

Peatland ACTION



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Overview of the Peatland ACTION Programme

- What is Peatland ACTION?
- Why we are doing this?
- What have we achieved to date?
- What are we doing to increase pace and scale?
- The PDR process
- Questions and discussion



What is Peatland ACTION?

A national programme to restore peatlands across Scotland

Led by Scottish Government team, delivered in partnership with:

- NatureScot and partner organisations - Shetland Amenity Trust, Carloway Estate Trust; Lochaber Fisheries Trust, Argyll Countryside Trust, Glasgow Clyde Valley Green Network, Crichton Carbon Centre and the Tweed Forum;
- Forestry & Land Scotland
- National Park Authorities (Cairngorms and Loch Lomond & Trossachs)

• Scottish Water



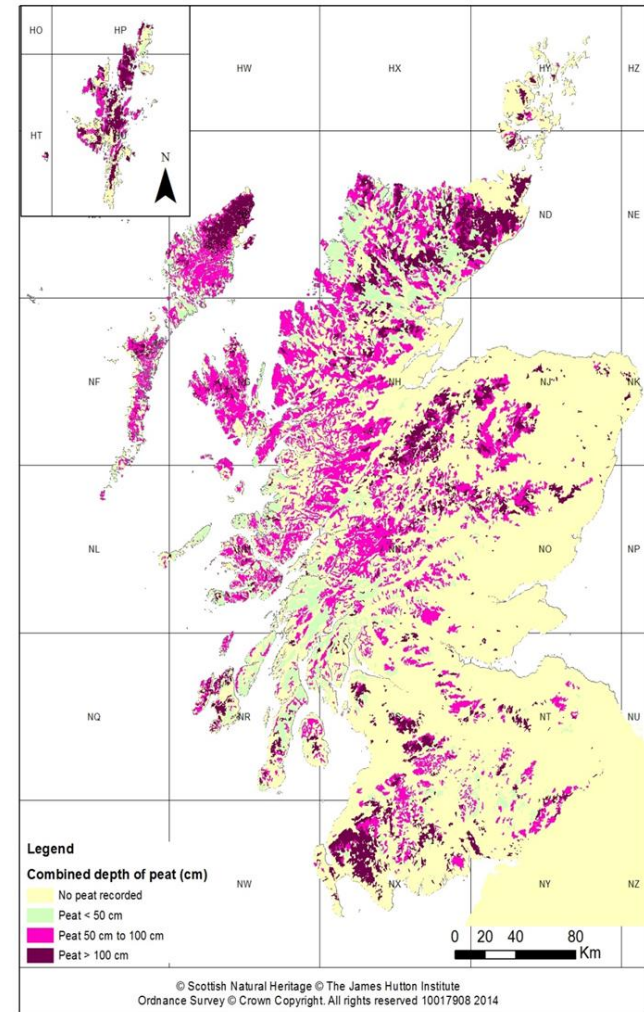
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Peatland restoration in Scotland

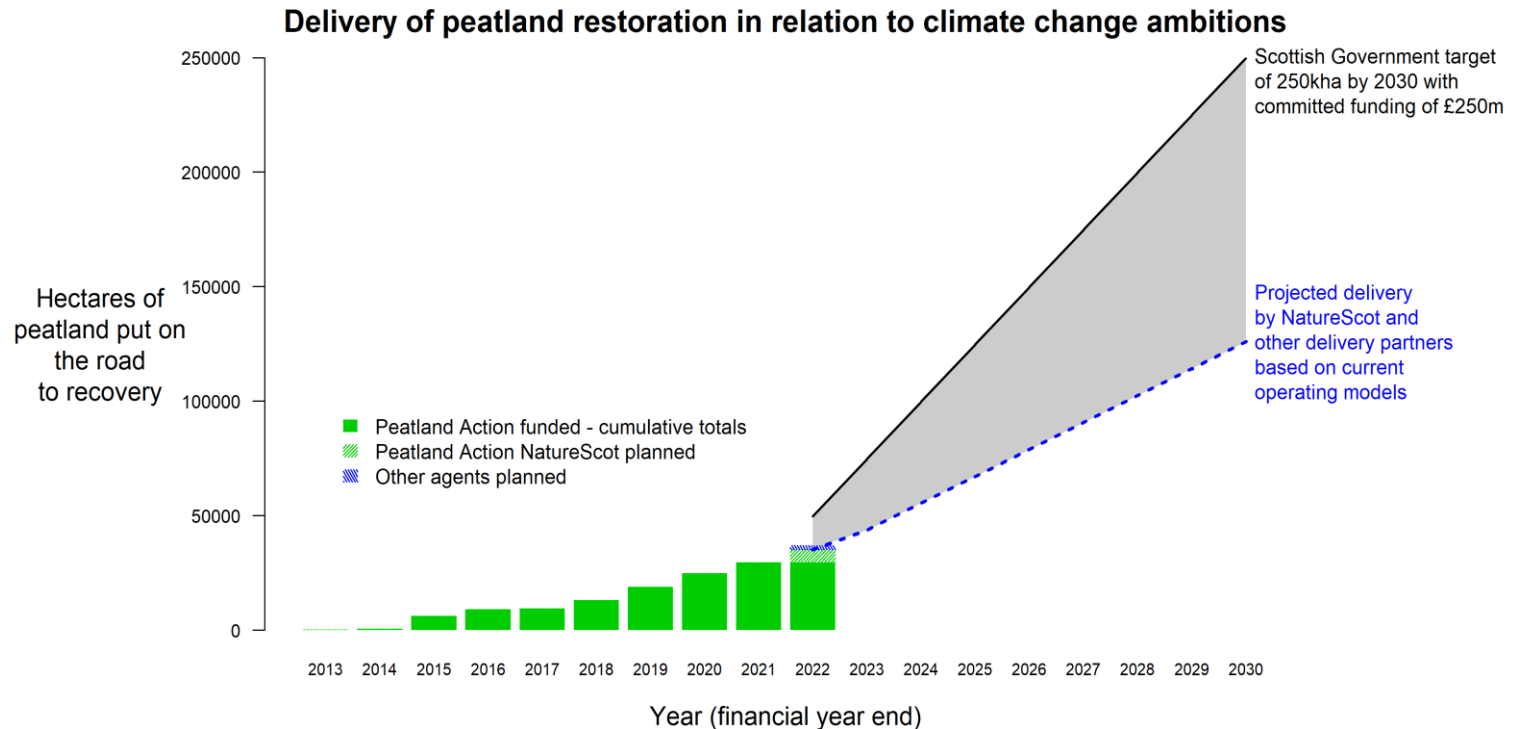
Why?

- Current state of our peatlands
- Addressing Scotland's Carbon emissions
- Additional benefits
- One of the easiest climate change mitigation options we have



Peatland restoration in Scotland – Targets!

Government commitment – £250M to restore 250,000 hectares by 2030



What we do/can pay for ...

- Guidance and support – where and how to restore
- Feasibility study/Peat depth/Species survey
- Project design – including support with Construction Design and Management regulations and other consents
- Tendering process
- Full cost of capital works
- Project management
- Monitoring



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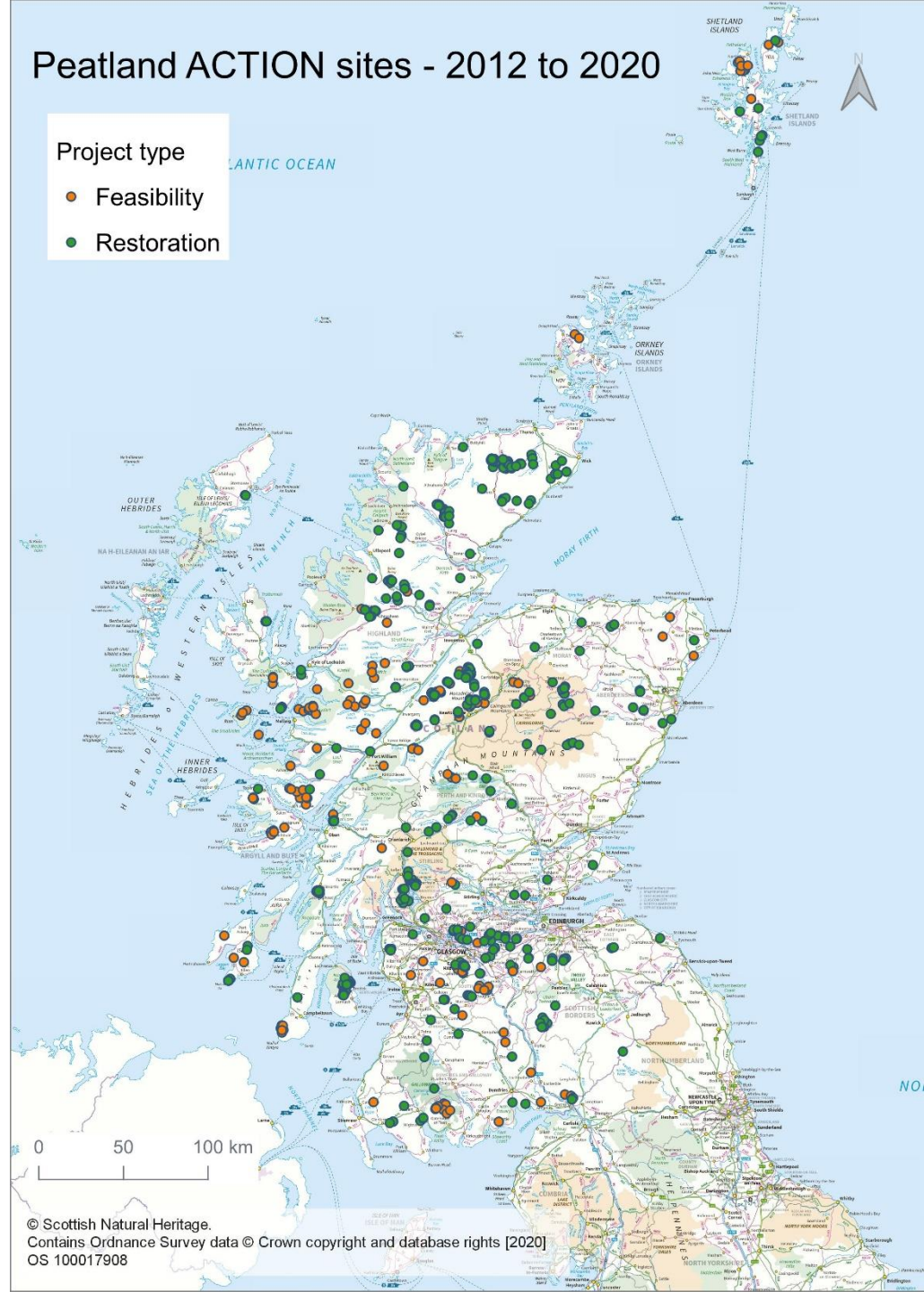


What have we achieved so far?

- 445 restoration projects; green dots
- 172 feasibility projects; amber dots
- 42,000 ha 'on the road to recovery', and counting.
- But we need to do much more...



Peatland ACTION sites - 2012 to 2020



What more are we doing to increase pace and scale?

- Multi-year funding agreements
- More Peatland ACTION project officers
- Roll out of the Project Development Support Scheme
- Bird Breeding protocol guidance published to extend the season
- Technical Compendium available online
- Gathering of more evidence to demonstrate benefits
- More communications work to increase awareness and encourage more uptake.
- Training for contractors and designers.
- Aligning with Peatland Code and Permitted Development processes.
- The One Plan!
- Strategic targeting of areas



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The PDR Process

- In 2020 PDR were specified for peatland restoration projects
- We must submit scheme details and a map plus the fee. Details to cover:
 - impacts of the proposed development on archaeology,
 - the risk of contamination or flooding as a result of the development on the peatland site,
 - the impacts of the proposed development on soil, and
 - the removal, felling, lopping or topping of any trees,
 - Designated site information of relevant.



Questions and discussion
including how local
authorities can use
peatland restoration
towards their net zero
targets



Thank you!

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Restoring Scotland's Peatlands - [here](#).



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