

**Act Establishing the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation  
(BfN Establishing Act)**

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**§ 1 Establishment and seat**

- (1) Within the responsibility of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, a Federal Agency for Nature Conservation is established as an independent superior federal authority.
- (2) The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation shall have its headquarters in Bonn.

**§ 2 Tasks**

- (1) The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation shall perform such federal administrative tasks in the areas of nature conservation and landscape management as are assigned to it by, or on the basis of, the Federal Nature Conservation Act or other federal acts.
- (2) The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation shall support the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety in technical and scientific terms regarding all issues of nature conservation and landscape management as well as international cooperation.
- (3) In performing its tasks, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation shall conduct the necessary scientific research in the field of nature conservation and landscape management.
- (4) Insofar as no other competences are established by law, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation shall perform such federal administrative tasks in the areas of nature conservation and landscape management as are assigned to it by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety or, with its consent, by the competent federal authority.

**§ 3 Supervision**

Insofar as the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation performs tasks from a sphere of competence other than that of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, it is bound by the instructions of the competent supreme federal authority.