



Peatland update from the UK

From Plan to Action



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UK Peatlands



Peatland Programme

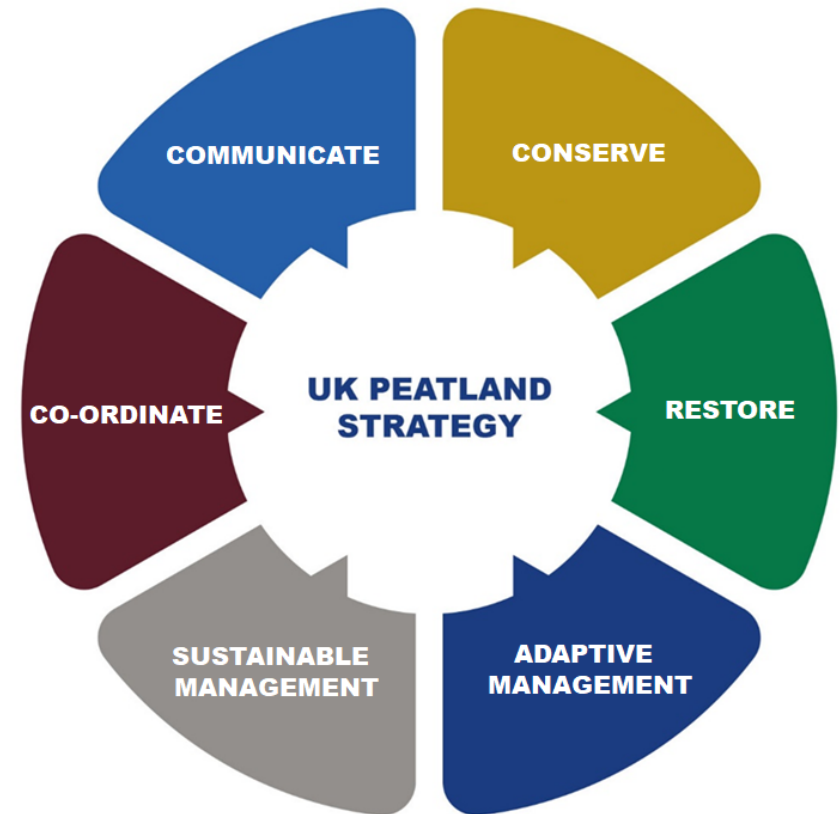


10 Global Peatland Priorities



UN FAO and Wetlands International (2012). *Peatlands – guidance for climate change mitigation through conservation, rehabilitation and sustainable use.*

UK Peatland Strategy



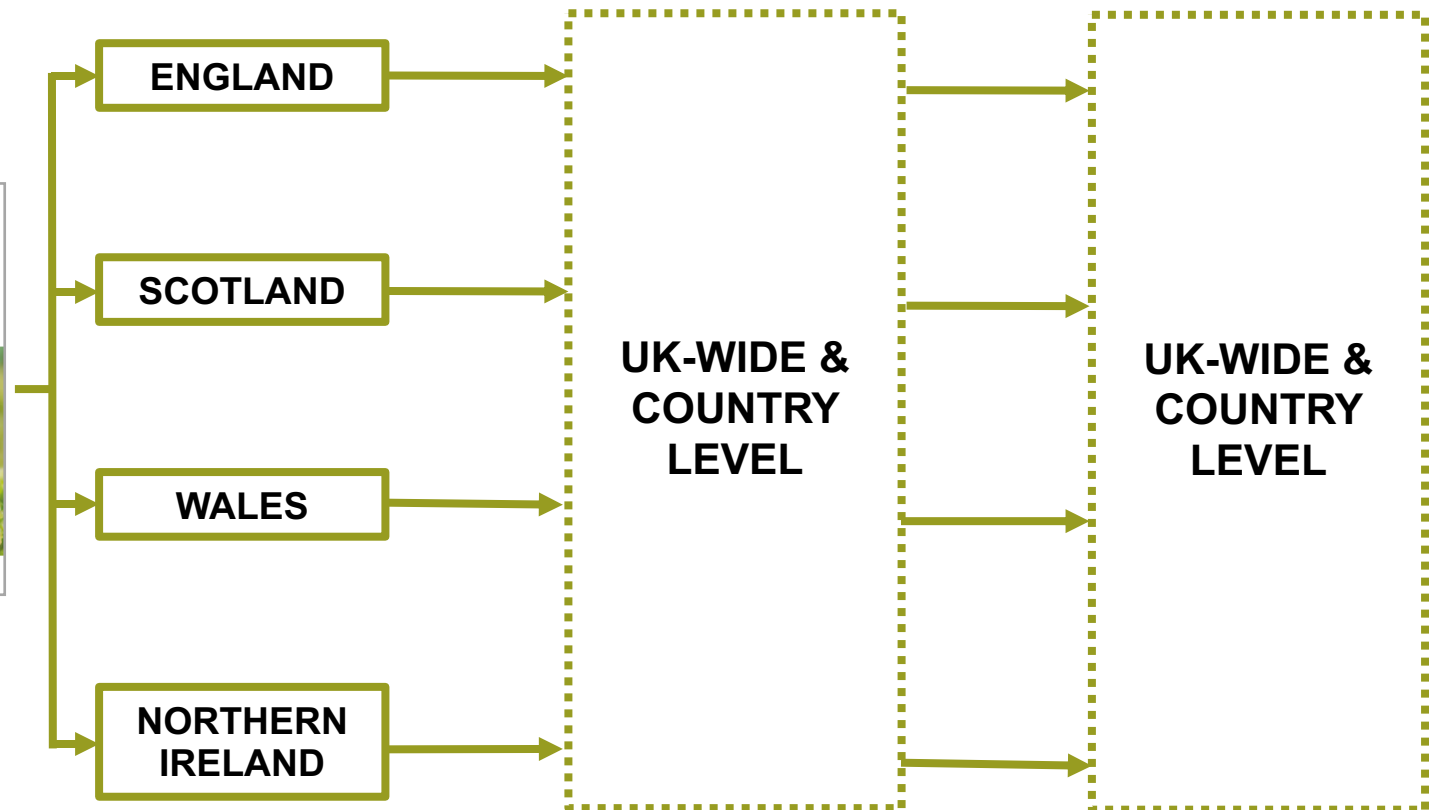
UK Peatland Strategy

**NATIONAL
STRATEGY**

**COUNTRY LEVEL
ACTION PLANS**

**POLICIES AND
TARGETS**

**FUNDING AND
DELIVERY**



Scotland

Strategic action



Scotland's Climate Change Plan

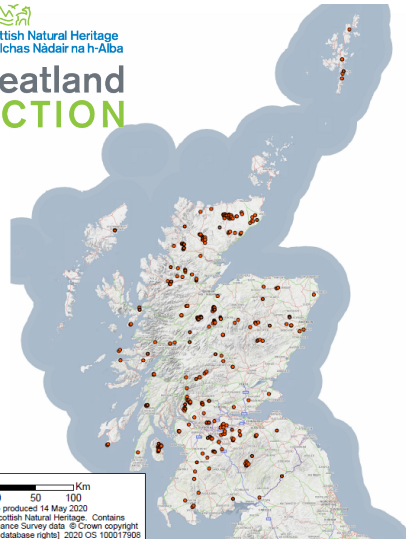
250,000ha of peatland restoration by 2032

CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN
The Third Report on Proposals
and Policies 2018-2032
February 2018



Government-led national restoration scheme
300+ projects to date

Scottish Natural Heritage
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Peatland ACTION



Policy linked long-term funding commitments

£250 million over the next 10 years





Strategic approach to policy

- A strategic, sophisticated overview is needed to resolve conflicts on the ground and deliver the right things in the right place.
- Address conflicting land use targets

Monitoring and reporting

- Efficacy of measures?
- Impact of funding?
- Gains and losses?
- International commitments





Funding

- Long-term economic stimulus, beyond capital investment
- Incentives to maintain healthy peatlands
- Utilise existing novel funding mechanisms e.g. Peatland Code and seek opportunities for new schemes (e.g. EU LIFE replacement?)

PEATLAND CODE



Peatland Programme

PEATLAND CODE

AN OPPORTUNITY

- Generate a new funding stream
- Create a lasting legacy for future generations
- Contribute to tackling climate change and habitat loss



Peatland Code Development



- 2013: Committee formed to develop the Code



- 2013 -2015: Pilot studies undertaken



- 2015: Peatland Code concept standard launched



- 2016: Feedback and revision



- 2017: Peatland Code V1.1 released for use



- 2017: Certification body appointed



- 2018: First project validated and carbon sold



- 2020: 24 projects on the registry

Project pathway



- Register with IUCN UK PP



- Establish the Baseline Condition



- Prepare Restoration Plan



- Determine cost and climate benefit



- Achieve Validation



- Implement Restoration Plan



- Maintain ongoing Verification

FIRST VALIDATED PROJECT

- Dryhope, Selkirk, Scottish Borders
- 77.05ha restored and managed for 45 years
- Drain blocking and hagg/gully reprofiling
- Claimable emissions reduction of 6484tCO₂e - SOLD

PEATLAND
CODE




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FOREST
CARBON



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