

ACTION

| 1. Policy & Legislation: | Lead | Partners | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2010 | Meets Objective |
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| 1.1. When assessing Woodland Grant Scheme applications take into consideration any important areas of upland mosaic habitats or rare species associated with these habitats that might be affected. | FC | | * | * | * | * | 1 |
| 2. Site and Species Safeguard & Management | | | | | | | |
| 2.1. Encourage the positive management of upland mosaic habitats on SSSI, cSACs and nature reserves, through management agreements and management plans. | SNH | NTS, SAC | * | * | * | * | 1 |
| 3. Advisory | | | | | | | |
| 3.1. When preparing RSS moorland management plans ensure that any areas of upland mosaic habitats are taken into consideration and ensure that any proposed changes in the grazing management of a site do not result in the complete loss of this habitat type. | SAC, FWAG | | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| 3.2. When preparing RSS moorland management plans ensure that any areas of upland mosaic habitats that are of local importance or that contain scarce species are clearly identified and that appropriate management to enhance their biodiversity is proposed. Ensure that these areas are not lost to woodland or heather expansion. | SAC, FWAG | | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| 4. Research & Monitoring | | | | | | | |
| 4.1. Carry out a desk study to identify areas of upland mosaic habitats within Stirling which contain rare species or which are locally important for their range of species and/or communities. | SNH | UWG, CARSE | | | * | | 1 |

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| 4.2. Commission, encourage and undertake research into the appropriate management of upland mosaic habitats and the integration of agriculture and conservation in upland farming systems. | SEERAD | SAC, MLURI, CEH | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| 5. Communications & Publicity | | | | | | | |
| 5.1. Publicise this action plan | LBAP SG | | * | * | * | * | 3 |
| 5.2. Organise a series of public events promoting the value of upland mosaic habitats. | LBAP SG | UWG | | | * | * | 3 |
| 5.3. Raise the profile of this habitat within the statutory and non-governmental conservation bodies through workshops and field visits, stressing that it is not simply degraded heathland, but is an ecologically and economically important habitat worth conserving. | UWG | SAC | | * | * | * | 3 |
| 6. Plan Monitoring | | | | | | | |
| 6.1. Monitor and review the progress of this plan, and review the actions and objectives annually. | UWG | | * | * | * | * | All |

Abbreviations.

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| CARSE | Central Area Recording System for the Environment |
| CEH | Centre for Ecology and Hydrology |
| FC | Forestry Commission |
| FWAG | Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group |
| LBAP SG | Local Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Group |
| MLURI | Macaulay Land Use Research Institute |
| NTS | National Trust for Scotland |
| SAC | Scottish Agricultural College |
| SEERAD | Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department |
| SNH | Scottish Natural Heritage |
| UWG | Upland Working Group |