissioned scoping report into requirements for centre for traditional building skills training. Initial report completed, further work to be done. 
<p>70.</p>	<p>Develop and implement a Heritage Skills Action Plan in conjunction with the National Skills Strategy.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHLGH full partner in Skills CHARTER project (alongside OPW and HC as affiliates). • DHLGH and OPW have commenced discussions on potential options for expanding primary training and upskilling in traditional building craft and conservation skills within OPW. 
<p>71.</p>	<p>Develop a coherent policy for the management of Ireland’s digital heritage data.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHLGH Heritage ICT Modernization Programme has commenced. 

Education/Skills/Heritage Data <i>cont'd</i>		Update September 2023	
72.	Support the expansion of education services at national parks and national monuments, including recruitment of more specialist education staff to provide enhanced interpretative services and outreach programmes.	Ongoing.	
73.	Work with local authorities to review the existing heritage staff complement to ensure that the service is adequately resourced at the local level, taking into consideration the findings of the 2021 review of the Heritage Officers Network.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA Heritage teams are expanding. • DHLGH has prepared 'LA ACO Scheme' to subvert creation of new Architectural Conservation Officer positions; discussions ongoing with CCMA to agree scheme details. 	
74.	Develop Junior Ranger Programmes.	Not yet commenced.	
75.	Work with custodians of heritage in protecting the heritage in their care.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of Heritage Grant schemes with community involvement increased. • Expanded Built and Archaeological Heritage Grant schemes directed at custodians. • Traditional Farm Buildings grant scheme. Heritage Council and Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine initiative, providing €2M annually. 	
76.	Work with key bodies to pilot regeneration projects.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPWS working in collaboration with Intel to pilot peatland restoration in Wicklow National Park. • NMS and NPWS working with Bord na Mona on Bogland Rehabilitation Schemes. 	

Education/Skills/Heritage Data *cont'd*




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<p>77.</p>	<p>Expand and develop Waterways Ireland education programme.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterways Ireland (WI) has expanded its on-line learning zone to allow a broader audience and a greater number of participants to engage with its education programme. • WI continues support education initiatives such as Engineers Week, Heritage Week and Biodiversity Week. • As part of the Waterways Ireland Heritage & Biodiversity Plan, WI continue to support raising awareness and education around all our waterways assets.
<p>78.</p>	<p>Build heritage awareness into school curricula.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing by the Heritage Council. • Archaeology in Schools programme being updated. • Heritage/NPWS have made submission (April 2023) on D/Education new Statement of Strategy and have sought engagement.
<p>79.</p>	<p>Expand citizen science programmes for heritage and provide support for citizen-science initiatives.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHERISH Project effective in engaging citizens in heritage climate action, with development of citizen toolkits. • Further citizen science initiatives being explored in implementation of Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan (Built and Archaeological Heritage). • National Biodiversity Data Centre very effective in engaging citizen science data collection.

Funding	Update September 2023	
80.	Examine use of fiscal incentives to drive investment in heritage and biodiversity.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPWS seed funding Peatland Finance Ireland to explore the development of a financial instrument based on integrated funding streams for landscape restoration. • Continuing to build on properties availing of Section 482 Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. • Section 1003 Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 being availed of for tax credits relating to heritage donations to the State. • Heritage Council working with Council for Directors of Cultural Institutions to review impact of current Act and funding thresholds. • National Policy on Architecture step in preparation, to “Promote innovative and hybrid funding options for non-commercial historic built environment projects”. 
81.	Improve uptake of relevant EU funding streams, including through establishment of EU Heritage Funding Officers to identify and target relevant EU Programmes in coordination with local authorities.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPWS has increased the participation in LIFE programmes, with involvement in three new LIFE projects in 2022, as both Coordinating Beneficiary and Associated Beneficiary. • The NPWS also applied for LIFE Strategic Nature Project (SNaP) funding in 2022, which, if successful, would increase national capacity to draw down further funding for biodiversity and nature. • NPWS have provided funds to the BiodivErSA European partnership to support Biodiversity Research. • DHLGH committing funding to JPI Climate Change and Heritage Research Call through EPA. 

Funding *cont'd*

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<p>82.</p>	<p>Increase support for not-for-profit heritage-centred organisations.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) supported. • International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) supported. • Irish Heritage Trust supported. • World Heritage Committee/ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) supported. • Natural Capital Ireland supported • Woodland of Ireland supported. • Biodiversity Forum supported • Blue Shield Ireland support being developed. • Dublin Civic Trust supported. • Irish Architecture Foundation supported. • Royal Irish Academy (RIA) supported. • Discovery Programme supported. • Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland supported. • Heritage Council established Heritage Sector Support Fund.
<p>83.</p>	<p>Collaborate with the OPW and local authorities on caring for, maintaining and improving access to our national heritage estate.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration ongoing between DHLGH and OPW as part of normal operations and also through the tripartite partnership with Fáilte Ireland. • Collaboration by DHLGH with LAs across many fronts, additional grant funding being made available.
<p>84.</p>	<p>Resource the heritage sector to ensure engagement with and delivery of Heritage Ireland 2030.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p>

Developing the Sector

Update September 2023

85. Increase support to local authority heritage services and others tasked with providing access to our heritage.

Ongoing.

- LA Heritage teams are expanding.
- Collaboration with LAs across many fronts, additional grant funding being made available.
- Tentative List World Heritage supports for LA being developed by DHLGH.
- The Local Biodiversity Action Fund, operated by the NPWS, supports actions for biodiversity led by biodiversity and heritage officers in local authorities, as outlined in **Action 62** update.
- Heritage Stewardship Fund established by Heritage Council to support those with responsibility for caring for heritage collections.
- MSPI provides support and guidance for 70+ museums including National Cultural Institutions, Local Authority Institutions and private museums.



86. Ensure that all heritage professional gaps within all local authorities are identified and filled.

Ongoing.


- DHLGH has committed €600k to the Heritage Council towards a pilot Biodiversity Officer Programme to hire 6 biodiversity officers in 2022 and to be expanded in 2023/2024.
- Heritage Council programme progressing well – 10 new Biodiversity Officers will be in post by June 2023, on target for 20 new (25 total) by year end. Biodiversity Officer training and development programme underway, first quarterly meeting scheduled June 2023.
- Heritage Council beginning discussion with CCMA (2023) about developing funding scheme for professional archivist posts in LAs.
- Heritage Council funding community archaeologists posts in Local Authorities.
- DHLGH has prepared ‘LA ACO Scheme’ to subvert creation of new Architectural Conservation Officer positions; discussions ongoing with CCMA to agree scheme details.




Developing the Sector *cont'd*

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87. Engage with and develop national, cross-border and international networks on a partnership basis to share knowledge appropriately in relation to relevant aspects of heritage practice.


- Ongoing. 
- See **Action 63** update above re cross-border, North-South, East-West.
 - New National Advisory Committee on the implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol of 1999 established by DHLGH.
 - European Peatlands Initiative.
 - DHLGH (Heritage) exploring re-joining Cultural Policy Initiative (CPI) on Cultural Heritage.
 - The International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) 2022 Conference supported.
 - Continued participation in the NI Department of Communities traditional building skills reflection group.
 - All-Ireland Heritage Skills programmes established by Heritage Council.
 - Irish Walled Town Network includes Derry and Carrigfergus, Heritage Council programme.

88. Devise standards and guidance on best practice in the conservation and care of heritage.

- Ongoing. 
- ‘Improving Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings’ at advanced stage and due for publication in Q4, 2023.
 - Work underway on Vernacular Structures handbook.
 - MSPI now includes 70+ museums. This is the national accreditation programme for Irish museums. This is a Heritage Council Programme.
 - All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme.
 - National Conservation Internship Programme. The Heritage Council coordinates and funds six bursaries for internships at the conservation facilities at National Cultural Institutions, the Hugh Lane Gallery and the Conservation Laboratory, Trinity College Dublin.
 - CPD Programme with Technological University of the Shannon – Certificate in Energy Ratings for Traditional Buildings.

Developing the Sector *cont'd*

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<p>89.</p>	<p>Develop a professional accreditation system for heritage management.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Museums Standards Programme, operated by the Heritage Council, has been strengthened following a 2020 review through the appointment in 2022 of a Permanent Programme Manager. The programme will be expanded further in 2023. 
<p>90.</p>	<p>Expand Ireland’s participation in relevant international programmes and initiatives such as the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme and Green Flag/ Green Heritage accreditation programmes.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 104 Green Flag awards made in September 2022 (of 136 across all of Europe). Supported by NPWS, 12 Irish Green Flag sites have now been accredited (+5 since 2021). • Heritage Council has joined Climate Heritage Network. 

Innovation

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91. Encourage innovation in the heritage sector through continued support of standards programmes, awards, advice series and targeted research.

Ongoing. 

- NPWS have provided funds to the BiodivERsA European partnership to support Biodiversity Research.
- NPWS increasing financial support to All Island Climate Biodiversity Research Network.
- NMS has funding Irish Research Programme for INSTAR+ research programme under COALESCE.
- NMS funds Royal Irish Academy for Archaeology Research grants.
- DHLGH (NMS and BHP) providing funding through EPA for JPI Climate and Cultural Heritage Research Call 2024/2025.
- BHP supporting SEAI on University College Dublin (UCD) FabTrads project to assess the performance of historic building fabric in order to refine National Calculations Methodologies for Building Energy Rating.
- BHP supporting Construct Innovate research projects relating to historic built environment.
- Heritage Council is filling post of Head of Research and Learning with objective of developing research strategy for HC.
- Heritage Council to develop collaborations/MOU with Irish Research Council and Centre for the Study for Historic Houses in 2023.

92. Seed collaboration and research between the third-level education sector and heritage managers/practitioners.

Ongoing. 

- See **Action 91** update.

Innovation *cont'd*






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93. Improve social media reach for heritage initiatives.

Ongoing.





- Social media reach by relevant bodies, departments, agencies, local authorities etc strengthens year on year.
- NPWS animation on Peatlands and Climate Change developed.
- Protect our Past campaign.
- Leave No Trace campaign.
- Check Before You Dig campaign.



Intangible and Cultural Heritage		Update September 2023	
94.	Expand the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage.	Ongoing.	
95.	Nominate practices from the National Inventory of Intangible Heritage for international recognition by UNESCO.	Ongoing.	
96.	Develop a Vision, Mission and set of Principles for Intangible Cultural Heritage in Ireland.	Ongoing.	
97.	Enhance engagement with practitioners, communities and stakeholders, such as government departments, the Heritage Council, local authorities and the Arts Council, on the recognition, promotion and safeguarding of Ireland’s intangible cultural heritage.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Council and NMI signed MOU to jointly support the development of Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN). This project is a community led oral history project operating in western Atlantic counties. It will be gradually extended across Ireland. Heritage Council provides financial support through grant schemes for a number of organisations in this area, for example, Irish Traditional Music Archive; Piobairi Uileann; LGBTQ+ Archive; etc. 	
98.	Support nature-based solutions for land-use management.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPWS farm plan scheme supports farmers to improve management of biodiversity in farmland. Peatlands restoration: see Action 111 update. 	






Natural Heritage

Update September 2023

<p>99.</p>	<p>Enhance and expand natural and cultural heritage results-based Agri-Environmental Schemes and initiatives to deliver on biodiversity, climate adaptation and heritage benefits.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission (by NMS) made to DAFM on Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Plan calling for expansion and engagement on delivering same. • NMS engaging with DAFM on European Innovation Partnerships (EIP) (April 2023). • Heritage Council and DAFM operating Traditional Farm Building Scheme (biodiversity protection and use of sustainable building methods are a criteria for applying for this scheme). 	
<p>100.</p>	<p>Support and resource the National Biodiversity Data Centre to collect, collate, manage, analyse and disseminate data on Ireland’s biological diversity, working also with partners in Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 25 update. • The Heritage Council has established the company to deliver the NBDC services. Budget and staffing for NBDC increased in 2023. 	
<p>101.</p>	<p>Initiate a new plan period of the National Biodiversity Action Plan (2021-25) and publish the review of the outgoing plan, taking account also of all-island factors and cooperation opportunities.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on 4th NBAP launched September 2022. 	
<p>102.</p>	<p>Support more all-island approaches to biodiversity protection, including by investing to conserve cross-border region peatlands, building on the success of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INTERREG VA is successful delivering action across borders in both jurisdictions, and this work will continue under PeacePLUS. 	





Natural Heritage *cont'd*

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<p>103.</p>	<p>Explore development of a new National Marine Park around the Skelligs and Blasket Islands, subject to all required environmental assessments and screening.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of such a national park will come through the enactment of the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) legislation which is currently being drafted to enable the identification, designation and management of MPAs in accordance with Ireland’s national and international commitments. The legislation is expected to be progressed through the Houses of the Oireachtas in the coming months. 	
<p>104.</p>	<p>Establish a Citizen’s Assembly on Biodiversity.</p>	<p>Complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Action 14 update. 	
<p>105.</p>	<p>Establish a Youth Forum on Biodiversity (with Comhairle na nÓg) to inform National Biodiversity Action Plan.</p>	<p>Complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young People’s Assembly on Biodiversity Loss held in October 2022. 	
<p>106.</p>	<p>Make available on an electronic portal a register of all Appropriate Assessments carried out in the State.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	
<p>107.</p>	<p>Increase local-community engagement with the Natura 2000 network across Ireland.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is ongoing in NPWS and across Government through involvement in projects that engage with local stakeholders. 	





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<p>108.</p>	<p>Promote our inland waterways and their heritage to increase recreational and tourism access and participation, working also with the Northern Ireland Executive and supporting the work of Waterways Ireland across the island.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI continues to promote our Waterway destinations and enhance visitor experiences on and along Ireland’s Blueways and Greenways, telling the story of the history of their navigations. • WI have also delivered campaigns supporting ‘Archive Podcast’ series and ‘Stories from the Waterways’ digital media series, and the launch of the Archive Website has opened up the heritage of Ireland’s waterways to a world-wide audience. • WI, as a core member of Leave no Trace Ireland, was a key partner in the funding and delivery of the ‘<i>Love this Place, Leave no Trace</i>’ media campaign which aims to increase ethical outdoor recreation. 	
<p>109.</p>	<p>Undertake survey of historic gardens, demesnes, monuments and parklands to increase protection, awareness and appreciation of their cultural heritage value and the biodiversity they support.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPW Garden survey ongoing. 	
<p>110.</p>	<p>Advance the implementation of the National Landscape Strategy and completion of a National Landscape Characterisation Assessment.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significance of landscape is recognised in Ireland’s National Planning Framework, and planning authorities have in place landscape character assessments to inform decision-making and guide appropriate development. 	
<p>111.</p>	<p>Prioritise the restoration of raised and blanket bog Special Areas of Conservation and Natural Heritage Areas and restore other protected habitats and species.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In line with EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, a programme of restoration of Peatlands habitat is underway by NPWS across a range of raised bogs. 	

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112.	Raise awareness of invasive species through a nationwide programme.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 National Invasive Species Week held in May. 	
113.	Advance measures to protect and enhance coastal and marine heritage, both natural and cultural in the context of the developing National Marine Spatial Plan.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Marine Planning Framework was adopted by Government on May 2021. The NMPF contains a specific Heritage section, with the relevant marine planning policy outlining that marine planning proposals which demonstrate that they will contribute to the enhancement of heritage assets should be supported. The NMPF also provides comprehensive background context to the topic of coastal and marine natural and cultural heritage, detailing examples of culturally significant sites, shipwrecks, underwater heritage, marine sites and monuments, the historic environment and intangible cultural heritage. 	
114.	Advance measures to protect historic gardens, demesnes and other cultural landscapes.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Authority ACOs considering use of Architectural Conservation Area designation to protect gardens and demesnes where appropriate. 	
115.	Ensure the built heritage structures of the waterways are maintained and restored, to ensure their ongoing appreciation and use.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WI continues to work to ensure the built heritage structures of the waterways are maintained and restored, to ensure their ongoing appreciation and use. WI has also availed of the Historic Structures Fund to undertake necessary repair works for heritage structures on the Shannon Navigation and the Grand Canal to continue investment in our shared inland waterways heritage. 	

Heritage in State Care		Update September 2023	
116.	Develop an MOU between NPWS, National Monuments Service and OPW Heritage Services to enhance biodiversity at National Monuments sites across the State.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPW Biodiversity Action Strategy launched May 2022. 	
117.	Ongoing review of existing heritage policies to identify where statutory actions may help to enhance the protection of lands owned and/or controlled by the State.	Not yet commenced.	
118.	Review existing administrative arrangements underpinning care of NPWS infrastructure both in terms of land and buildings to ensure their optimum efficiency and effectiveness.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing under terms of NPWS review implementation. 	
119.	Achieve optimum levels of heritage staff so that they are enabled to perform at world class level the broad spectrum of habitat, species and built and archaeological heritage protection duties in our national parks and nature reserves.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage workforce across LAs, agencies and Department(s) continues to be strengthened. 	
120.	Ensure high quality standards for heritage interpretation.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing with OPW and through Fáilte Ireland partnership. Community Monuments Fund supporting quality interpretation of monuments. Various heritage grants schemes through Heritage Council and LA's. CHARTER project is undertaking work on addressing heritage interpretation skills needs; results due in 2023. 	





Heritage in State Care *cont'd*




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<p>121.</p>	<p>Sponsor quality research initiatives around the heritage estate in State care.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 91 update. • Research Framework for Sceilg Mhichíl being developed under auspices of Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) as commitment under new Management Plan. • Research in Brú na Bóinne supported through consent/licencing process and new Research Framework to be considered by new EAC. • Research Framework for Hill of Tara to be developed under auspices of Expert Advisory Committee as commitment under new Management Plan.
<p>122.</p>	<p>Pursue a broad programme of academic engagement and publication on the heritage estate.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 121 update. • Grant support given to relevant academic publications through the National Monuments Service. • Support provided for Royal Irish Academy Archaeology Grants enabling research/publication on heritage estate, including Legacy Grants scheme for publication of legacy excavations carried out at National Monuments. • Dublin Castle 4 Volume series currently being published. • Boyle Abbey Publication published. • Sceilg Mhichíl Excavations monograph being progressed.
<p>123.</p>	<p>Use quality research to directly inform better visitor engagement and interpretation.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 120 update.

Heritage in State Care *cont'd*

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<p>124.</p>	<p>Support the National Parks and Wildlife Service to deliver Experiencing the Wild Heart of Ireland: A Tourism Interpretative Plan for Ireland’s National Parks and Coole-Garryland Nature Reserve.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing, in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and other partners, on the development of individual visitor experience plans for National Parks, and it is hoped the first ones will be published before end of 2024. 
<p>125.</p>	<p>Develop a trail-management programme for the 400-kilometre National Parks and Wildlife Service trails and walks network, subject to necessary environmental and planning provisions, to ensure sustainable management of habitats and species.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NPWS is engaged in an ongoing programme of maintenance, capital works for infrastructural repair and in many cases, urgent works for health and safety reasons, across its trails and walks network. With increased visitor numbers this is essential to ensure visitors safety more generally, as well as supporting sustainable tourism and ensuring the enhanced protection and preservation of the natural environments of all our National Parks and Nature Reserves. 
<p>126.</p>	<p>Develop strategies in relation to the portfolio of properties in State care in terms of management, interpretation, care of collections and specific policies bespoke to historic houses, and landscapes and historic parks and gardens.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> 
<p>127.</p>	<p>Continue the work of the Outdoor Amenities Group.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> 

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128.	Support appropriate projects and programmes intended to digitise archives and collections associated with the State's heritage assets and make them more widely accessible to citizens.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHLGH Heritage ICT Modernization Programme initiated to help address this. 	
129.	OPW to develop a corporate Biodiversity Strategy to include specific actions relating to the National heritage estate in its care.	Complete. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPW Biodiversity Strategy published 2022. Biodiversity Audits ongoing. 	
130.	Professionalise the administration of the heritage estate.	Ongoing.	


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<p>131. Ensure that our heritage policies recognise and protect the heritage and cultural identities of minority communities and that the Heritage Ireland 2030 implementation structures reflect this.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p>
<p>132. Develop public procurement strategies which acknowledge specific competences required for conservation and heritage projects.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p>
<p>133. Implement a <i>Heritage Skills Action Plan</i> in accordance with the <i>National Skills Strategy</i>.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 70 update. • Draft traditional building skills and conservation education strategy is in preparation.
<p>134. Ensure heritage policy coherence with UN Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p>Ongoing. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Policy on Architecture 2022, focuses discussion and recommendations on alignment with the SDGs for environmental, social and economic sustainability. • World Heritage strategy being developed strongly underpinned by SDGs. • Climate Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage underpinned by SDGs. • The 3rd National Biodiversity Action Plan links each objective to the relevant SDG that it underpins. This will be carried through in the 4th Plan.




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135.	Support the implementation of <i>Archaeology 2025: Strategic Pathways for Archaeology in Ireland</i> , as developed by the Royal Irish Academy, including development of a National Archaeological Research framework.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOU signed 2023 between NMS and Discovery Programme for development of an all-island Archaeological Research Framework. • NMS on RIA Standing Committee for Archaeology providing oversight and ongoing support to various related Actions within Archaeology 2025. • MOU signed 2022 between NMS and Institute of Archaeologist of Ireland to support profession. 	
136.	Support the roll-out of the new <i>National Policy on Architecture</i> .	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHLGH working on implementation in close liaison with key stakeholders to select, fund and undertake priority phase 1 actions in partnership with public and private stakeholders. • DHLGH is the NEB's national contact point, disseminating news and information to stakeholders. 	
137.	Review existing built- and natural-heritage policy/legislation to identify where improvements can be made.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHLGH made a wide range of recommendations on draft Planning and Development legislation. • Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill passing through Oireachtas. 	
138.	Implement the key recommendations contained in the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH) report.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHARTER Blueprint project is one outcome of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH). • Relevant contents of the EYCH report have been considered and incorporated into HI2030 and its objectives/actions. 	

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139.	Work closely with stakeholders to develop research methodology which ensures that future heritage policy is evidence based and data driven.	Ongoing.	
140.	Support research in environmental sustainability in respect of existing historic buildings.	Ongoing. • See Action 52 update and related climate Actions throughout.	
141.	Support the development of a centre of excellence in biodiversity/ ecological and landscape management for terrestrial and marine environments.	Ongoing • NBDC being supported.	
142.	Articulate a national research agenda for heritage and provide dedicated funding and investment in this to inform best practice in management of the State's heritage assets and improved interpretation and visitor experience outcomes and to ensure that our heritage policy is evidence based and data driven.	Ongoing. • Research Frameworks being implemented and/or developed for various National Monuments sites, Tara, Brú na Bóinne, Sceilg Mhichíl.	




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143.	Develop a dedicated research framework to examine the beneficial links between heritage and well-being to help understand which heritage characteristics best promote personal and societal well-being.	Ongoing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHLGH participates in '5 nations' English Heritage-led Well-being and Heritage Working Group's informing Irish approach. 	
144.	Support the further development of policy for cultural heritage and collections.	Ongoing.	

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145.	Establish the structures for delivery of Heritage Ireland 2030 , as outlined in this document.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HI2030 implementation plan and delivery structure being developed. • Inaugural Summit held Oct 2022. • Second annual Summit held Oct 2023. • Senior Officials Group convened in May 2023. 	
146.	Enhance Local Authority heritage professional resources.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 17 update. 	
147.	Position Ireland as an active and respected contributor to international policies and the debate on natural and cultural heritage.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMS participation in European Archaeological Council continuing to debate on relevant policies. • National Policy on Architecture disseminated through the New European Bauhaus and European Conference on Architectural Policies. • Ireland is represented in the EU Blueprint project, CHARTER: DHLGH is a leading full partner, Heritage Council is an affiliate partner, OPW is an associate partner. • Ireland is represented at various EU fora including Nature Director meetings. • Ireland has established a National Advisory Committee to lead on oversight of implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol of 1999, chaired by NMS. • BHP advised on a wide range of EU policies and guidance including Energy Performance of Building Directive, Technical Guidance on adapting buildings to climate change, and EU Architectural Policy. • ICCOM representation. Heritage Council nomination through Council of National Cultural Institutions (CNCI). • Heritage Council membership of Climate Heritage Network. • Heritage Council membership and engagement with European Heritage Days initiative through National Heritage Week. 	

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148.	Continue the preparation and implementation of County/City Heritage Plans and resource their implementation with a view to maximising their effectiveness and assistance in the delivery of Heritage Ireland 2030.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAs continuing preparation of new County Heritage Plans. • Heritage Council's revised MOU (2023) with LA's require that each LA has a County Heritage Plan and County Heritage Forum. • Heritage Council increased funding for County Heritage plans in 2023. • Heritage Council will finalise updated guidelines for LAs for preparation of County Heritage Plans in 2023. 
149.	Continue development of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 9 update. 




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<p>150.</p>	<p>Advance the implementation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and the World Heritage Convention.</p>	<p>Ongoing </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New World Heritage Tentative List submitted to UNESCO. • Ireland (NMS) contributed funding in 2022/2023 in 2022 to UNESCO World Heritage Fund for Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.
<p>151.</p>	<p>Adopt a World Heritage Strategy for Ireland and support the nomination of Tentative List sites onto the World Heritage List.</p>	<p>Ongoing </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Heritage Strategy for Ireland under development and support being given to all Tentative List teams.
<p>152.</p>	<p>Strengthen Ireland’s participation in international co-operative efforts to protect heritage.</p>	<p>Ongoing </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (NMS) gave financial contribution in 2021/2022/2023 to UNESCO for the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict • Ireland has established a National Advisory Committee to lead on oversight of implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol of 1999. • Ireland (NMS) on board of European Archaeological Council. • As State Party to the World Heritage Convention, Ireland continues engagement on WH matters, including direct support of ICOMOS Ireland. • Ireland assisting with measures to protect Ukraine’s cultural heritage in light of current conflict through various means, including through grant of €100k to UNESCO Special Account for Ukraine. • NMS engaging with Irish National Committee of Blue Shield International. • BHP, with National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM), participated in an advanced training programme on the ‘Protection of Cultural Heritage at Risk of Disaster’ within the framework of the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network, March 2023.

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<p>153.</p>	<p>Maintain active engagement with intergovernmental organisations dealing with natural and cultural heritage, in particular UNESCO and the Council of Europe.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (NMS) engaging with UNESCO regarding Periodic Reporting and Annual Reporting. • See Action 152 update. 
<p>154.</p>	<p>Undertake to implement Ireland's relevant obligations under the various International Conventions which Government has already signed and ratified and review key international conventions in this area which Ireland is not currently party to.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing to bring legislation into effect that will enable Ireland to ratify the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage and the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property and the 1995 UNIDROT Convention on Stolen or illegally exported cultural objects. • Continuing to implement the Valletta Convention in line with our existing obligations. • Ireland has established a National Advisory Committee to lead on oversight of implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol of 1999. • The process to ratify the Nagoya Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity is at an advanced stage and ratification is expected later in 2022. 
<p>155.</p>	<p>Participate actively in the work of the international conventions in this field to which Ireland is already party.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation provided at the 14th meeting of High Contracting Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention, the 9th Meeting of Parties to the Second Protocol. • Attendance provided in observer capacity at the 16th Meeting and 2nd Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflict. Annual contributions to the World Heritage Fund as per Articles 15 and 16 of the 1972 World Heritage Convention. 

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- Annual contributions the Fund for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict as per 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of armed Conflict.
- Participated in the preparatory meetings for the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (including SBI, SBSTTA & OEWG).
- Participated in the Meeting of the Parties of EUROBATS in October 2022.
- Represented at the Congress of the International Whaling Commission in Slovenia in October 2022.
- Ireland attended Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES) in Panama in November 2022.
- Ireland participates in the second phase of the CBD COP15 in Q4 2022.
- Participation ongoing in open-ended UNESCO working groups and attendance at Committee meetings for both Hague and World Heritage Convention.

156. Set out the steps to put in place the necessary domestic legislation and structures for the 2005 Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (Faro Convention) recognising the associated benefits to the furtherance of our cultural heritage and particularly in the context of the European Union.

- Ongoing. 
- Under consideration.
 - DHLGH support ICOMOS.
 - Ireland's *Other Stories* workshops and publication which showcased a number of Irish projects already undertaken within the spirit of the Faro Convention.

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<p>157.</p>	<p>Ensure that the obligations under international conventions continue to be fully implemented through domestic legislation and actions.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Departments will continue to implement relevant Conventions (Granada, Florence, Valetta, World Heritage, Hague, Ransar, CITES, Berne etc.). • Revenue continues to support DHLGH in implementing controls on the import and export of cultural goods as provided for in relevant regulations and legislation. 
<p>158.</p>	<p>Review key international conventions in this area which Ireland is not currently party to, with a view to deciding which should be ratified and putting in place the necessary domestic legislation and structures to allow such ratification.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Action 154 update. • The necessary analysis has been carried out of legislative measures needed to enable ratification of 2001 UNESCO Underwater Cultural Heritage Convention, 1970 Paris Convention on Illicit Dealing in Cultural Goods and 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen and Illegally Exported Cultural Objects. Arising from this, appropriate provisions have been included in the Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill and, following its enactment, final decision will be made by the Government regarding ratification. • The Washington Principles on Nazi Confiscated Art (1998). 