



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.

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

Successful land-based businesses in a low-carbon economy



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

Strategic direction:

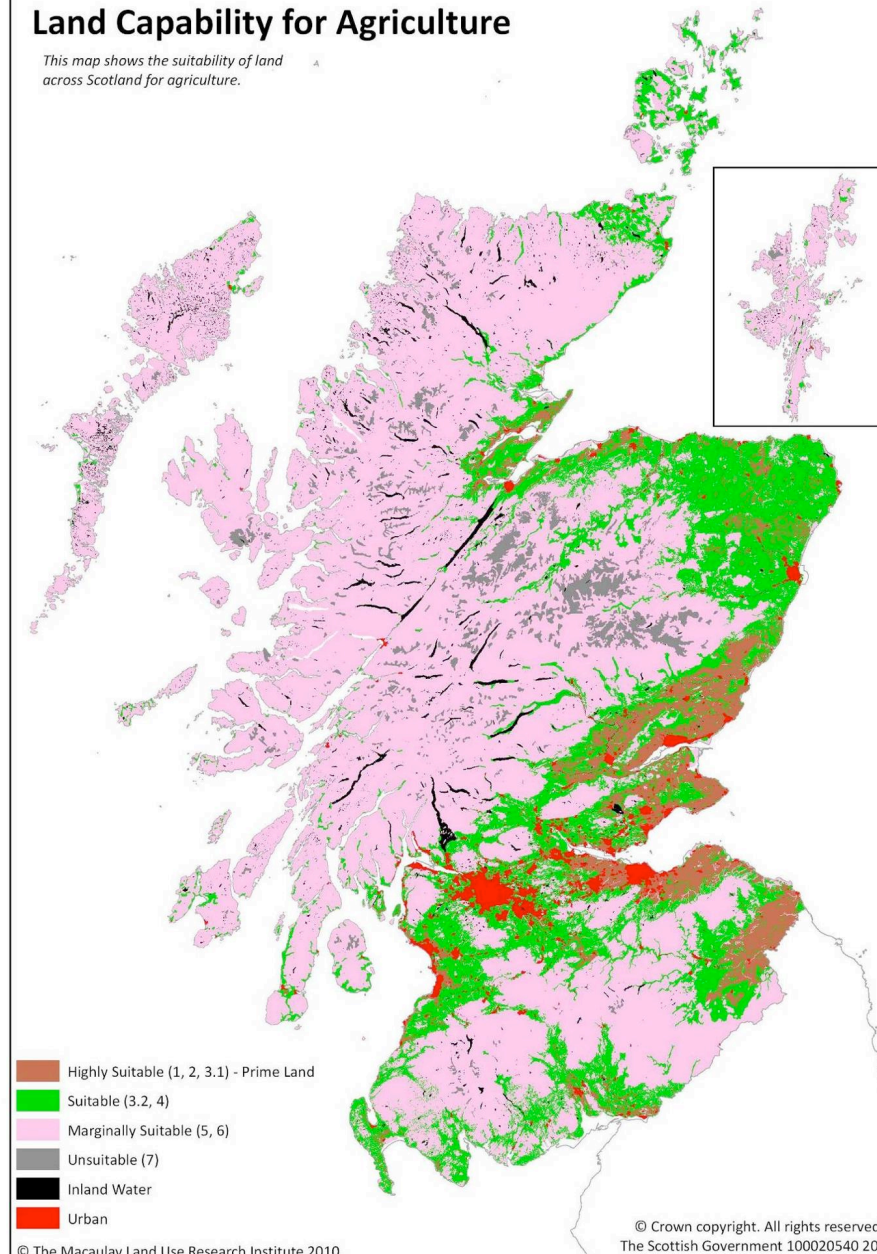
towards a low-carbon economy

Actions

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

Land Capability for Agriculture

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



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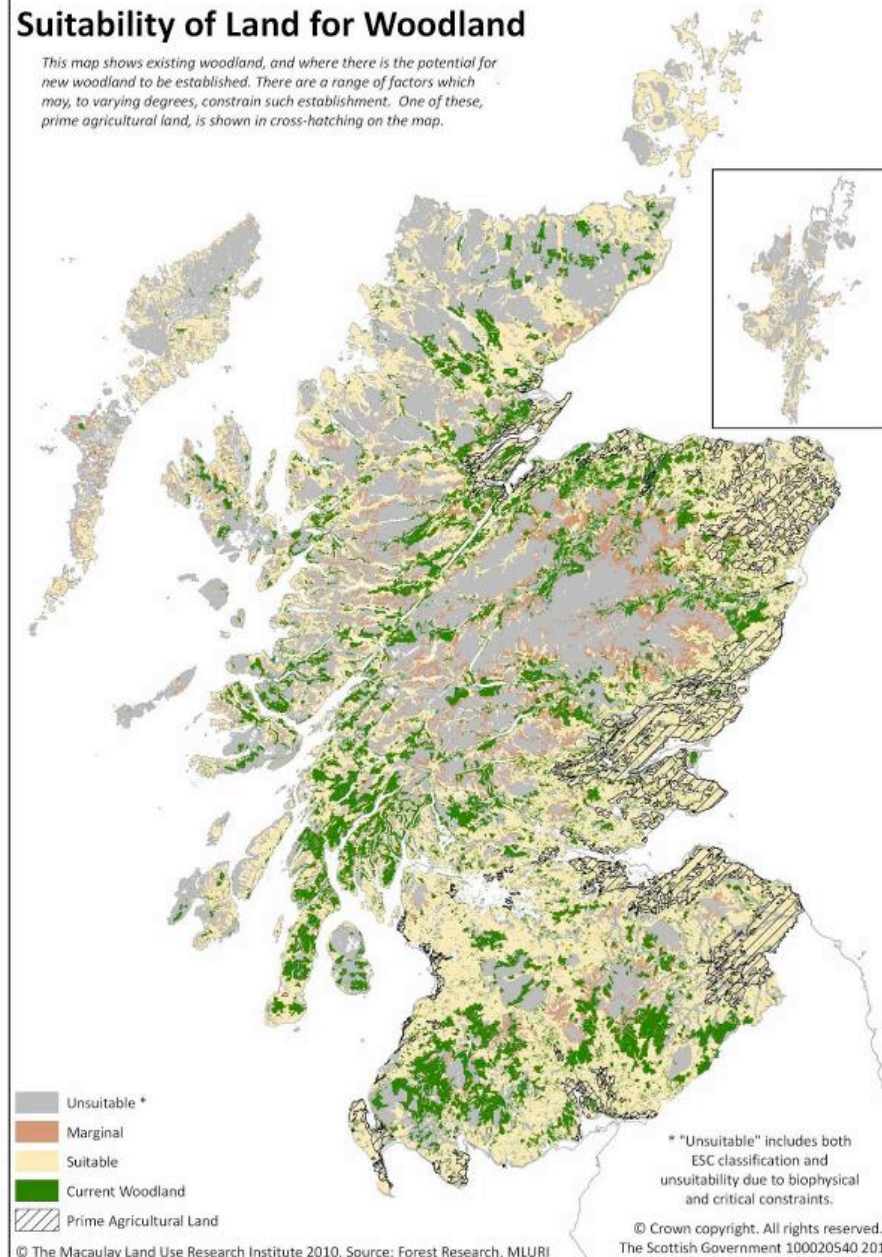
better consideration of the natural environment

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

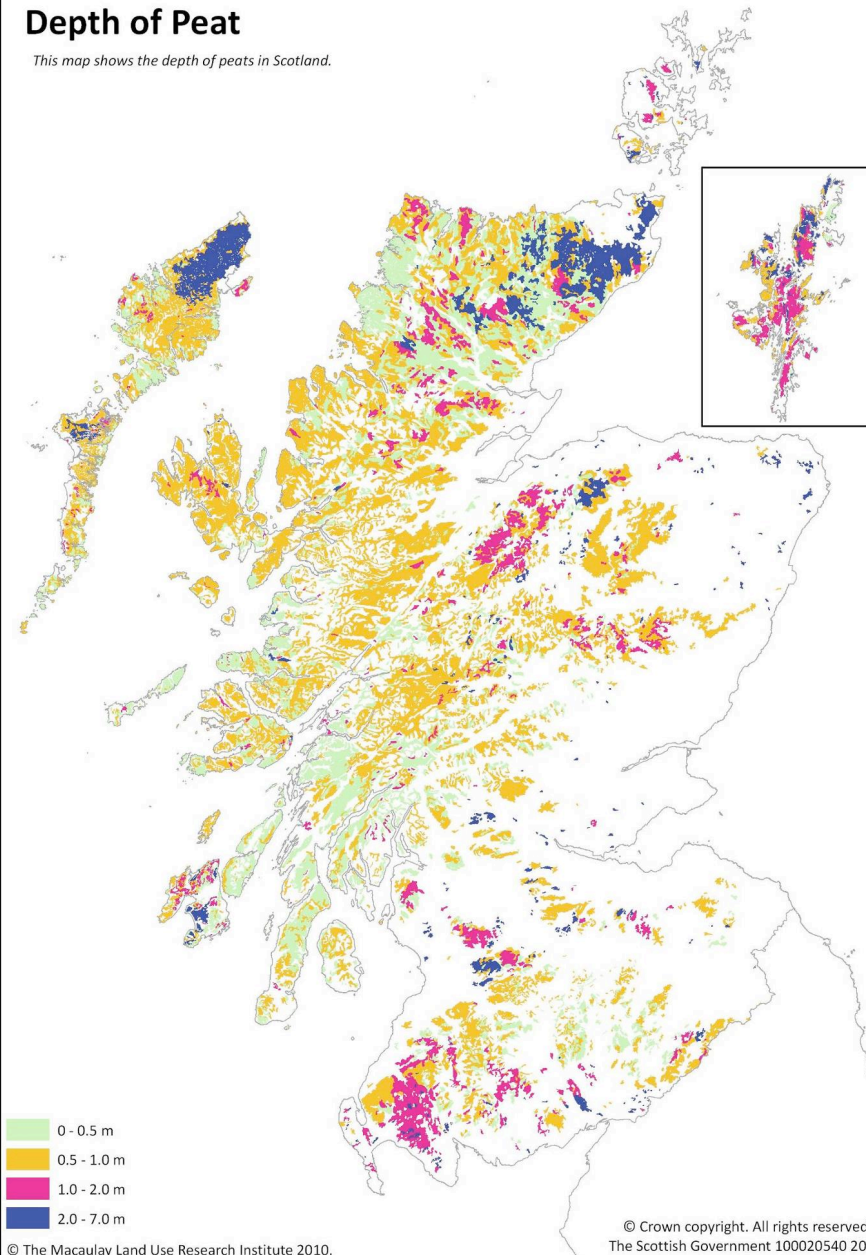
Suitability of Land for Woodland

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.



Depth of Peat

This map shows the depth of peats in Scotland.



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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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