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## Media English 媒体英语

### Rare birds are returning to Wales

### 稀有鸟类回归威尔士

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英国威尔士一些最稀有的鸟类重新回归，保护人士指出，这归功于在斯诺登尼亚开展的对抗气候变化和洪水的工作。

Wales hosts 4% of the world's **blanket bog** habitat, which is seen as important in the fight against climate change because it's very effective at storing carbon dioxide.

威尔士拥有全球 4% 的覆被泥炭沼泽栖息地，由于它在存储二氧化碳方面非常有效，因此被视为是抗击气候变化的重要一环。

But many of these **peatland** landscapes are in poor condition after being **drained** and dug up.

但是这些泥炭地中有很多因为被排干和挖起而现状不佳。

A pilot project near Ysbyty Ifan in Conwy saw local **tenant** farmers block old drainage **ditches** and **gulleys** to bring back **boggy** conditions. Four years on and some of Wales's rarest birds, **curlews**, and **golden plovers**, have returned to the site.

一个测试项目正在威尔士康威的伊斯比蒂伊凡村附近展开，当地的佃农把旧的引水渠道和冲沟堵住，从而恢复沼泽地原来的环境。测试项目实行至今已有四年，威尔士一些最稀有的鸟类品种，比如杓鹬和欧金鸻，纷纷返回这些沼泽地。

And now, conservation groups want more funding for this type of work made available as part of a big **overhaul** of farm **subsidies** that's currently underway.

现在，环境保护团体希望上述这类项目可获得更多的运作资金，纳入正在进行的农业补贴方案全面改革。

## 1. 词汇表

blanket bog	覆被泥炭沼泽
peatland	泥炭地
drained	被排干
tenant	租客（本文“tenant farmers”特指“佃农”，租地自行经营的农民）
ditches	沟渠
gulleys	冲沟，深沟
boggy	湿软的，沼泽的
curlews	杓鹬
golden plovers	欧金鸻
overhaul	彻底检查，全面整改
subsidies	津贴，补助

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

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