[Web address: nature.scot/peatlandaction](http://www.nature.scot/PeatlandACTION)

Monitoring project fund

Expression of Interest (EoI)

Projects requesting funding of over £30,000 should complete and submit this Expression of Interest (EoI) form to allow NatureScot Peatland ACTION to consult more widely on the higher investment. Budgets and staff resource for monitoring are limited and investment must be considered in the context of wider Scottish Government and delivery partner active projects. Projects where the total fund requested will be below £30,000 should complete the Monitoring Project Fund application form available on the [download section of the webpages](https://www.nature.scot/doc/peatland-action-monitoring-project-funding-guidance-and-application-forms).

Please use this EoI form to tell us about your proposed project. We will then review your Expression of Interest and arrange for an Adviser to contact you to discuss it.

If we assess that your project could meet NatureScot Peatland ACTION priorities and is aligned with wider organisational/policy projects, we will send you an application form with a unique project reference number to complete. This will only be made available to those projects that have submitted an EoI and have been offered the opportunity to submit a full application. We will not accept any applications without a project reference number. The opportunity to complete a full application does not guarantee that your application will be successful.

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| Contact details |  |
| Applicant: |  |
| Project name: |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone number: |  |

I have read the outcomes and eligibility criteria and assess that this proposal meets the criteria (check box)

Please select which of the [topics](https://www.nature.scot/doc/peatland-action-monitoring-strategy) listed in the eligibility criteria your project meets.

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|  | Priority 1: Validate peatland restoration delivery outputs. |
|  | Priority 2: Inform best practice to gain the maximum potential benefits from peatland restoration. |
|  | Priority 3: Evaluate overall effect on peatland recovery. |
|  | Priority 4: Strengthen the evidence for the wider benefits of peatland restoration. |
|  | Priority 5: Share data and communicate results. |
|  | Priority 6: Develop new tools to improve peatland monitoring. |

Please select if the project meets any of the current funding priorities listed on our [**website**](https://www.nature.scot/doc/peatland-action-monitoring-fund-guidance-and-application-forms#:~:text=of%20contract%20period.-,Current%20priorities,-When%20considering%20the).

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|  | Assess and compare bare peat restoration techniques. |
|  | Develop the understanding of long-term trajectories, for each peat type and restoration technique. Of particular interest are those projects that identify indicators that the restoration ‘tipping point’ has been reached or is likely to be reached. |
|  | Monitoring herbivore impacts on restoration outcomes. |
|  | Fill evidence gaps and contribute to the understanding of greenhouse gas emission balances across the varying peatland types and conditions. |
|  | Fill evidence gaps and contribute to the understanding of biodiversity responses to restoration. |
|  | Provide evidence as to the social and economic impacts of peatland restoration. |

Briefly state the overall **aim** of your monitoring project.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Background** - please summarise (400 words max) the need for the project such as evidence gaps that will be filled or how the results will be used to inform management.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Study site(s)** – As far as possible please give a brief (250 words max) indication of the sites to be included in your project for example including geographical location, landownership and permissions, peatland type and condition, previous Peatland ACTION restoration funding and past and current management.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project finances**: Please tell us;

* how much you expect the project to cost in total
* how much you are requesting from NatureScot Peatland ACTION
* details of other funders (remember that a minimum of 10% of total project costs must be offered as match funding from other sources):

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Please summarise the main outputs** from the project including datasets, reports and publications. All raw data and a written final report must be shared with Peatland ACTION and can be made publicly available under Open Government Licence. Consider how your outputs will support knowledge transfer and learning across the Peatland ACTION delivery partnership.

Click or tap here to enter text.

It is a condition of grant that you **acknowledge Peatland ACTION funding** for your project. Please confirm which media would be used to promote the project and Peatland ACTION.

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| Media | Yes or No | Details |
| Facebook | Yes  No |  |
| X/Twitter | Yes  No |  |
| Instagram | Yes  No |  |
| LinkedIn | Yes  No |  |
| YouTube | Yes  No |  |
| Website | Yes  No |  |
| Blog | Yes  No |  |
| Press/media | Yes  No |  |
| Publications | Yes  No |  |
| Interpretation | Yes  No |  |
| At site of work | Yes  No |  |
| Staff posts directly funded by us | Yes  No |  |
| Other | Yes  No |  |

Please give a brief description of how **advanced project planning is along with a summary of pre-project discussions** and consultations (including with NatureScot staff) (250 words maximum):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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| Project timeframe |  |
| Start date |  |
| End date |  |

Thank you for your interest in the NatureScot Peatland ACTION Monitoring fund. Please email [peatlandactiongrant@nature.scot](mailto:peatlandactiongrant@nature.scot) with your completed EoI form. **We aim to respond within 20 working days.**