

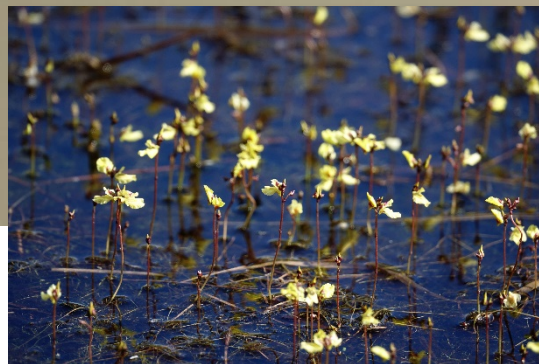
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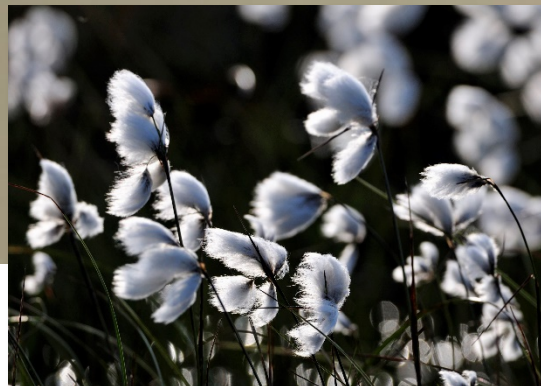
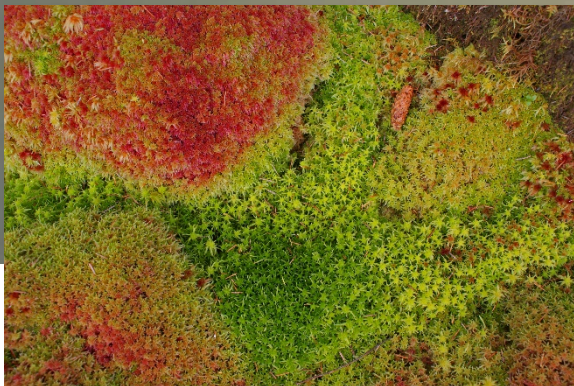
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“ To assess the **extent of biodiversity monitoring** at peatland restoration projects across the UK and provide a **critical review of whether current biodiversity monitoring is sufficient** to enable responses to be robustly measured and provide guidance for future conservation and management for biodiversity. ”



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- Not all projects incorporate monitoring: ~ 20%
- Recording of taxa is often sporadic/incomplete/doesn't describe functional groups or ecological communities.
- Formal repeatable methodologies not always applied
- Site data is rarely comparable
- Short projects and monitoring timescales-trajectories?



MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Funding effectively deployed
 - avoid ‘research waste’ and duplication
 - Share experience (+ve and –ve)
- Advocating for network of exemplar sites which employ consistent approaches, utilise simple techniques and have robust baselines or controls.

