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## ACRONYMS USED

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| <b>BAP</b>   | Biodiversity Action Plan                  |
| <b>CMP</b>   | Catchment Management Plan                 |
| <b>CP</b>    | Cairngorms Partnership                    |
| <b>ESA</b>   | Environmentally Sensitive Area            |
| <b>EU</b>    | European Union                            |
| <b>FC</b>    | Forestry Commission                       |
| <b>FSC</b>   | Forestry Stewardship Council              |
| <b>FWAG</b>  | Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group       |
| <b>HAP</b>   | Habitat Action Plan                       |
| <b>HIE</b>   | Highlands and Islands Enterprise          |
| <b>LBAP</b>  | Local Biodiversity Action Plan            |
| <b>LCS</b>   | Land Classification System                |
| <b>LCS88</b> | Land Cover of Scotland 1988 survey        |
| <b>LEAF</b>  | Linking Environment And Farming           |
| <b>LEC</b>   | Local Enterprise Company                  |
| <b>MEP</b>   | Member of European Parliament             |
| <b>MP</b>    | Member of Parliament                      |
| <b>MSP</b>   | Member of Scottish Parliament             |
| <b>NFUS</b>  | National Farmers Union Scotland           |
| <b>NNR</b>   | National Nature Reserve                   |
| <b>NSA</b>   | National Scenic Area                      |
| <b>NVC</b>   | National Vegetation Classification        |
| <b>RSPB</b>  | Royal Society for the Protection of Birds |
| <b>RSS</b>   | Rural Stewardship Scheme                  |
| <b>SAC</b>   | Special Area of Conservation              |
| <b>SAP</b>   | Species Action Plan                       |
| <b>SEPA</b>  | Scottish Environment Protection Agency    |
| <b>SNH</b>   | Scottish Natural Heritage                 |
| <b>SPA</b>   | Special Protection Area                   |
| <b>SSSI</b>  | Site of Special Scientific Interest       |
| <b>UK</b>    | United Kingdom                            |
| <b>WFD</b>   | Water Framework Directive                 |
| <b>WGS</b>   | Woodland Grant Scheme                     |



## GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED

### **Biodiversity**

The variety of all living things.

### **Common grazings**

Communal use or sharing of crofting ground for grazing animals.

### **Cross compliance**

Any policy that links two activities together e.g. the right to receive public money can be made contingent on fulfilling certain environmental requirements.

### **Habitat**

All the range of environment where a given species occurs.

### **Indicative Forestry Strategy**

A document that indicates preferred, potential and sensitive areas for afforestation in a geographically defined area.

### **Key species**

Those species listed under the UK Governments BAP and those highlighted by local people as being of particular importance to them.

### **Local Agenda 21**

The Rio Earth summit's agreement on sustainable development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It sets out what national governments, local authorities, businesses, communities and individuals have to do to save the world.

### **Local Plan**

A local authority document that sets out the detailed policies and specific proposals for development in a geographically defined area.

### **Locally important species and habitats**

Species and habitats identified by local people, through consultation, as being of particular importance to them in the Cairngorms.

### **Muirburn**

The management of heather moorland for grouse, whereby areas of heather are burnt to create mixed patches of different aged heather.

### **Non-native species**

Those species that have been introduced, either deliberately or accidentally, by humans to the Cairngorms.

### **Priority habitat**

A habitat identified by the UK Biodiversity Group as being a top priority for action. These are habitats which are under particular threat from decline or are of national or international importance for Priority species.

**Priority species**

A species identified by the UK Biodiversity Group as being a top priority for action. These are species which are under particular threat from decline or are suffering a high rate of loss.

**Riparian**

Riverside, associated with rivers and burns.

**RAMSAR sites**

Designated wetlands of international importance.

**Sustainable development**

Human development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

**Species**

A group of organisms capable of reproducing to give fertile offspring.

**Species of Conservation Concern**

A species identified by the UK Biodiversity Group as threatened or declining in range. These species are the next level of concern below those considered Priority species.

**Structure Plan**

A local authority document that sets out the strategic framework for the use of land in a geographically defined area.