

The IUCN UK Peatland Programme was set up in 2009 to promote peatland restoration in the UK. The Programme advocates the multiple benefits of peatlands through partnerships, strong science, sound policy and effective practice.

History

The *Peatland Project Map* is based on the Peatland Compendium, which was created following a 2009 Defra-funded project to produce a record of UK peat restoration and management activities. The resulting report and information gathered was shared on a website managed by Moors for the Future Partnership and in the recently published *Peatland Restoration and Ecosystem Services* textbook.

In 2015, the IUCN UK Peatland Programme was given the opportunity to take on the legacy of this work, which has led to the creation of the new *Peatland Project Map*.

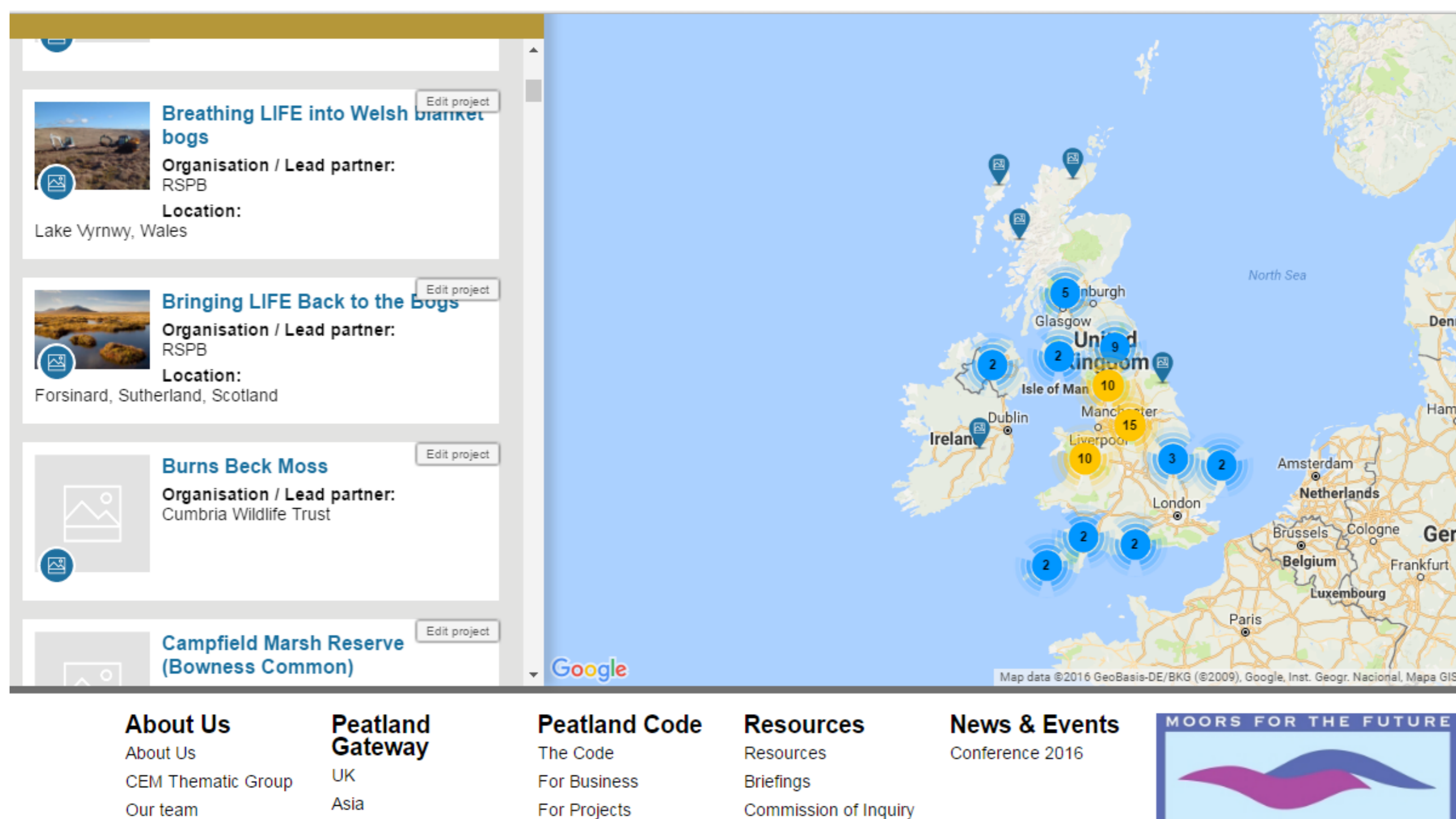
What is the *Peatland Project Map*?

An online tool that showcases peatland projects, be they restoration, research, sustainable management, community engagement or communications.

The map provides a focus on UK case studies, showing the extent of the peatland community and work delivered.

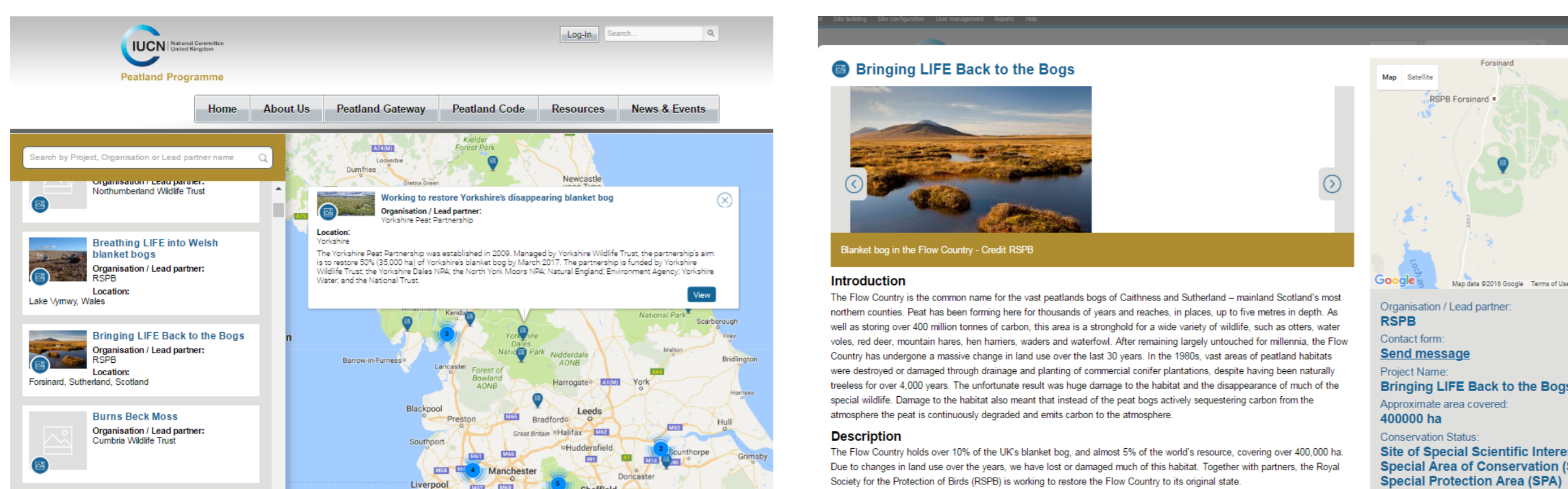
Global examples are also included, helping to facilitate knowledge sharing between peatland experts across the globe.

The level of detail displayed on a project is managed by the lead organisation. Up-to-date photographs can be included alongside an account of site history, restoration methods and progress. Projects can also include links to their own webpages and can be contacted directly through an e-mail contact form.



What does it deliver?

- A clear and simple representation of the extent of the UK peatland community and work delivered
- A tool for developing our knowledge of peatlands and their sustainable management
- A strong advocacy tool to call for policies that protect peatlands from damaging activities
- It highlights gaps in restoration work and research allowing for prioritisation
- It showcases the natural capital benefits provided by peatlands, helping encourage increased investment
- A forum through which the peatland community can network.



More information

To find out more or request a user account please contact the IUCN UK Peatland Programme by emailing info@iucn.org.uk.

Future developments

Budget allowing, we would like to continue developing the *Peatland Project Map*, so that it delivers multiple services to users. Included in our 'wish list' for the map is enabling discussion posts, broadening search terms to make it more user-friendly, adding a section for techniques, enabling information to be uploaded via .CSV files and case studies downloaded as PDF's and improving the mapping functionality.

We need you

The Peatland Project Map is only effective if projects enter their work and keep information up-to-date.

The map has been designed to be as user-friendly as possible, so please get in touch to set up your user account and add information about your project.