

## **Statement from Plantlife – New Nature Envoy must ensure that the UK leads by example in delivering rapid and positive action for nature recovery around the world**

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**Nicola Hutchinson, Director of Conservation, Plantlife said:** “We welcome the appointment of Ruth Davis, a former Plantlife member of staff, as the UK’s first special envoy for nature. It demonstrates that the Government is serious about pushing for global action on protecting and restoring the natural environment and reversing the rapid decline in biodiversity.

“Two in five plant species are at risk of extinction across the world. In order to show true global leadership, the Government must put in place the right domestic legislation, policy and funding to support rapid and effective action for nature’s recovery.

Plantlife is calling on Government to commit to a [Grassland Action Plan](#), establish a [National Rainforest Fund](#) to restore this internationally-rare habitat, legislate to end sales of peat, protecting peatlands internationally, and publish its national plan for meeting global biodiversity targets. We look forward to working closely with Ruth Davis to discuss these actions and put nature’s recovery at the top of the Government’s agenda.”