



B-Lines in Scotland

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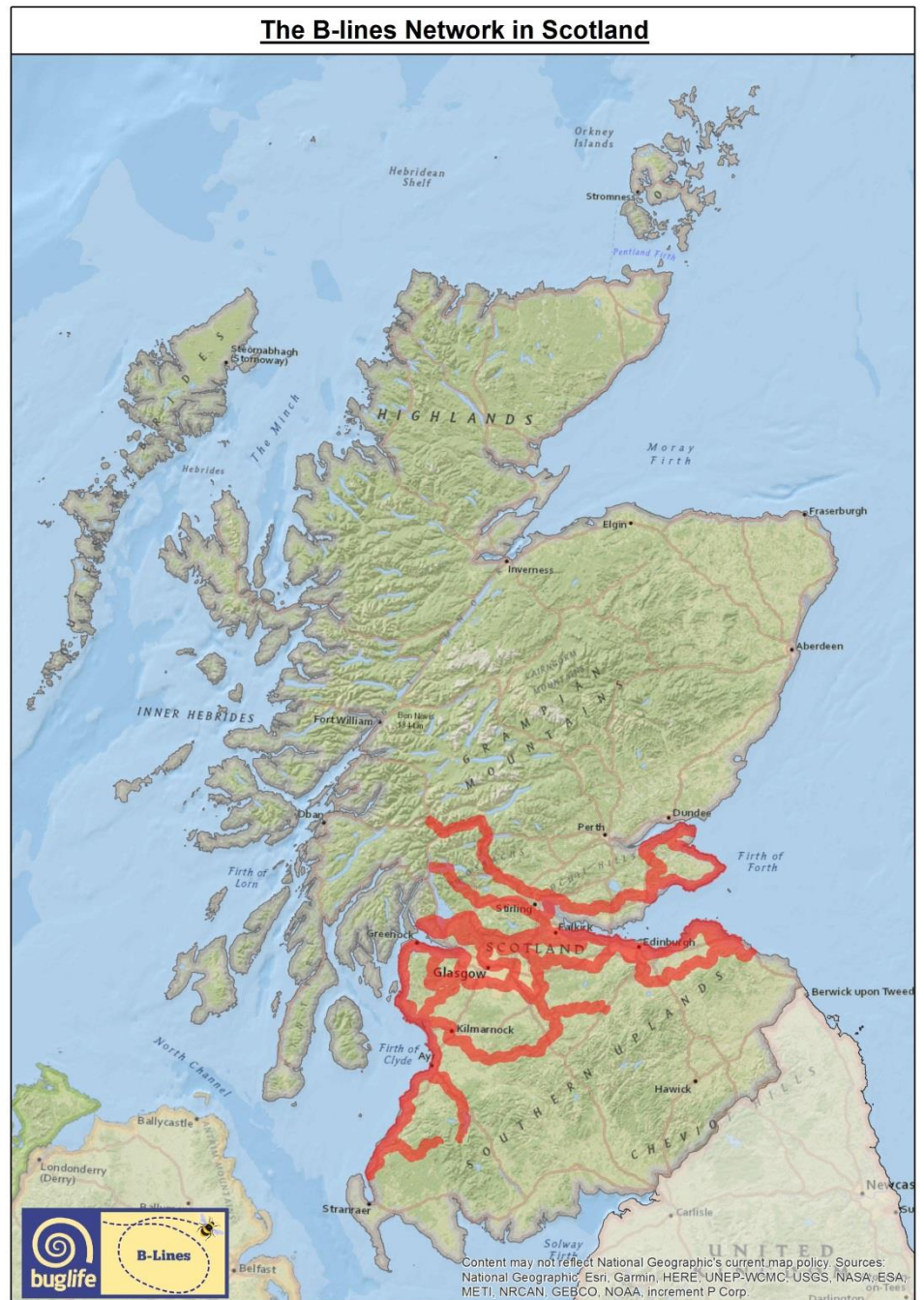
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What are B-Lines?

A **network** of routes **linking together** our best **existing wildlife sites** connecting wildflower-rich areas **for pollinators and people**



B-Lines network in Scotland



Why are pollinators important?

Insect pollination is essential to maintain a healthy and thriving natural environment

80% of wild plants are pollinated by insects

Why are pollinators important?



Food

- 1 in 3 mouthfuls of food is pollinated by insects
- Scottish Raspberry crop worth £20 million per year



Decline in Wild Pollinators

Why?

- Loss of habitat including wildflower rich grassland
- Fragmentation of remaining natural habitats



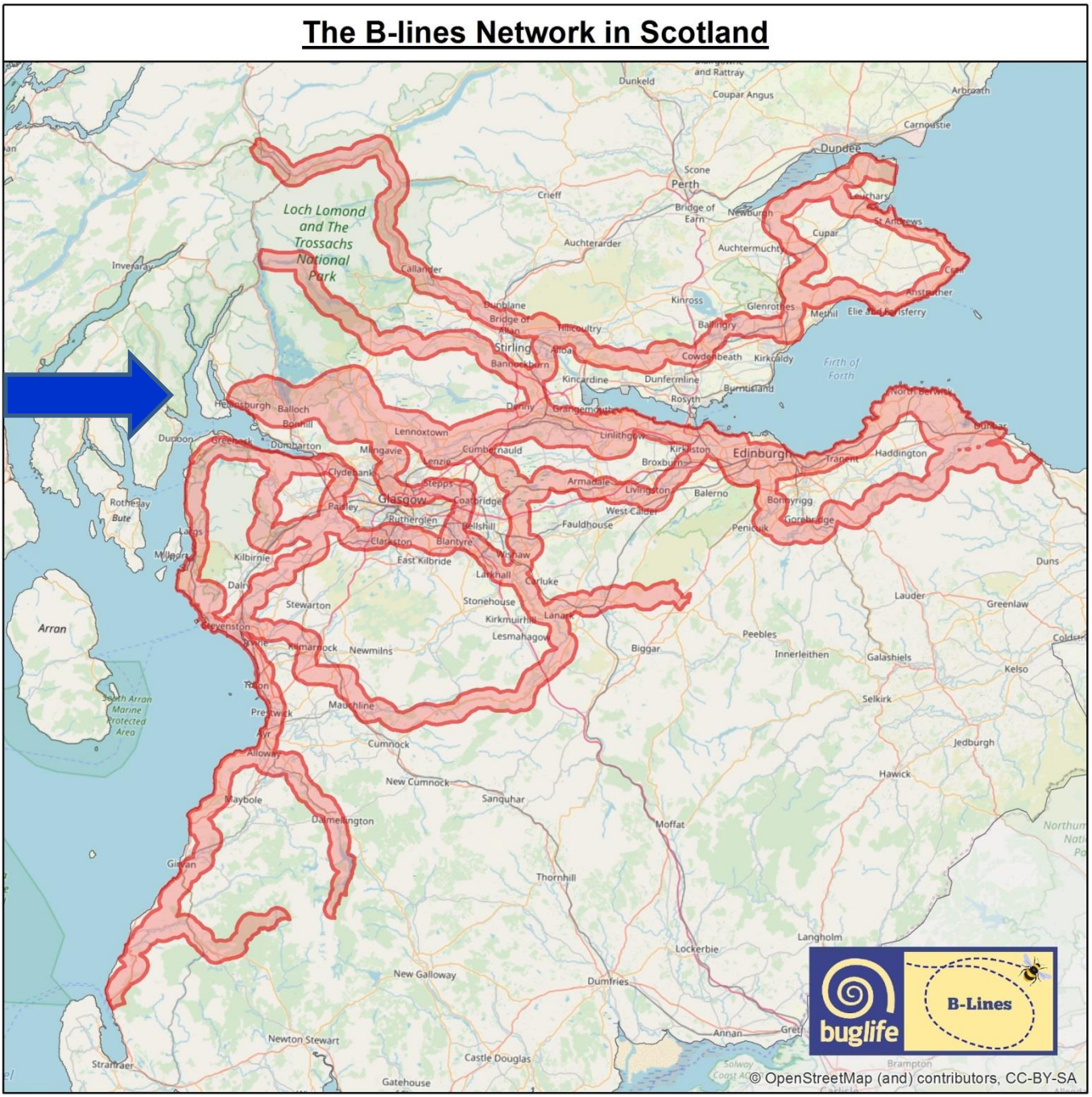
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The John Muir Pollinator Way



The John Muir Way

- The John Muir Way – Scotland’s first B-Line
 - 134 mile walking and cycling route providing a corridor for people from coast to coast
 - Also provides a route for pollinators to move through the landscape

The John Muir Pollinator Way

- An inspirational landscape scale project



Using B-Lines methodology

- Mapped an area 3km either side of the route
- Identified opportunities for creating, enhancing and managing habitats for pollinators
- Worked in partnership with Local Authorities, Communities, Schools and other groups



Our Amazing Pollinators



B-Lines are connecting wildflower-rich areas for **pollinators** and people



Our Amazing People



B-Lines are connecting wildflower-rich areas for pollinators and **people**



Our Goal

Map **B-Lines** across Scotland

- Providing a network linking our best wildlife sites
- Connecting wildflower-rich areas
- Creating, enhancing and restoring habitat for **pollinators and people**

