

ACTION

1. Policy and legislation	Lead	Partners	2002	2003	2005	2010	Meets Objective
1.1 Ensure the importance of lowland raised bogs is recognised and site protection policies are included in all new Structure Plans, Local Plans, Minerals Strategies, Indicative Forest Strategies, and other strategic landuse plans.	SC	All	*	*	*	*	1
1.2 Use of peat by Stirling Council and statutory agencies, including contracted work, should cease.	SC	SWT	*				1
2. Site Safeguard and Management							
2.1 Review the current lists of all raised bogs and their existing survey data in Stirling Council area.	SWT	SNH		*			1, 2, 3
2.2 Undertake a programme of survey to determine their condition and suitability for restoration.					*		4
2.3 Compile a list of all landowners of lowland raised bogs			*				1
2.4 Determine the specific condition of the primary, near-natural sites and, using this data, draw up management plans and begin measures to secure favourable management.	SWT	SNH		*			2
2.5. On other bogs regarded as being active, draw up conservation management plans and initiate remedial management work.	SWT				*		3
2.6. On the remaining degraded raised bogs, identify the condition of all sites, and prioritise by degree of restoration required. Implement as resources allow.	SWT	SNH, FE			*	*	3
2.7. Ensure all lowland raised bogs meeting the JNCC selection criteria as SSSI are notified and ensure all sites meeting SAC criteria are notified as such.	SNH	SWT			*		1, 2
2.8. Ensure application of Forestry Commission guidelines “Forests and Peatland Habitats” for all forest habitats and new planting.	FC	FE, landowners	*	*	*	*	1, 2

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3. Advisory	Lead	Partner	2002	2003	2005	2010	Meets Objective
3.1 Develop and promote training on the conservation, management and rehabilitation of lowland raised bog, targeting these at representatives from all key agencies, landowners, contractors and voluntary bodies: Organise 1 event in 2002 to promote good management and guidance on grant schemes, plus good practice for contractors. Repeat as circumstances justify.	SNH	SWT, FE, FWAG, SAC		*			1, 2, 6
4. International							
Develop the Forth Mosses complex as an example of good management and partnership, and make links with other agencies involved in peatland complex management.	LRBWG		*	*	*	*	6
5. Monitoring and Research							
5.1 Incorporate Common Monitoring Standards (developed by JNCC) for defining and assessing the condition and the effectiveness of conservation management on SSSI into all raised bog management plans by 2005.	SNH	SWT, FWAG, SAC			*		1, 2
5.2 Undertake invertebrate survey work on Flanders Mosses cSAC to confirm the presence and range of previously recorded RDB species and for others groups that have not previously been well recorded by 2005.	SNH	Universities, experts			*		
5.3 Encourage the dissemination and use of ongoing and past research, and commission further research where necessary, to improve understanding of the ecology of lowland raised bogs.	LRBWG	Universities, SNH, SWT			*		1, 2, 3, 4.
5.4 Promote the suitability of Flanders Moss West for rehabilitation studies to research institutions.	FE	Universities	*	*	*	*	4
5.5 Collate for public use all current information sources on lowland raised bog ecology and management in general, and the Forth Mosses in particular.	SWT			*			1, 2, 3, 4, 6

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5.6 Encourage research into historical and cultural associations with peatlands.	LRBWG				*		6
5.6 Develop and implement appropriate surveillance and monitoring programmes to assess progress towards achieving action plan targets.	LRBWG			*			1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
6. Education, Communications and Publicity							
6.1 Through consultation with key raised bog landowners and disseminating existing information, capture the interest and co-operation of site owners and managers towards favourable management.	SNH	SWT	*	*	*	*	1, 2, 3, 4, 6.
6.2 Encourage 1 community composting project or anaerobic digestion facility per annum and promote use of these and other products as alternatives to peat.	SC	KEC	*	*	*	*	1, 2, 6
6.3 Using existing raised bog educational resources produce a package aimed at primary and secondary schools, and further education centres which explains the intricacies and importance of lowland raised bogs.	SWT	KEC		*			6
6.4 Generate ongoing information and publicity to encourage domestic and commercial peat users to adopt alternatives, highlighting the threat to peatland conservation of continued peat use by collating existing research and guidance on alternatives.	SWT		*	*	*	*	1, 2, 6
6.5 Review target visitor groups and their requirements, and identify locations within the Forth Mosses which will meet those needs without compromising conservation objectives.	SNH	FE SWT		*			5, 6
7. Plan monitoring							
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Monitor and review this plan in general annually and in detail every 5 years.	LRBWG		*	*	*	*	All

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Abbreviations:

FC	Forestry Commission
FE	Forest Enterprise
FWAG	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
LRBWG	Lowland Raised Bog Working Group
KEC	Kippen Environment Centre
SAC	Scottish Agricultural College
SC	Stirling Council
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SWT	Scottish Wildlife Trust