

ISLES of WONDER!



Wherever you are in the UK or Ireland, you're never far from an exciting encounter with nature. From a herd of red deer grazing on Rannoch Moor in Scotland or a pod of bottlenose dolphins frolicking in Cardigan Bay, Wales, to a tiny ladybird perched on the tip of your finger at home, the variety of wildlife around us is remarkable.

"For 60 years I've travelled the world exploring the wonders of nature and sharing that wonder with the public," says naturalist Sir David Attenborough.

"But as a boy my first inspiration came from discovering the UK's own wildlife. Our islands have a rich diversity of habitats which support some truly amazing plants and animals. We should all be proud of the beauty we find on our own doorstep."

Sadly, however, according to a report called *State of Nature*, produced by 25 wildlife organisations including The Wildlife Trusts, the RSPB and the People's Trust for Endangered Species,

60% of species in the UK have declined over the last 50 years. And it's feared the situation may be even worse in Ireland.

"Our species are in trouble, with many declining at a worrying rate," says Sir David, who launched the *State of Nature* report in May.

"But we have in this country a network of passionate conservation groups supported by millions of people who *love* wildlife."

Turn over now and find out about some of the amazing species that live in the UK and Ireland, the work that's being done to conserve them and what YOU can do to help. Do any of these incredible creatures live near you?

Let's celebrate...



... our beautiful islands!

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important
State of Nature
report in full.