

Peatland Restoration - Public Funding



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Public Funding:

Includes

- **SRDP**
- **GSPRP (Peatland ACTION)**
- **HLF**
- **EU Life**



SRDP 2007 – 2013

Land Manager Options

- Create, Restore and Manage Wetland
- Management/Restoration of Lowland Raised Bogs
- Buffer Areas for Fens and Lowland Raised Bogs
- Wildlife Management on Upland & Peatland Sites
- Management of Moorland Grazings
- Moorland Grazings on Uplands and Peatlands
- Moorland Stock Disposal
- Away-Wintering of Sheep
- Off-Wintering of Sheep
- Muirburn and Heather Swiping
- Woodland Improvement Grant



SRDP 2007 – 2013

Capital Items:

- Eradication of scrub/woody vegetation (various)
- Stock bridge for bog management
- Heather track creation for bog management
- Ditch blocking with plastic piling dams
- Peat dam
- Habitat Grazing Management



SRDP 2014 – 2020 ??



Green Stimulus Peatland Restoration Project (Peatland ACTION)

22 October 2012

“Funding for Peatland Restoration

Plans to restore Scotland’s peatland landscape will be supported with £1.7m funding from the Scottish Government”

SNH administered .

2012/13 - £200k

2013/14 - £500k

2014/15 - £1m



Green Stimulus Peatland Restoration Project (Peatland ACTION)

26 September 2013

“Funding for Peatlands

Money for restoration projects

The restoration of Scotland’s peatlands will be supported by £15 million worth of new funding from the Scottish Government.

The money will be distributed over the next two financial years and will go towards restoring one of Scotland’s most important habitats”.

Initial discussions suggested

2014/15 - £5m

2015/16 - £10m

2015/16 now less clear.



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Statistics on approved and accepted projects (to 14 January 2014):

30 grants or management agreements have been offered and accepted.

22 sites are benefiting from these grants/management agreements.

12,398ha are benefiting from feasibility study, survey or monitoring (most of this is in preparation for practical restoration work).

2795ha are benefiting from practical restoration.



Types of Project

- Ditch Survey - £10,000
- Dam installation and dam repair. Surveys of 2 new areas - £25,000
- Survey of peat condition and restoration potential - £2,200
- Scrub clearing and ditch blocking - £19,247.50
- Survey for forest to bog restoration - £4,000
- Ditch blocking, scrub removal, interpretation and monitoring - £36,000
- Scrub clearing and spraying, boardwalk - £15,675
- Ground truthing and engagement - £15,000
- Dataloggers/Conductivity - £7,415.77
- Data loggers, brash crushing trial, peat dams - £43,790
- Birch removal - £45,696
- Fuel cell for monitoring equipment - £3,754.96



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HLF

- Misc
- Flows to the Future - £9m+

EU Life

- Raised Bog
- Blanket Bog
- CSGN (app)
- Life IP (Integrated Projects) - developing



Context

- **National Peatland Plan**
 - Being developed by SNH with input from range of interested parties
 - Aiming for public consultation late March
 - Publication Autumn 2014



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Thank you

