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Nature Positive Pledge - Health Check / Verification 2025

Dear colleagues,

As part of the Nature Positive Pledge, you have committed to reporting on an annual basis the progress towards your pledge. Most importantly, we encourage you to communicate your progress to your stakeholders through your usual communication channels such as your university website, around campus and through newsletters etc. We also ask you to complete the short questionnaire below to help us track the progress of our programme. We will not share this information publicly, but we will make an anonymised summary of progress of NPU universities towards their pledges. It is a good opportunity for you to provide any feedback or suggestions for the programme. Please note, only one response is required per institution.

This year for the first time, we are piloting an optional **Verification** service whereby we check your progress (initially through information provided in this form) towards nature-positive outcomes. During the first year of piloting this service, the cost is heavily subsidised and will be **£1000* GBP** with a **discount available for lower income institutions**, with verification lasting for a year. This will help support core running costs of NPU. If an institution signs up for this service in 2026, then we can guarantee the pilot price for 2 years. The verified institutions and their activities will be spotlighted on the NPU website and will be provided with a badge which can be added to institutional websites and communications.

We are also developing our **Nature-positive training** for staff and **Biodiversity Footprinting pilot**, both of which will launch in 2026, and we will be sharing more information on these soon. Thanks to all of those who have expressed interest to date.

If you have any questions or require further information about this form OR the Verification service, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at **emily.stott@biology.ox.ac.uk** and **hollie.thompson@biology.ox.ac.uk** or we will be happy to arrange a call with you.

With best wishes,

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Email Address:
Name of person completing this form:
Position of person completing this form:
Your institution and country:

	Yes	In progress	No
Have you announced your Pledge to your stakeholders? (for example through newsletters, press release, university website or other communications channels)			
Have you completed (or are you working towards completing) a baseline biodiversity audit for your campus land?			
Do you currently collect any data to monitor environmental impacts of university procurement (spending)?			
Have you established (or do you already have) a working group for biodiversity / sustainability on campus?			
Have you set any institutional targets for nature?			
Have you decided upon which metrics or indicators you will use to track progress?			
Have you got a biodiversity strategy or action plan in place to help meet your targets?			
Have you established a system to report transparently on progress towards your pledge?			



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Please supply a public **URL** to any progress updates on a university webpage where this reporting can be seen or share a progress update with us in the text box below. There should be updates on each stage of the Pledge: Baselines, Targets and Actions.

You are also welcome to email us any supporting documents for this question.

Please use this space to expand on your progress and provide anything you would like to share with us regarding the answers provided above.

How do you plan to engage with students at your institution in your activities as part of your Nature Positive Pledge?

Please briefly share evidence that resources have been dedicated to take action (this could include a named member of staff responsible or existence of a working group within the institution):



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We are currently working on a range of guidance. Please let us know which guidance you would find most helpful for your setting:

- Campus biodiversity audit methods
- Biodiversity metrics or indicators
- Procurement / supply chain impacts
- Target setting
- Biodiversity strategy / action plan
- Institutional reporting
- Other: _____

Please add any further comments or suggestions regarding Nature Positive Universities and how we can best support you below.

Are you interested in our **Verification** service?

- Yes
- Yes, but I need more information / need more time
- No



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I would be interested in arranging a call with the NPU team to discuss the Verification service

Yes

No

Please confirm if you would like to proceed with the Verification service

Yes, I want to proceed with the Verification service

No, I don't want to proceed with the Verification service

If selected 'Yes, I want to proceed with the Verification service', please see below:

Verification Service

Thank you for signing up for the Verification Service. We will be in touch with you in the following weeks regarding next steps. This will help to sustain NPU as an inclusive global community open to all. Please let us know if you are interested to explore other opportunities to fundraise together.

During the first year of piloting this service, the cost will be £1000* GBP with a discount available for lower income institutions, with verification lasting for a year. If an institution signs up for this service in 2026, then we can guarantee the pilot price for 2 years.

If you are from a lower income institution and cannot afford the full cost of this service, then please reach out to us via email at emily.stott@biology.ox.ac.uk and hollie.thompson@biology.ox.ac.uk and we can discuss this with you.

Note: This cost will be reviewed annually and is subject to change.

Thank you for joining us and committing to the Nature Positive Pledge. This is a powerful statement of intent to show leadership and help play your part to halt and reverse nature loss.

Emily, EJ, Sam, Carina, Henry, Tom, Hollie, Emma & Favour (NPU Core Team).