



Wildlife and Biodiversity Law and Policy

Course outline:

This one-day workshop provides an essential core understanding of wildlife law and policy relating to protected sites, species and habitats, as well as an introduction to national and European legal systems. We also cover the latest changes to European Protected Species law and licensing and the important implications of the Environmental Liability Directive. We compare English, Welsh and Scottish law but focus on English and Welsh law.

Ideal for beginners needing a practical introduction to wildlife law and improvers needing to underpin and update their knowledge.

Learn to:

- Describe the main features of the English and Welsh criminal and civil legal systems and how these interact with European law. Describe the core elements of a criminal offence. This is fundamental knowledge required to work on legal issues.
- Apply the legislation and government policy related to protected sites (SACs, SPAs, SSSIs & LWS), European and UK protected species and UK BAP priority habitats and species.
- Describe the latest amendments to the European Protected Species licensing system and how a court may interpret "disturbance" of European Protected Species and other elements of the EPS criminal offences.
- Evaluate recent case law on the interpretation of Planning Policy Statement 9 and local planning authority duties for protected species.
- Assess how environmental NGOs may use the provisions of the Environmental Liability Directive to restore or compensate for biodiversity damage.
- Navigate around key legal documents.
- Research, apply and distinguish case law relating to wildlife case studies.
- Distinguish when, as an ecologist, an issue has gone beyond your professional competence and you need to ask a lawyer!

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Previously a lawyer with the top-rated environmental law group at Allen & Overy, Clare is probably the only dual-qualified ecologist/lawyer running wildlife law courses in the country. She is also a qualified teacher for adult education and an experienced university lecturer.

Date & Times: Tues 30th October 2012 10am-5pm

Venue: Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Kendal

Course fee & booking: £120 (no VAT) Bookings to enquiries@ptyxis.com