

Upland Mosaic Habitats.

For the purposes of the Stirling Council Area Biodiversity Action Plan the three Upland Priority Habitats blanket bog, upland acid grassland and upland heath are being considered as one large habitat mosaic for action. The boundaries between these three habitats are often not sharply definable and management of these habitats can change one habitat to another e.g. blanket bogs that have deteriorated through drainage form more acid grassland habitat, and restoration may only ever lead to modified blanked bog; reduction of grazing in upland acid grassland areas can revert the habitat to upland heath.

Due to the intimate connection between these three habitats, a common action table has been formed to minimise the doubling up of actions and maximize their delivery. Individual action plans have been retained to give a detailed description of the each habitat.