

# CAIRNGORMS NATURE

Cairngorms Nature is a partnership for people and organisations to come together, regardless of sector or background, with a common desire to safeguard and enhance the outstanding nature of the Cairngorms National Park

The partnership is informal, open to all. Any individual or organisation is welcome. Being a partner is simply about contributing to the delivery of the Action Plan.

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### Where we are now and where we want to be in 50 years

#### LAND MANAGEMENT

### 2013

An active land management community based fundamentally around conservation, food production, timber, woodfuel, energy production and sport is vital to the management and enhancement of habitats supporting biodiversity.

#### 2063

The land management community is thriving. It receives strong public support for the services it provides. Nature conservation is incorporated within all land management activities. Land management is tailored to ensure that the patchwork of habitats is even more diverse and rich in native species, encouraging the recovery of those that have been in decline.

#### FORESTS AND WOODS

### 2013

The largest remaining areas of semi-natural woodlands in Britain are concentrated in the main river valleys of the National Park. They include 25 per cent of the entire Scottish resource of native woodlands; the greatest extent of Caledonian pinewood; some of the best surviving fragments of ancient floodplain forest in the UK; and some of the largest remaining stands of Aspen.

The woodlands are nationally and internationally important for many rare species of birds, mammals, invertebrates, lichens, plants and fungi.

In places, the forests are fragmented, and regeneration is restricted by overgrazing by deer.

### 2063

Patches of forest and woodland, some miles across, some as small as football fields, link together through farmland and open ground. They are expanding up hillsides and into quiet areas, providing refuges for species to flourish, like the once critically endangered but now flourishing capercaillie.

They are made up almost entirely of native trees: a patchwork of different woodlands, including productive plantations, all with rich understories, trees of all ages, clearings, bogs and deadwood scattered throughout.

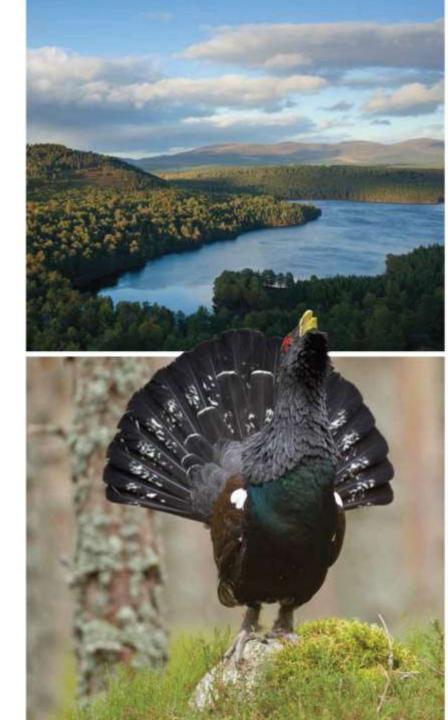
The UK's largest natural forests are considered an exemplar of woodlands managed for multiple benefits.



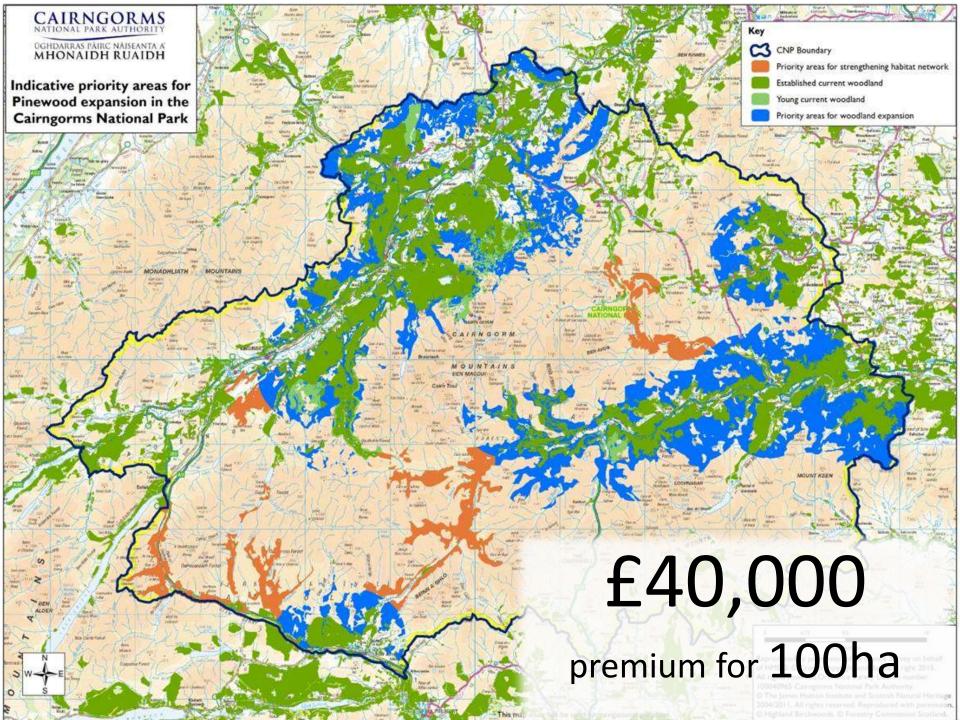
#### 3.I AIMS

The Cairngorms Nature Action Plan 2013–2018 outlines how, through the collective and co-ordinated efforts of partners over the next five years, it aims to:

- » Improve the quality and connectivity of woodlands and wetlands for biodiversity
- » Implement priority actions for other habitats
- » Conserve and enhance key species through focused conservation action
- » Encourage, support, and provide opportunities for people to realise the benefits from, and help to look after, nature









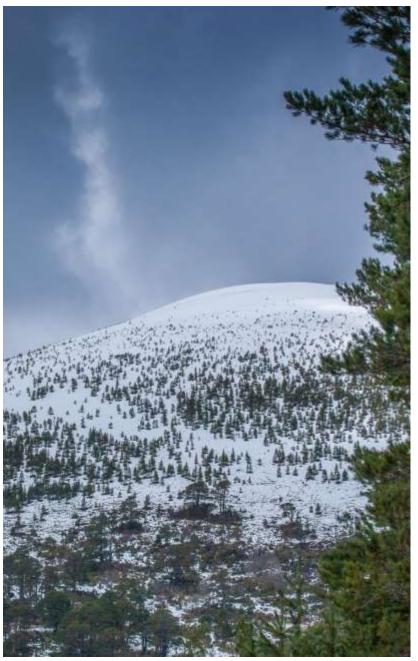


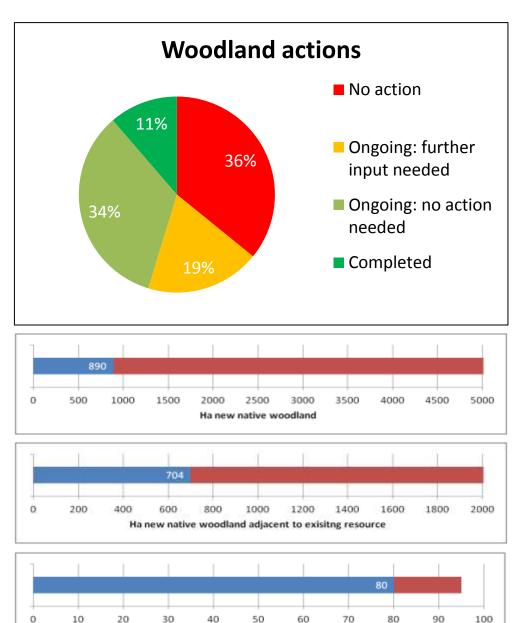




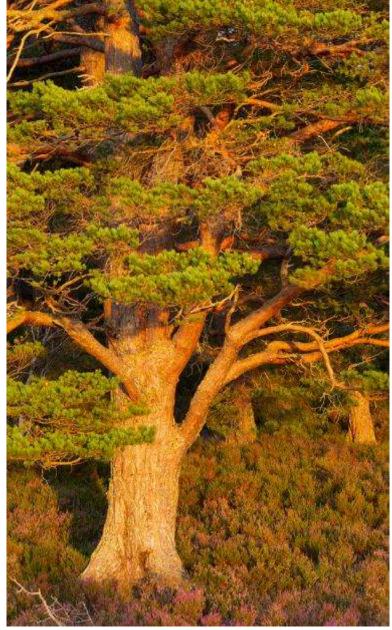


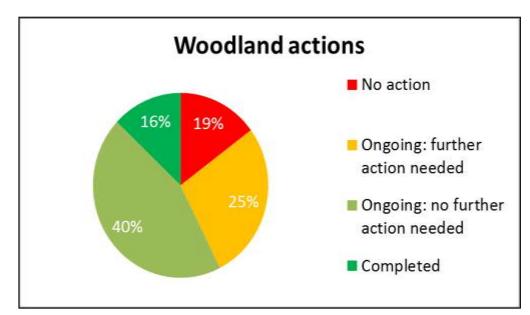




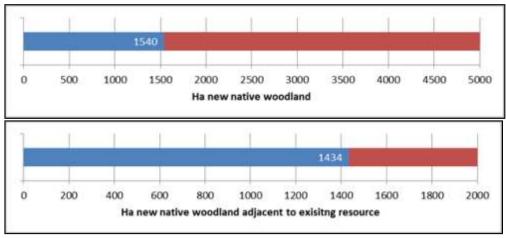


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- Identify strategic expansion areas
- Promote and support strategic expansion
- Improving biodiversity value in existing woodlands
- Priority species







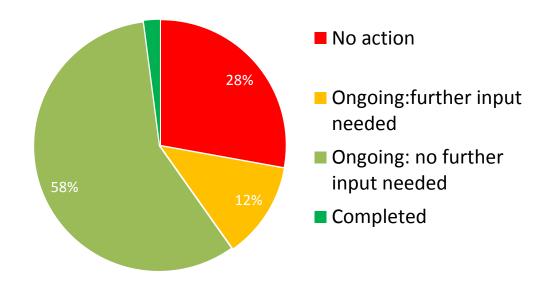


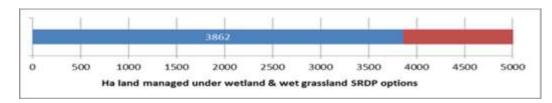


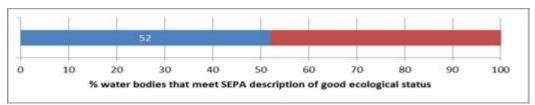


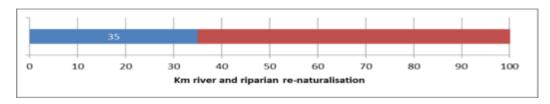




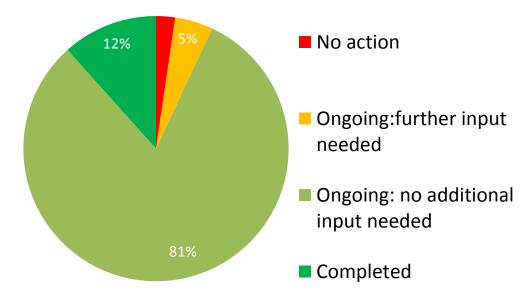


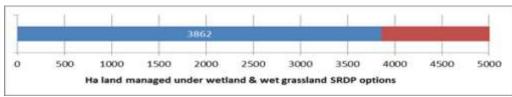


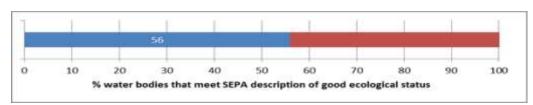


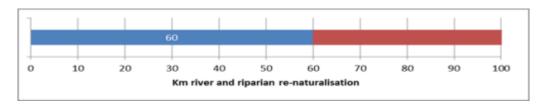












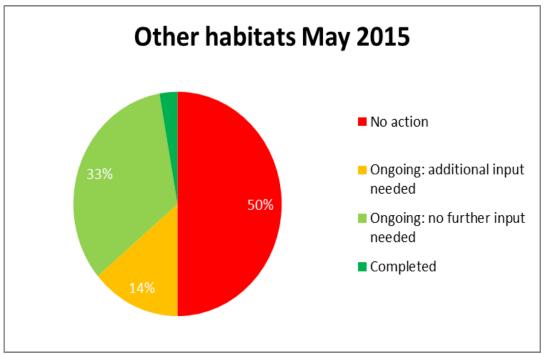


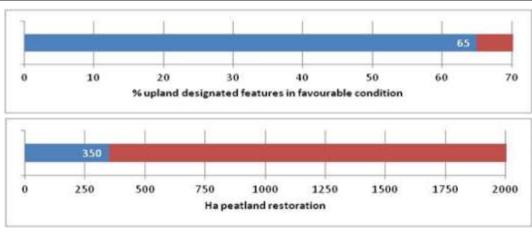
- Enhancing and increasing wet grassland habitat
- Wetland creation, river restoration and natural flood management
- Improving water quality
- Spatial targeting and species
- Species and ponds

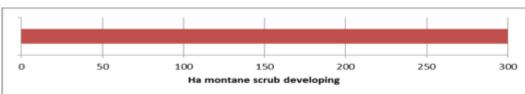




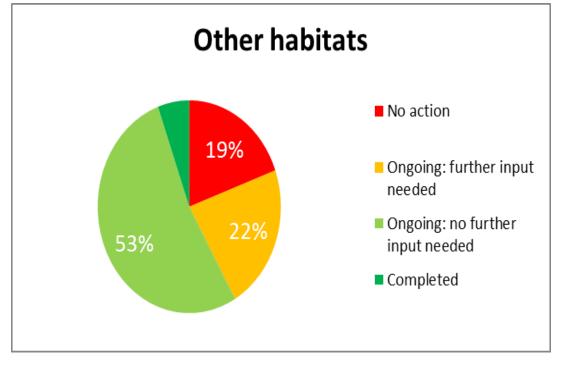


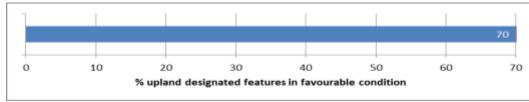


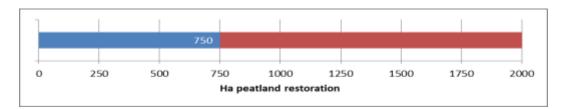


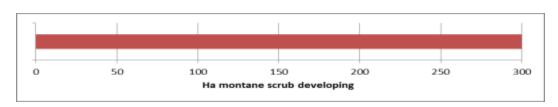








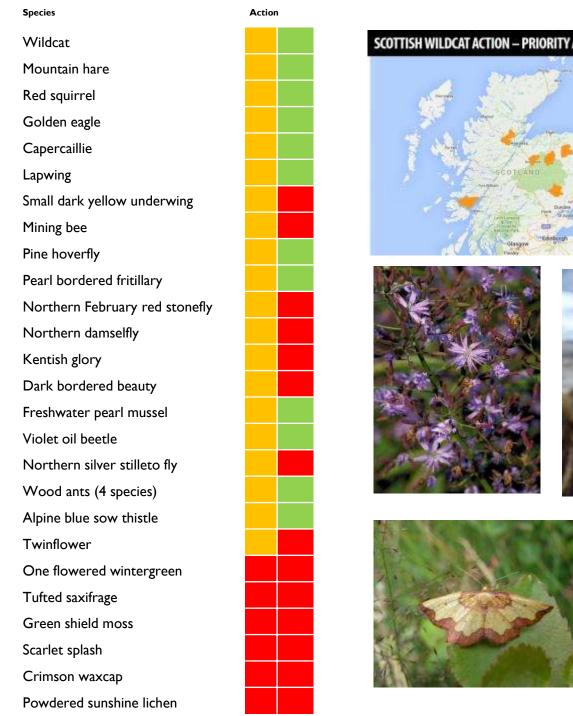






- Landscape-scale collaboration
- Peatland restoration
- Burning and grazing
- Positive management for raptors
- Grassland biodiversity







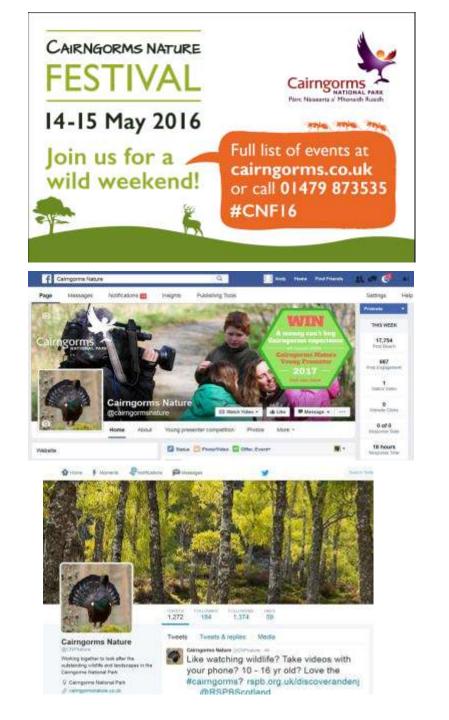












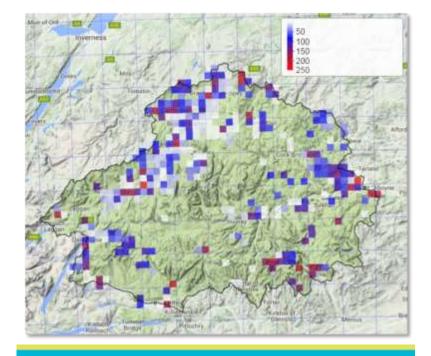


### Have you ever fancied being a nature presenter?

Cairngorms Nature is looking for a Young Nature Presenter for 2016, someone with a passion for nature who can inspire other young people to get involved with caring about nature too.









- On track
- Lots ongoing and starting
- Need to keep an eye on outputs

- Identifying barriers
- Feeding into NPPP3

