

Diweddariad Cymru Wales Country Update



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Graddfa & uchelgais – Cyd-destun Polisi Cyffredinol Scale & ambition – General Policy Context



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Programme for Government Update (Dec 2021)

- Commitment to embed our response to the **climate emergency** and **nature emergency** in everything we do.

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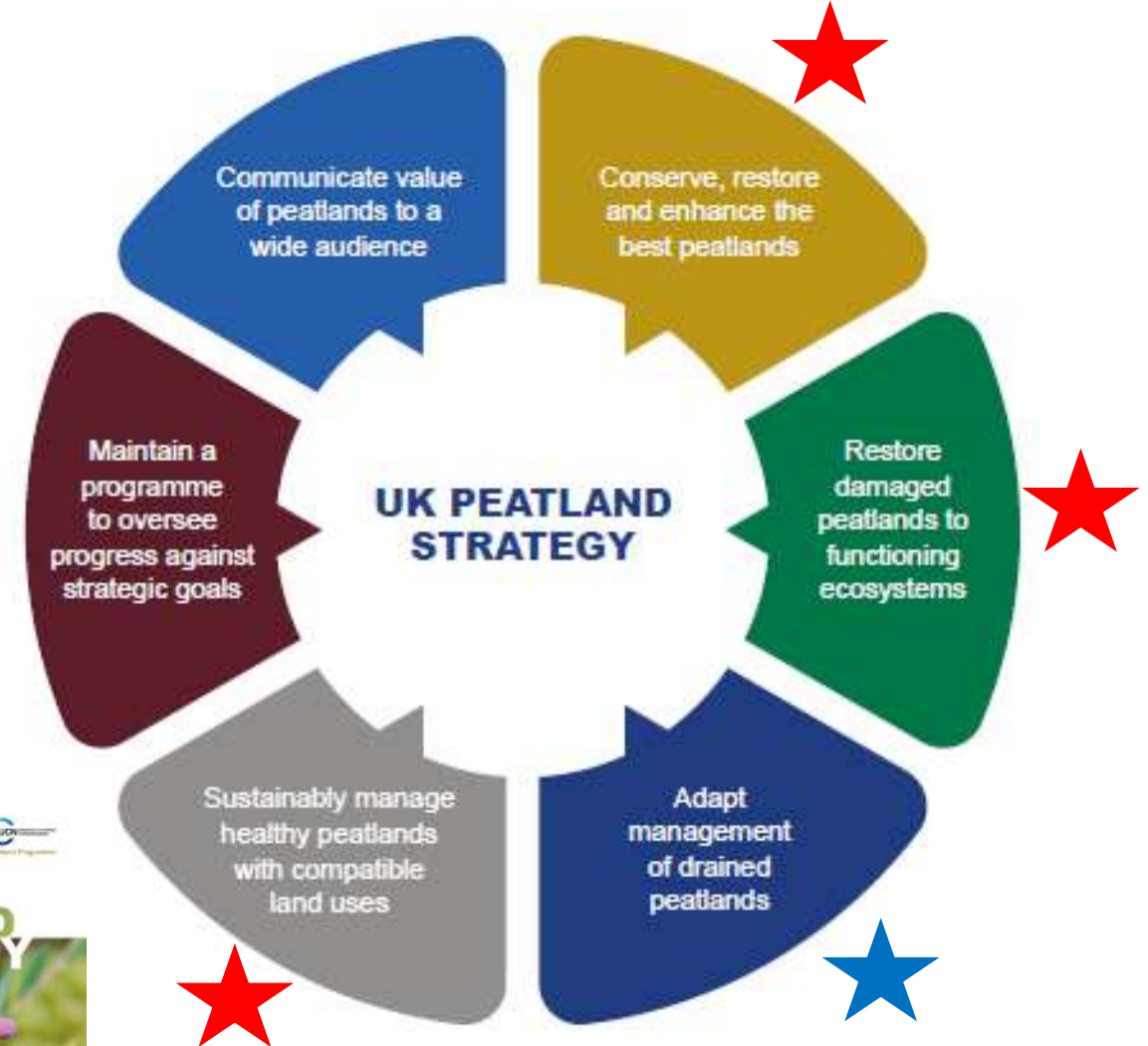
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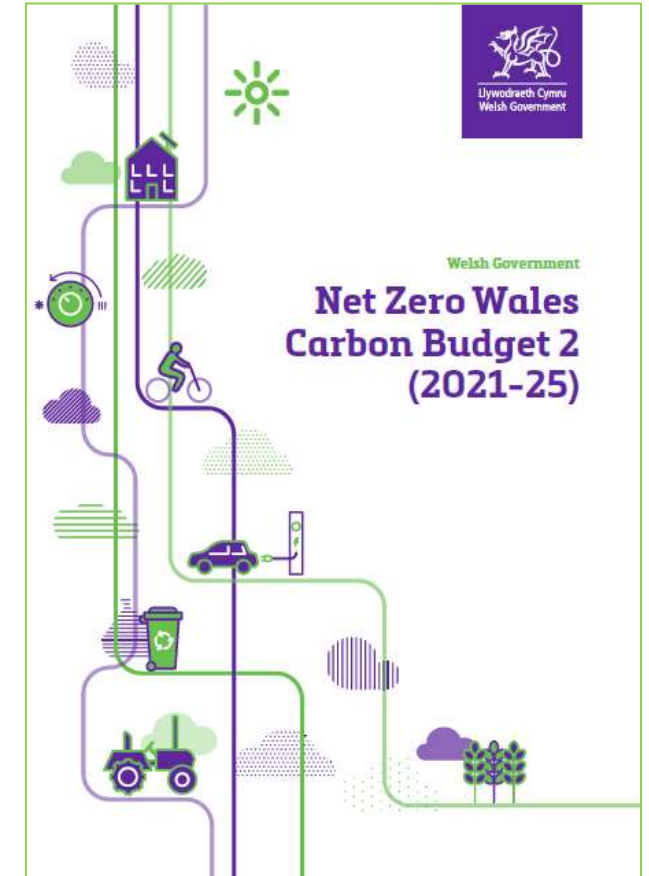
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Policy 72 -
Implementing a
Peatland Restoration
Programme over *Net
Zero Wales Carbon
Budget 2 (2021-
2025)*.



Rhaglen Weithredu Genedlaethol ar Fawndiroedd National Peatland Action Programme



National Peatland Action Programme,
2020-2025



Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales, 27 November 2020

[Natural Resources Wales / National Peatland Action Programme 2020-2025](#)

Nature Emergency Climate Change Emergency

6 priority action themes

- Peatland erosion
- Peatland drainage
- Sustainable management of degraded lowland and upland peatlands
- Afforested peatlands
- Hypermodified peatland

3 major cross-cutting themes

- National coordination
- National monitoring and activity capture
- Increasing stakeholder and wider engagement in peatland restoration

Targedau adfer

Restoration targets

National Peatland Action Programme, 2020-2025



Wales Peatland Action in partnership

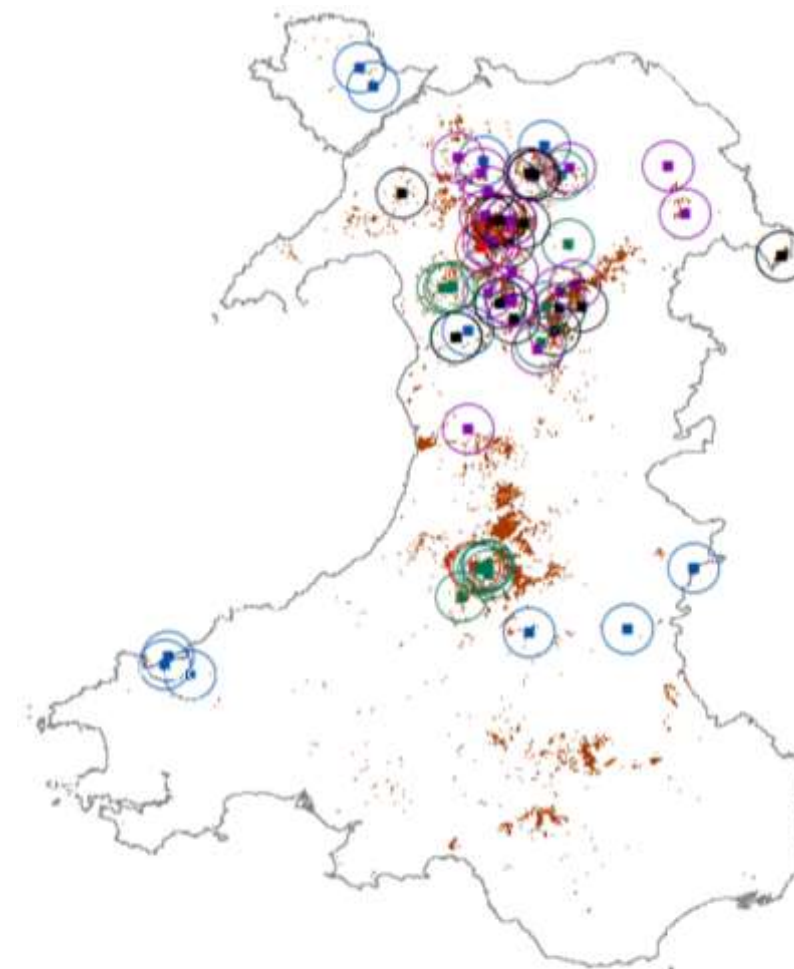
- NPAP team, NRW and Welsh Government colleagues
- Life peatland restoration projects
- NPAP Partners: BBNPA, Coetir Anian, Elan Valley Trust, National Trust, Natural England, NWWT, PCNPA, RSPB, RWT, SNPA, AONBs, local authorities
- Experts including IUCN and at the universities

Targedau gweithredu Restoration delivery

650 ha / year



Figyn Blaen-brefi SSSI, 29 September 2022.



Cynyddu graddfa adfer mawndir y Rhaglen

Expanding the scale of the Programme's delivery



Welsh Government Decision Reports

National Peatland Action Programme 22 September 2022

The Minister for Climate Change has agreed in principle to **increase the amount of peatland to be restored** subject to an assessment of funding options.

[Decision Reports : 2022 | GOV.WALES](#)

Wales' climate change minister: 'Time to jump start restoration'

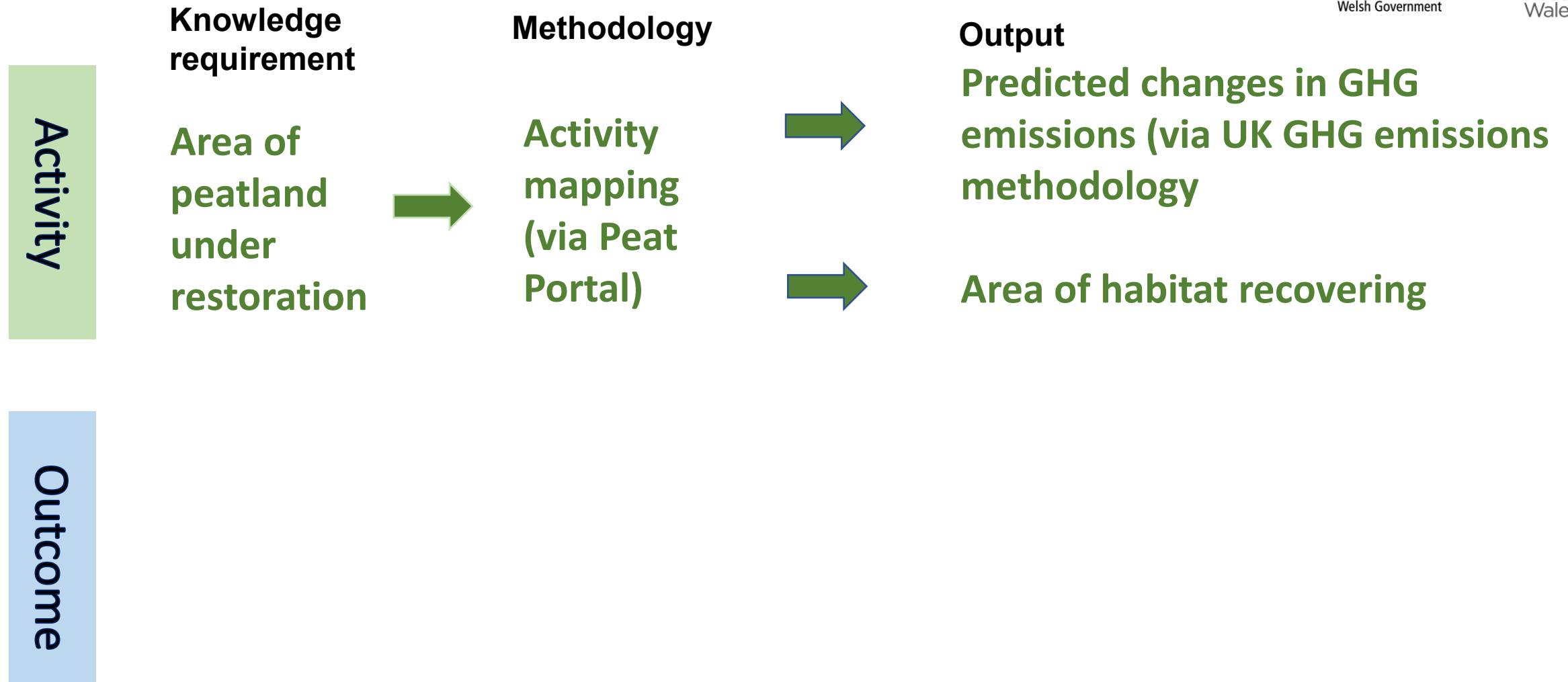
By Stefhan Morgan
BBC, Wales Environment Correspondent

Biodiversity 'Deep Dive' Review, 3 October 2022 announcement

- Deep Dive commissioned by Minister in spring 2022 in response to the challenge of the 30 x 30 target.
- Deep Dive recommendations have prompted **a tripling of the peatland restoration target** by Government.

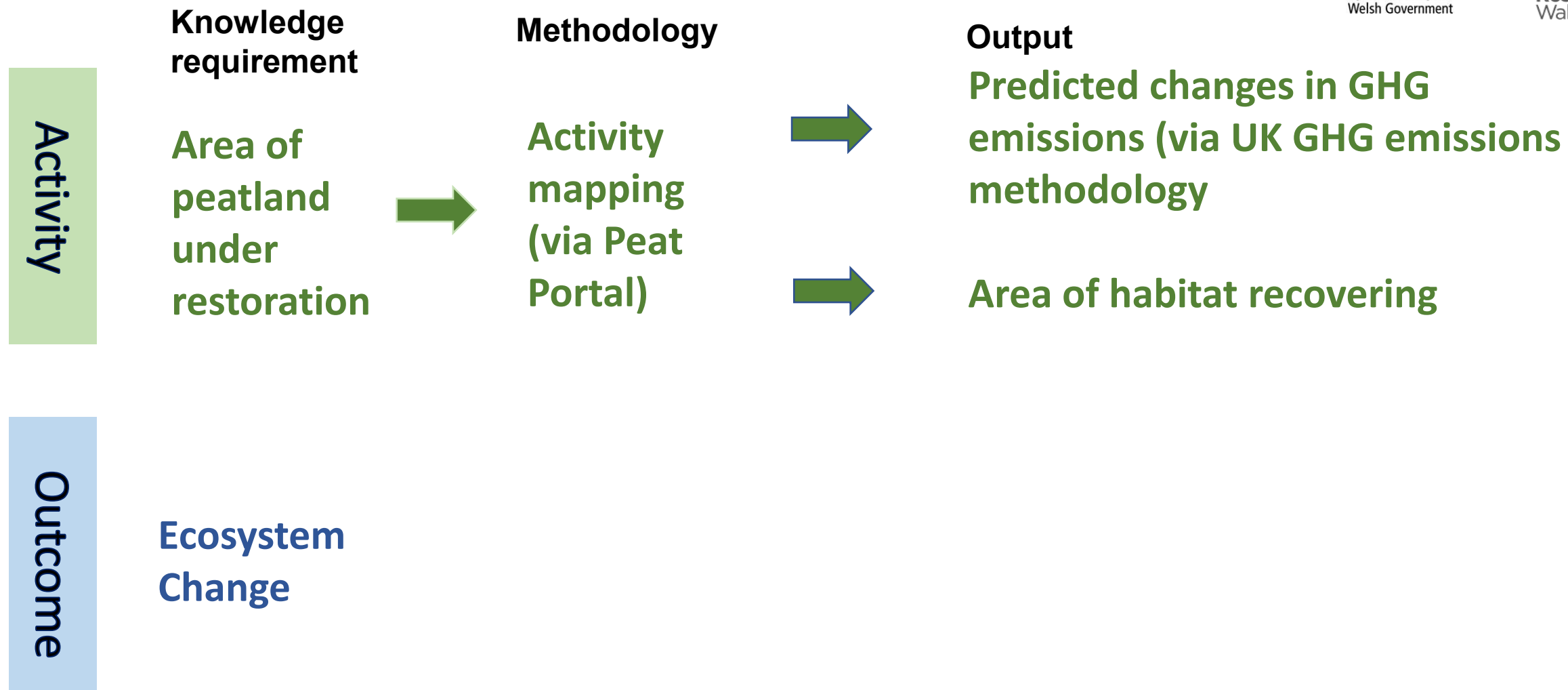
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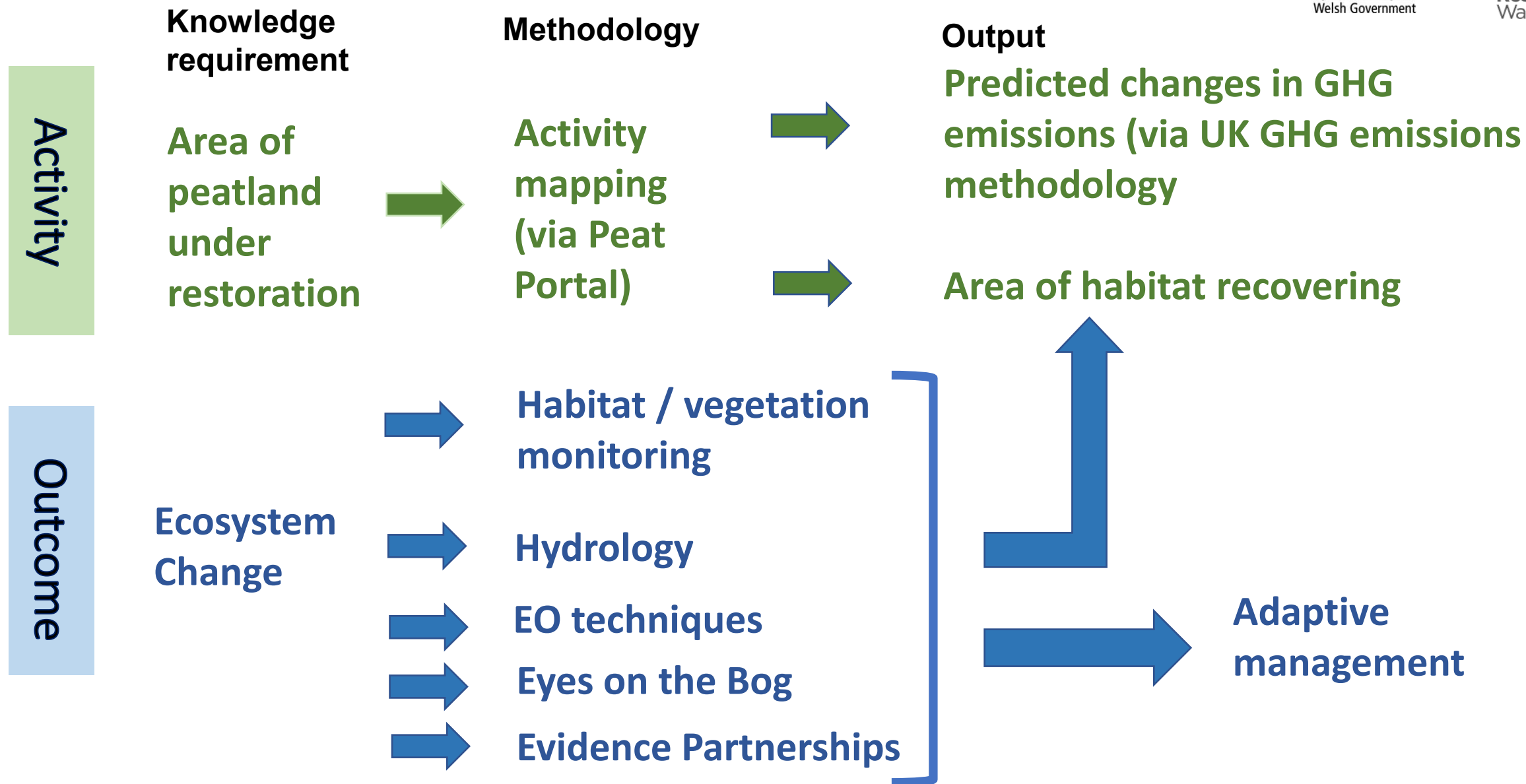


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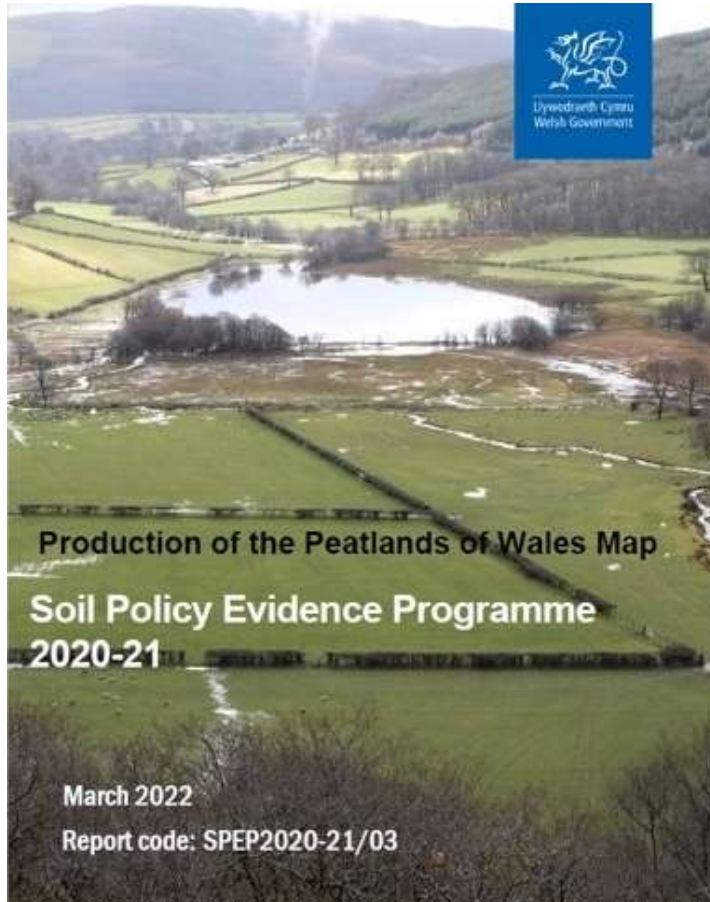
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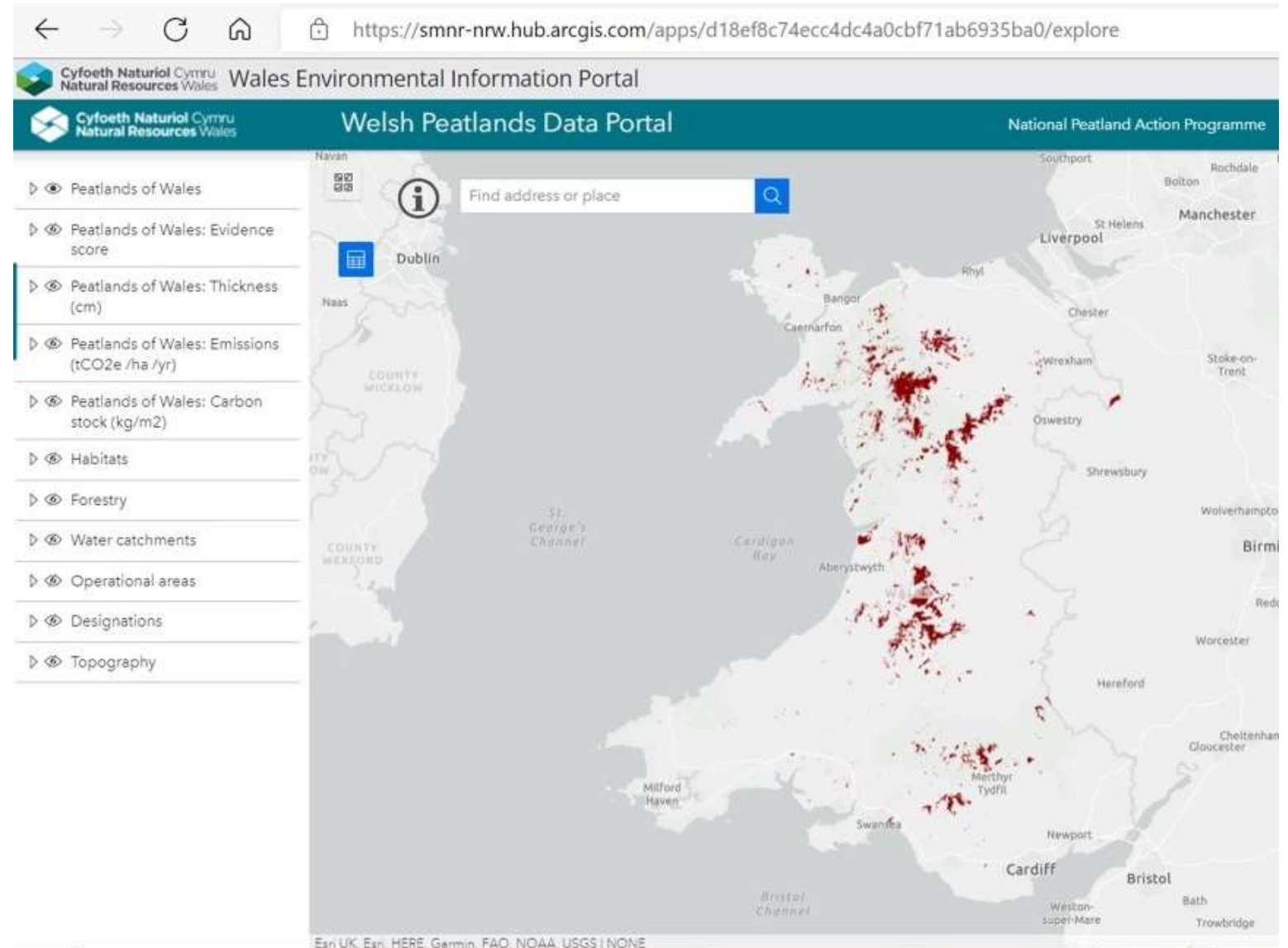
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Buddsoddi mewn data ar raddfa genedlaethol a'r Porth Mawn Investment in national scale data and the new Peat Portal



[Production of the Peatlands of Wales Map | GOV.WALES](#)



Cymru – Diweddariad Cenedlaethol

Wales – Country Update



- **Horticultural Peat:**

- WG is currently considering the responses to the consultation and the approach in Wales.
- Defra are running stakeholder workshops in September and October which will also inform policy development.

- **Land Use Planning:**

- Windfarms – expansion in applications with potential for impacts on peat.
- NRW and WG active in development planning process.
- NRW commissioned evidence review of impacts and development of guidance to support impact assessment.
- Peat extraction permissions – 3 extant permissions.
- Local Development Plans



Prosiectau eraill mawr yng Nghymru

Other major initiatives in Wales



LIFE Projects (LIFE Welsh Raised Bogs and LifeQuake):

- WG contribution **£2.94M**
- EU contribution **£6.4M**

Other Initiatives:

- SMS replacement scheme
- Sustainable Farming Scheme
- Farming Connect Replacement
- Natural Flood Management
- Payment for Ecosystem Services



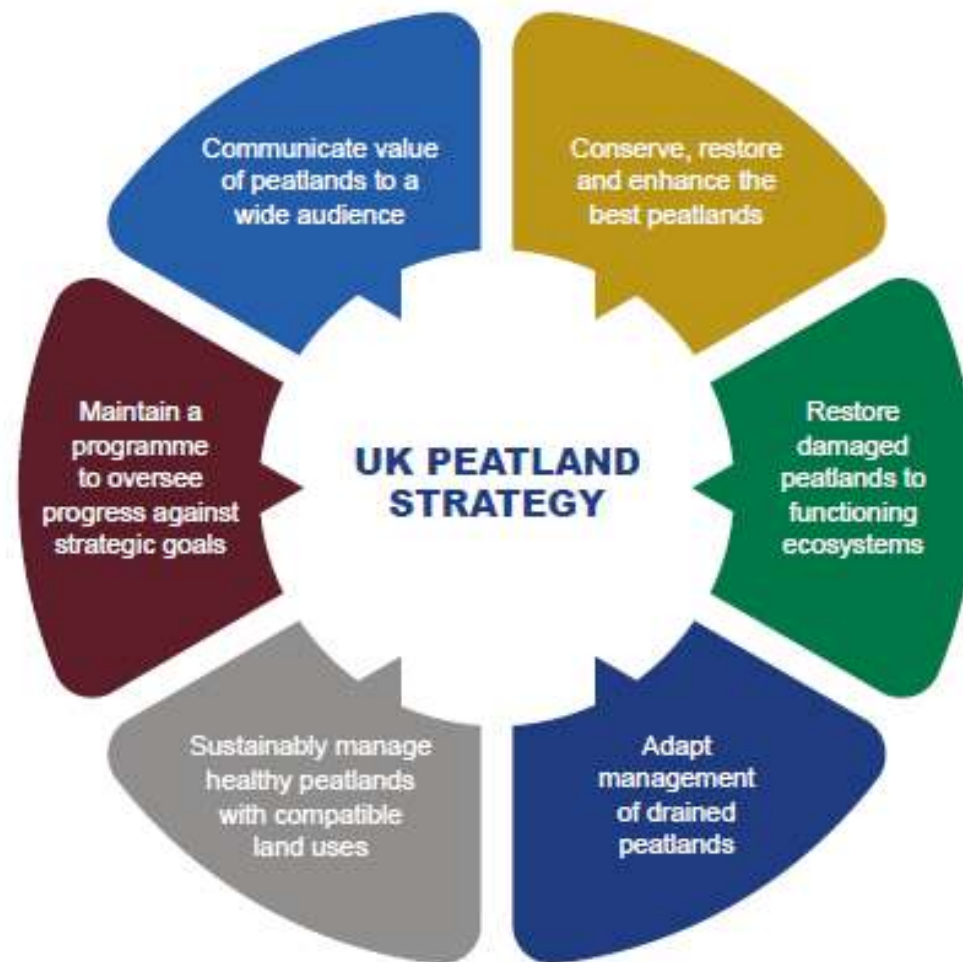
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*****Launch of LIFEQuake
7 October 2022*****



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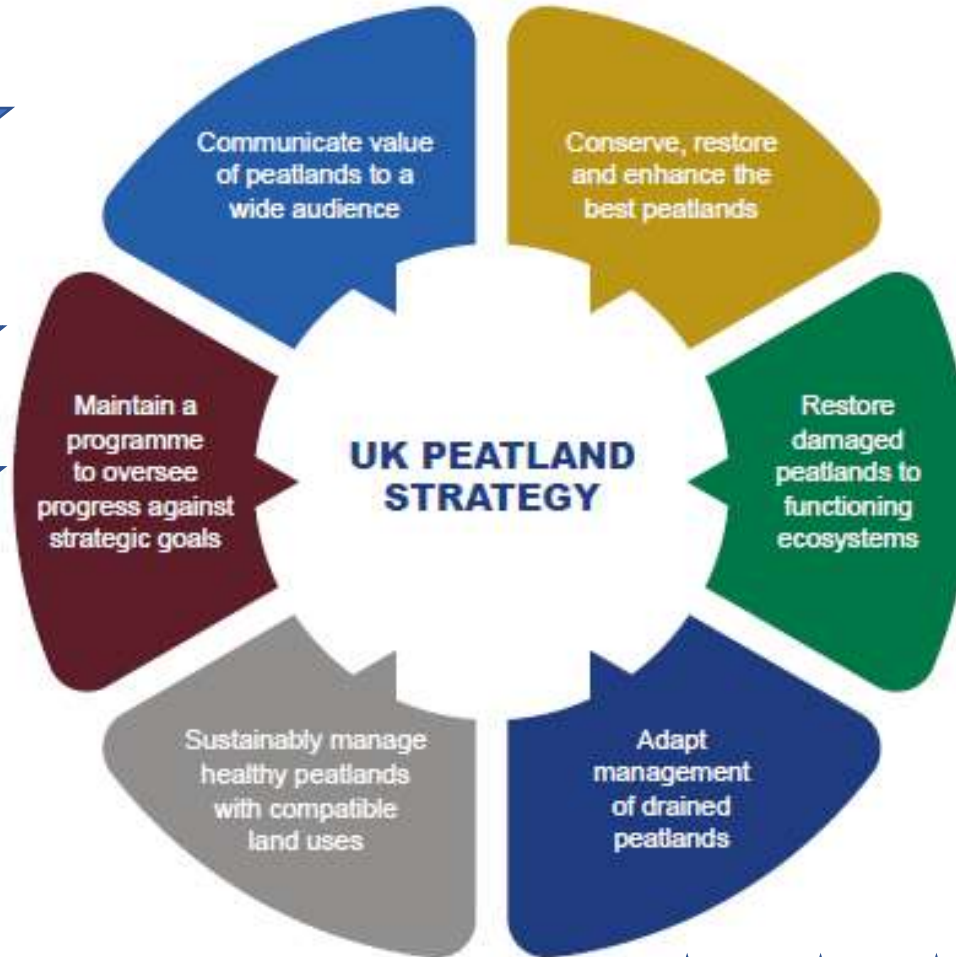


NPAP x cutting objectives

With partners, increasing engagement in peatland restoration

National coordination

National monitoring and activity capture



NPAP priority action themes, SSSI/NRW work, Partner work



Peatland Code



LIFE Programmes



Sustainable Farming Scheme



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