

Management and Monitoring Plan

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Template for UK based peatland restoration projects seeking verification to the Peatland Code

For the project, please give the unique ID, location, grid reference and size:

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| Project Name: | insert name |
| Registry ID: | insert Registry ID provided by S&P Global] |
| Location: | insert nearest town, county, country (E/S/W/NI) |
| Grid Reference: | insert grid reference e.g., AB123456 |
| Gross Area (ha): | insert area |
| Net Area (ha): | insert area |
| Project Developer: | insert Individual/Organisation name as it appears on the UK land Carbon Registry |
| Name of submitting organisation (if different): | insert organisation name |
| Management & Monitoring Plan Completed by: | insert author’s name & relationship to project developer |
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NOTE:

1. When completing each section of this document please refer to the requirements set out in the relevant section of the Peatland Code. Boxes for text can be expanded if not large enough. 2. Your Management and Monitoring Plan will be made available on the publicly available Peatland Code Registry upon achievement of validation.

3. Additional evidence to support the statements made within this document will be required by the certification body.

4. The project shall be managed as per the restoration management plan for the

project duration.

All statements made in this document are correct to the best of my knowledge. *I agree/I disagree [Delete as applicable]*

The project shall confirm that legal compliance and best practice guidance were

considered in preparation of the restoration management plan.

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# 1. Management Plan

The project must have a restoration management plan for the duration of the project.

When writing the Restoration Management plan, consider the longevity of the project and include a level of clarity and detail that someone many years later (projects last for up to 100 years) would need to be able to understand clearly the restoration management that was carried out and what maintenance and monitoring has been and continues to be undertaken.

Please note that the sections below are mandatory for completion. Validation bodies can request further detail than information provided in the Management Plan.

Due to the varying size and scope of peatland restoration, there is no minimum or maximum level of detail required. It is advisable to include as much detail as possible, as the validator or Peatland Code team may ask for a revised plan if they feel that the necessary information is missing. Consider the longevity of the project and include a level of clarity and detail that someone many years later (projects last for up to 100 years) would need to be able to understand clearly the restoration management that was carried out.

To include all the relevant information text boxes can be extended in this document.

## 1.1 Project objectives

Please state the project objectives - including proposed assessment unit category areas anticipated post-restoration condition category.

1.2 Statement of the restoration and management activities to be implemented

A statement of the restoration and management activities to be implemented over the project duration including identification of necessary resources and inputs for each of the project assessment unit areas.

1.3 Project Area Map

Please insert a map of the project area, showing as a minimum the areas of peatland

to be restored. The areas shown in this map should match with the assessment units outlined in 1.1 and 1.2. Please refer to the Field Protocol for mapping guidance.

1.4 Chronological plan of restoration and management activities

Outline the chronological plan of restoration and management activities in as much detail as possible. Please use specific dates to show the long-term planning that has been done.

1.5 Statement of environmental impact (including biodiversity)

1.6 Statement of social impact

1.7 Statement of individuals

A statement of the individuals or companies involved in the delivery of the restoration and management activities and their expertise and responsibilities within the project. If this is not possible, a statement of how you are planning to attract the correct individuals is accepted.

# 2. Monitoring Plan

As a minimum, monitoring of condition category change shall take place (max 12 months) prior to each verification by the project and shall be conducted as per the Peatland Code Field Protocol. The monitoring process should be documented, and the outputs recorded. Outputs should lead to review and, where necessary, modification of mitigation and management measures as required. Projects should notify IUCN UK PP and the validation/verification body when any new risks to the peatland condition are recorded, any damage occurs or anything that raises concern over the continued maintenance of the site in improved condition is found on site during the period between official inspections and action taken to mitigate this shall be recorded. The project shall have a monitoring plan for the duration of the project and should cover anything that might have an impact on the success of the restoration in the long term. The monitoring plan shall link to the risk assessment e.g., evidence of increased deer numbers, erosion evidence, dams failing.

The project shall be monitored as per the monitoring plan for the project duration.

Monitoring in excess of the minimum, detailed in the Peatland Code Field Protocol, can be undertaken by the project to reflect the individual objectives of each project.

For example, this could be yearly fixed-point pictures to have evidence of the progress in between verifications. Monitoring should include everything from impact of livestock or deer, bare peat revegetation progress, reprofiled haggs and if any further erosion, dam success or any significant failures. Identify any new risks and state mitigation planned.

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To include all the relevant information, you may need to expand the text boxes in this document.

## 2.1 Statement of the monitoring activities to be implemented over the project duration

Statement of the monitoring activities to be implemented over the project duration including identification of necessary resources and inputs. The statement shall specify how and why the monitoring will take place, using best practise methodologies.

## 2.2 Link to the risk assessment and relate to the ongoing land management

The monitoring plan shall link to the risk assessment and relate to the ongoing land management. Where relevant, the monitoring plan shall include data on livestock stocking densities, deer numbers and data for any other risks identified.

## 2.3 Chronological plan of monitoring activities

Outline the chronological plan of monitoring activities in as much detail as possible. Please use specific dates to show the long-term planning that has been done.

## 2.4 Statement of Individuals

A statement of all individuals, from surveyor on ground, other contractors/employees of the farm or estate, project developer/agent and landowner involved in the delivery of monitoring activities listed in 2.3 and their expertise. Show clearly how the process of reporting operates and who is responsible for maintaining and filing the monitoring records and overall responsibility.

2.5 Site Condition

Site condition will be monitored, with a general overview of the site condition identifying any areas of concern and including all assessment unit categories. At a minimum, the following information shall be captured: GPS point, photos, name of surveyor, condition summary and any further work requirements listed.