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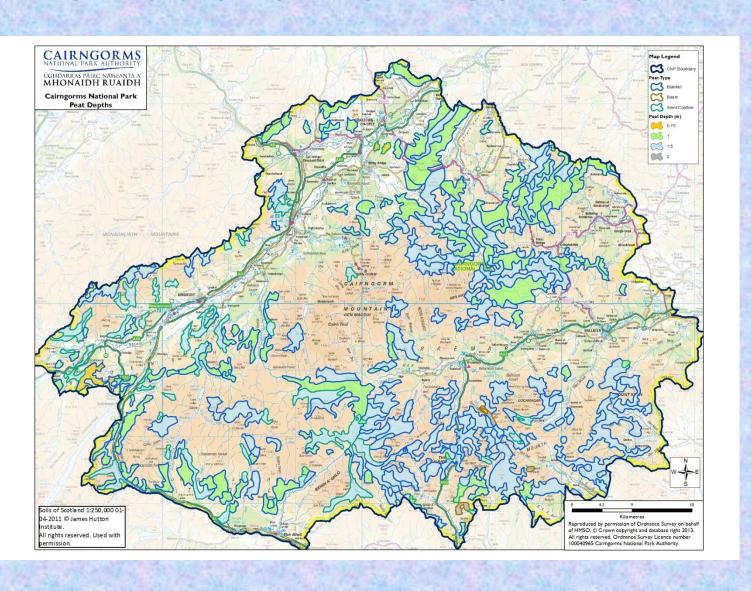
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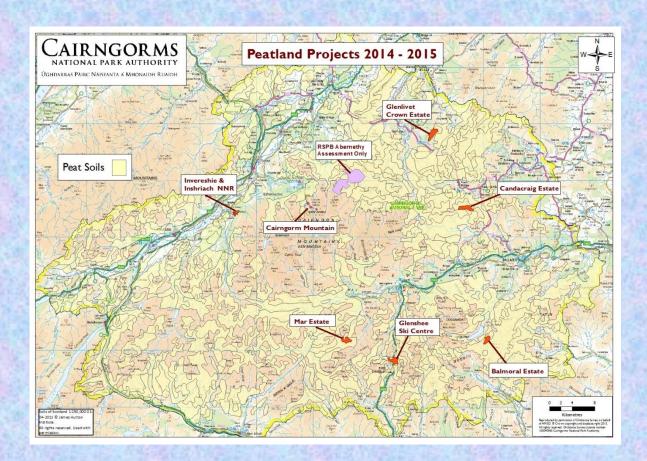
#### The National Park Context



# Challenges



# **Projects**







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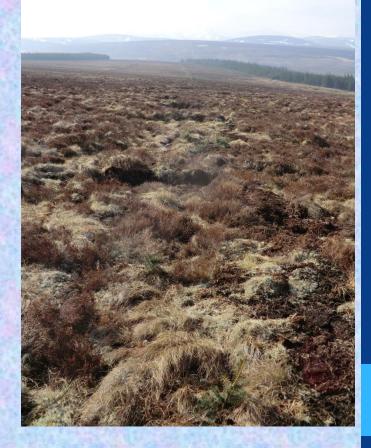
### Bare peat restoration



# Ditch Blocking







### Peat hag repair



### Delivery

#### 728ha of degraded peatland restored across 9 sites

- >91km of hags & gullies
- > 15km of drains
- >27ha of bare peat
- > 10,666 tonnes CO2 equivalent saved per year
- Or the same as the annual emissions from 2232 houses
- Costs £483,491, or £45 per tonne of CO2

# Factors causing degraded peat







# Effectiveness of restoration techniques





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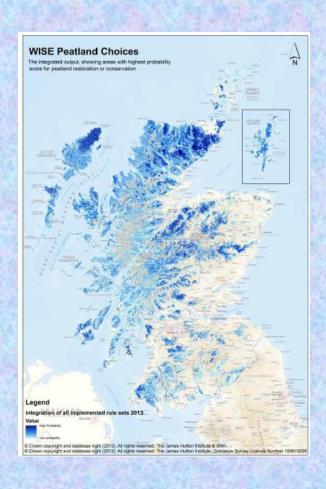


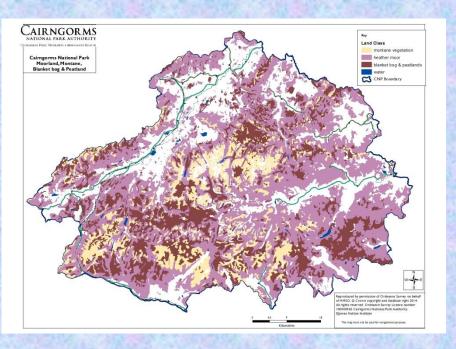
## Impacts on donor sites





# Habitat assessment and Priorities





# Benefits of restoration for grouse management

















