Peatland restoration at a national scale: Scotland’s Peatland ACTION project

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— National programme of peatland restoration funded by Scottish Government
— Delivers Scottish Government’s Climate Change Plan commitments, ambition is to restore **250,000ha** of peatland by 2030.
— **140 years** worth of Scotland's annual GHG emission in our peat soils
— Since 2012 **19,000ha** of peatland on the road to recovery
— Scottish Natural Heritage staff (Public Body) and external organisations (eg. National Parks, NGO’s)
Peatland ACTION Funding

Millions £

- 2012: 0.3
- 2013: 0.5
- 2014: 1.0
- 2015: 0.0
- 2016: 3.5
- 2017: 6.0
- 2018: 9.5
- 2019: 3.0

(in year)
Project Officer Areas Map

Restoration and feasibility study sites 2012 - 2018 (completed and proposed)
Organisational Structure

— Programme Manager
— Project Managers (Delivery, Governance, Data, Funding)
— Funding Officers
— Communications team
— Data team
— Delivery Project Co-Ordinators
— Delivery Project Officers
— Training Programme
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Digger re-profiling and re-vegetating a bare peat hag – Loch Lomond. Lorne Gill/SNH

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