

## Cairngorms Nature Action Plan 2019 2020 - Monitoring report

<b>Report Date</b>	October 2022	<b>Plan Period</b>	Feb 2019 – March 2024
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### Activity summary – for this reporting period

#### Actions

A number of action are unreported such as Raptors which were previously red. However raptors will be discussed in this month's meeting. Peatland has now been updated and the red actions are now green.

There has been an increase of actions with Amber status. This is principally due to CNPA staff resources not being available. Woodland on farms will be included within HH farm project, however there is no certainty that this will deliver.

Delivery of capercaillie actions was red and is now amber.

	<b>Landscape Scale Conservation</b>	<b>Priority Species</b>	<b>Involving People</b>	<b>Delivery and Monitoring</b>	<b>All Actions</b>
<b>Actions</b>					
<b>Action Category</b>					
<b>Unreported</b>	0	7	1	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Red</b>	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Amber</b>	2	5	1	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Green</b>	19	30	10	5	<b>64</b>
<b>Not yet started</b>	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Actions</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>

### Amber and red Actions

Action	Summary of progress and Issues	Status
<b>Landscape scale Conservation</b>		
Pilot new approaches in the ECMP to establish, deliver and promote across the National Park a shared understanding of sustainable moorland management.	ECMP estates are developing a new action plan which will address this. Due to be finalised & agreed in autumn 2022	
Nature Friendly Farming  Work with farmers, crofters and agents to encourage integrated woodland development on farms for ecological and economic benefit	Woodland is being discussed with participating farms within HH work but no commitments will be known until 2023	

<b>Species</b>		
<b>Raptors</b> Identify unoccupied golden eagle, hen harrier and peregrine territories and work with land managers to carry out positive management that will encourage re-colonisation	Raptors not reported but see paper for October meeting Item was red in April 2021	
Develop and deliver wildlife tourism opportunities that benefit local businesses and promote the National Park as an example of raptor conservation success	No progress on this action	
<b>Capercaillie</b>	Key drivers of decline identified as disturbance, predation, abitat management and fence strike. Work underway to roll out solutins to disturbance, ence striek and abitat manaement. Solutions to predator management still in early development	
<b>Capercaillie</b>	A request has been made to NLHF to extend the Cairngorms Capercaillie Project's grant expiry date from 30 July 2023 to 30 January 2024 so that work delayed by the pandemic can be completed and a firm legacy secured that contributes to the CNAP's commitments to capercaillie conservation. Work coming up for the project includes producing a community-led action plan working with the dog walking community in Badenoch and Strathspey, as well as ongoing work developing and delivering community-led action with 5 other communities of place and interest (visitors, businesses, mountain bikers, Deeside and Carrbridge).	
<b>Woodants</b>	Mapping and continued surveying work halted temporarily. Resumed pending on CNPA staff resources.	
<b>Pinewood Mason Bee</b>	Mapping and continued surveying work halted temporarily. Resumed pending on CNPA staff resources.	
<b>Marsh Saxifrage</b>	No progress. There remains a need to survey suitable habitat particularly in the west of the national park. Recruitment of voluntary surveyors is a barrier to completion. 3 field seasons would be sufficient to carry out targeted surveys in the Monadhliath mountains.	
<b>Involving People</b>		
Provide training for land managers in approaches to	Training still planned however delivery stalled due to lack of staff time available.	

engaging communities in land management decision making and involvement		
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## Risks and Issues

Risk / Issue	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation	Lead	Status
<b>Unable to delivery plan targets</b>	medium	Failure to deliver on the plan outcomes	Monitoring progress, especially at half way point and reprioritisation of available resources	CNSG	
<b>Actions not completed</b>	medium	Unable to deliver targets	Monitoring progress, especially at half way point and reprioritisation of available resources	Action leads supported by CNSG	
<b>New conservation priorities emerge</b>	low	New situations arise (effects of climate change, social, economic or political drivers). Leading to a diversion of resources from existing projects and actions	Reassessment of planned outcomes and targets may be required	CNSG	
<b>Change in Nature conservation legislation due to leaving EU</b>	low	Possible changes to protection status requiring a changing focus on delivery.	This will be considered if the issue arises but likely to include action plans for specific species.	NS	
<b>Project delays due to Covid 19 pandemic</b>	High	Failed or delayed project delivery preventing outcomes and targets to be achieved.	Several projects have been affected and most have been brought back on track with additional action and effort.	CNPA/CNSG	
<b>National recession lead to wide spread reduction in delivery budgets</b>	High	Reduced resources available to existing and planned projects	Budgets will have to be reviewed as they are announced and re prioritising action delivery accordingly.	CNSG	
<b>Stakeholder communication/ relationship issues</b>	medium	May lead to confusion on outcomes and delivery partners.	Awareness of issues and bringing partners together to discuss matters.	CNPA	
<b>Communication on purpose and outcomes of the plan</b>	low	Could lead to the reduction in priority for nature conservation	Maintaining the presence of the plan though social media and partners corporate planning.	CNPA, Stakeholder and partners.	