



# GETTING THE BEST FROM OUR LAND

A draft land use strategy for Scotland

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# Overview of proposals

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# Purpose

To guide, support and inform all those involved in deciding how land is to be used,

by setting out a vision and long-term objectives for an integrated approach to sustainable land use in Scotland.



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# Vision

A prosperous and sustainable low-carbon economy, underpinned by successful land-based businesses, flourishing natural environments and vibrant communities.

# Objectives

- **Successful land-based businesses** contributing to Scotland's prosperity and wellbeing
- **Flourishing natural environments** delivering the widest range of benefits to Scotland, and playing their part in mitigating global climate change
- **Vibrant, sustainable communities** in urban and rural areas, with people connected to the land, enjoying it and taking an interest in its future

# Principles for Sustainable Land Use

- For government policy –making
- For land use decision-making
- For involving people



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# Successful land-based businesses in a low-carbon economy



# Successful land-based businesses in a low-carbon economy

## Objective:

successful land-based businesses  
contributing to Scotland's prosperity and wellbeing

## Strategic direction:

towards a low-carbon economy



# Actions

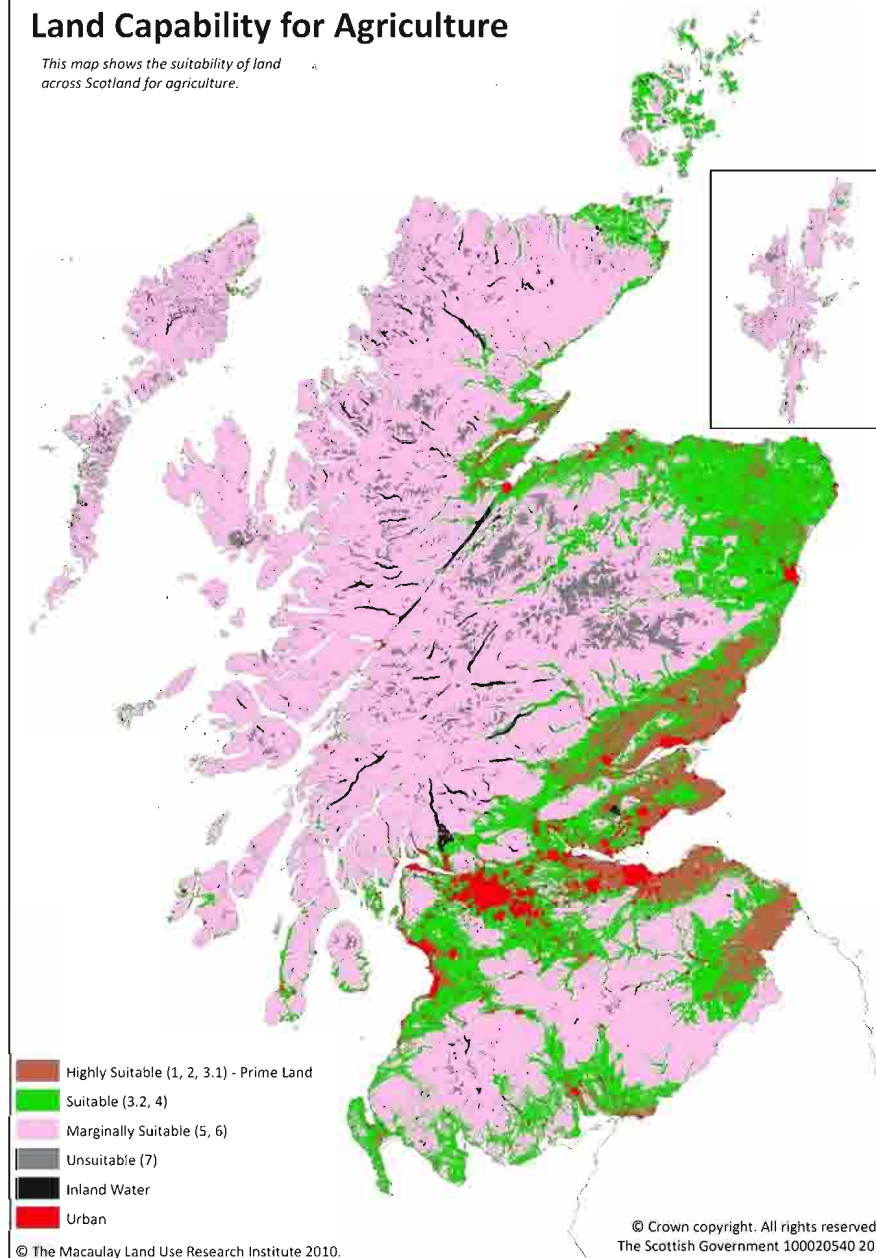
- Improved alignment of regulations and incentives with sustainable land use objectives
- Encourage actions that assist with climate change adaptation
- CAP reform



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## Land Capability for Agriculture

*This map shows the suitability of land across Scotland for agriculture.*



# Flourishing natural environments benefiting our lives



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## Objective:

flourishing natural environments delivering the widest range of benefits to Scotland, and playing their part in mitigating global climate change

## Strategic direction:

better consideration of the natural environment

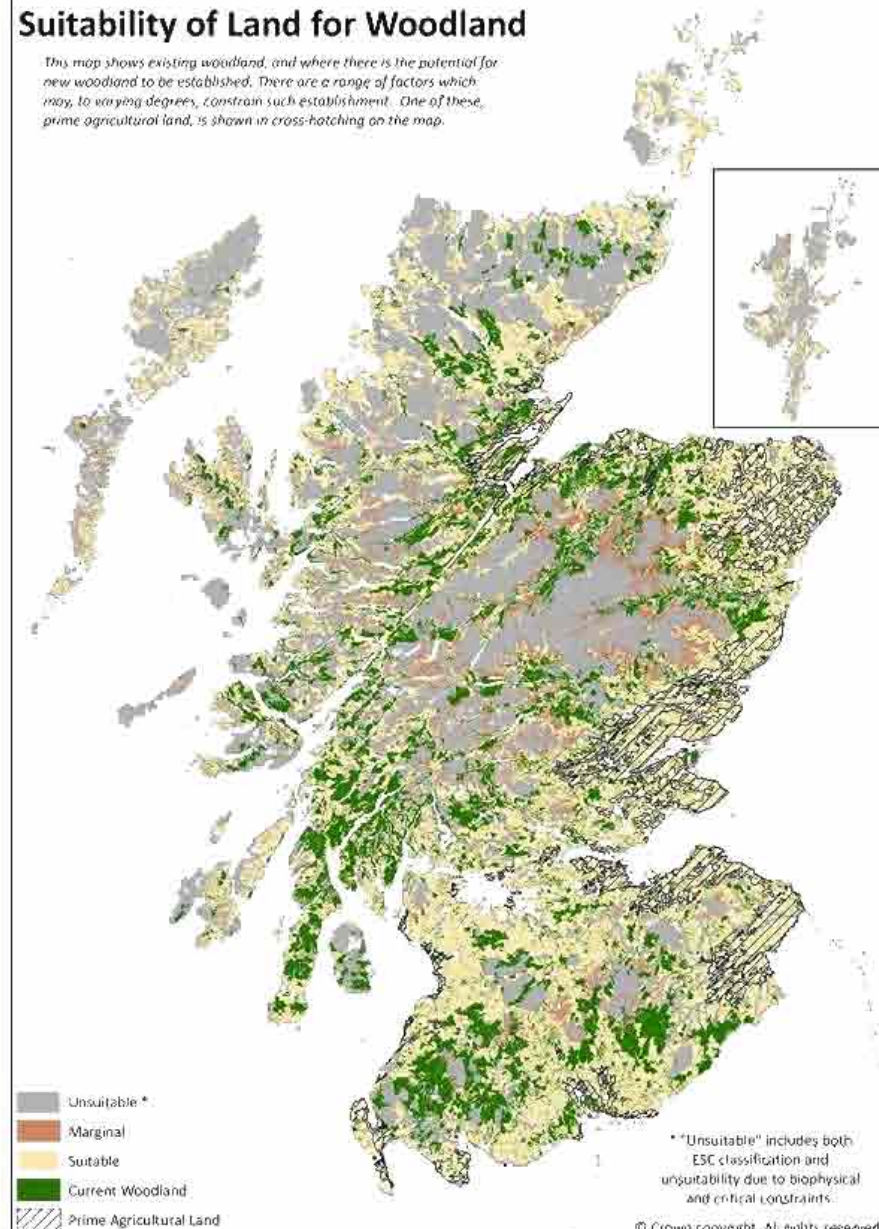
# Actions

- Tree planting for multiple benefits
- Carbon management
- Demonstration projects and good practice
- Explore the potential use of the ecosystem approach in decision making
- Explore the relationship between land management changes and ecosystem processes



## Suitability of Land for Woodland

*This map shows existing woodland, and where there is the potential for new woodland to be established. There are a range of factors which may, to varying degrees, constrain such establishment. One of these, prime agricultural land, is shown in cross-hatching on the map.*



Unsuitable \*

Marginal

Suitable

Current Woodland

Prime Agricultural Land

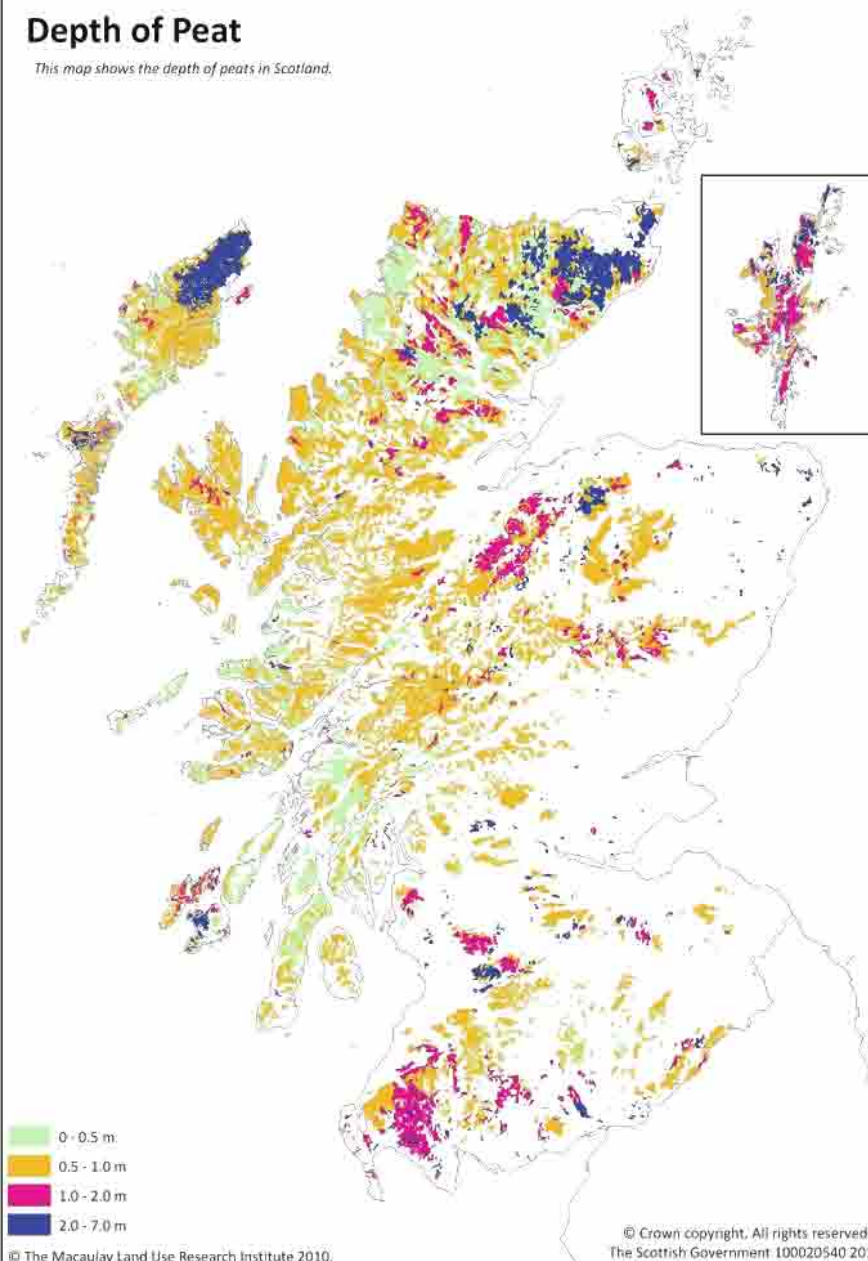
\* "Unsuitable" includes both ESC classification and unsuitability due to biophysical and critical constraints.

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## Depth of Peat

*This map shows the depth of peats in Scotland.*





# Vibrant communities, connected to the land



# Vibrant communities, connected to the land

## Objective:

vibrant, sustainable communities in urban and rural areas, with people connected to the land, enjoying it and taking an interest in its future

## Strategic direction:

connecting people to the land

# Actions

- Support communities as they adapt to climate change
- Identify ways for communities to contribute to land-use debates and decision-making



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