Attenborough calls for new laws to recover 'nature-depleted' UK



Strong message: Sir David DAVID PARRY/PA

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH has urged politicians to introduce 'powerful' new laws to help put nature 'into recovery' across the UK.

In a video produced by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, the broadcaster said many systems and laws across the UK had failed the natural world and urged MSPs to introduce an ecological network in Scottish law. Sir David, who also launched new natural history series Seven Worlds, One Planet yesterday, said: 'A wildlife-rich natural world is vital for our well-being and survival.

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'Yet many of our systems and laws have failed the natural world. We now live in one of the most nature-depleted places on the planet.

'Nature urgently needs our help to recover – and it can be done. By joining up wild places and creating more across the UK, we would improve our lives and help nature to flourish – because everything works better when it's connected. Now is the time to tell our politicians that we need an ecological network set in Scottish law.

'A legally binding network for nature would mean wildlife is prioritised when managing our land and planning our towns. Powerful new environmental laws can ensure habitats are expanded and reconnected, meaning all life will thrive once more.'