

一项对英国本土树木状况的调查发现，只有 **7%**的树木状况良好。英国林地信托（**The Woodland Trust**）表示，虽然林地覆盖面积在缓慢增加，但林地中的野生动物数量却在减少。

Native **woodlands** are a much-loved part of the **landscape**. From ancient **oak** forests to centuries-old **groves** of **ash** or **beech**, they provide a **refuge** for wildlife, including butterflies, birds and insects, and **lock up** millions of tonnes of carbon.

原生林地是自然景观中备受喜爱的一部分。从古老的橡树林到有数百年历史的白蜡树和山毛榉林，林地包括蝴蝶、鸟类和昆虫在内的各种野生动物提供了庇护，并锁住了数百万吨碳。

Yet, according to the Woodland Trust, the vast majority of our native woodlands are in a poor **condition**, hit by a **barrage of** threats including climate impacts, tree diseases, and loss to housing and transport developments.

然而，根据英国林地信托的研究，绝大多数的原生林地状况很差，这是由于受到了一连串威胁的打击，包括气候影响、树木疾病以及住房和交通发展造成的林地流失。

It says not nearly enough is being done to protect our existing woodlands. At least **quadruple** the current rate of woodland creation is needed, it argues, with an increase in the proportion of native trees to **give nature a fighting chance of recovery**.

英国林地信托表示，在保护现有林地方面所做的努力还远远不够。该机构认为，至少需要以目前四倍的速度造林，增加原生树木的比例，才能给自然带来恢复生机的可能。

1. 词汇表

woodlands	林地
landscape	景观，风景
oak	橡树
groves	树林，树丛
ash	白蜡树
beech	山毛榉
refuge	庇护所
lock up	锁住，存住
condition	状况
a barrage of	一连串的
quadruple	四倍
give... a fighting chance	给...一线生机
recovery	复苏，恢复

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. True or false? *Most of the UK's native woodlands are well protected.*

2. What do native woodlands provide for wildlife?

3. How do woodlands help the environment?

4. According to the Woodland Trust, what is needed to give nature a fighting chance of recovery?

3. 答案

1. True or false? *Most of the UK's native woodlands are well protected.*

False. According to the Woodland Trust, the vast majority of the UK's native woodlands are in a poor condition. It also says not nearly enough is being done to protect our existing woodlands.

2. What do native woodlands provide for wildlife?

They provide a refuge for wildlife, including butterflies, birds and insects.

3. How do woodlands help the environment?

By locking up millions of tonnes of carbon.

4. According to the Woodland Trust, what is needed to give nature a fighting chance of recovery?

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