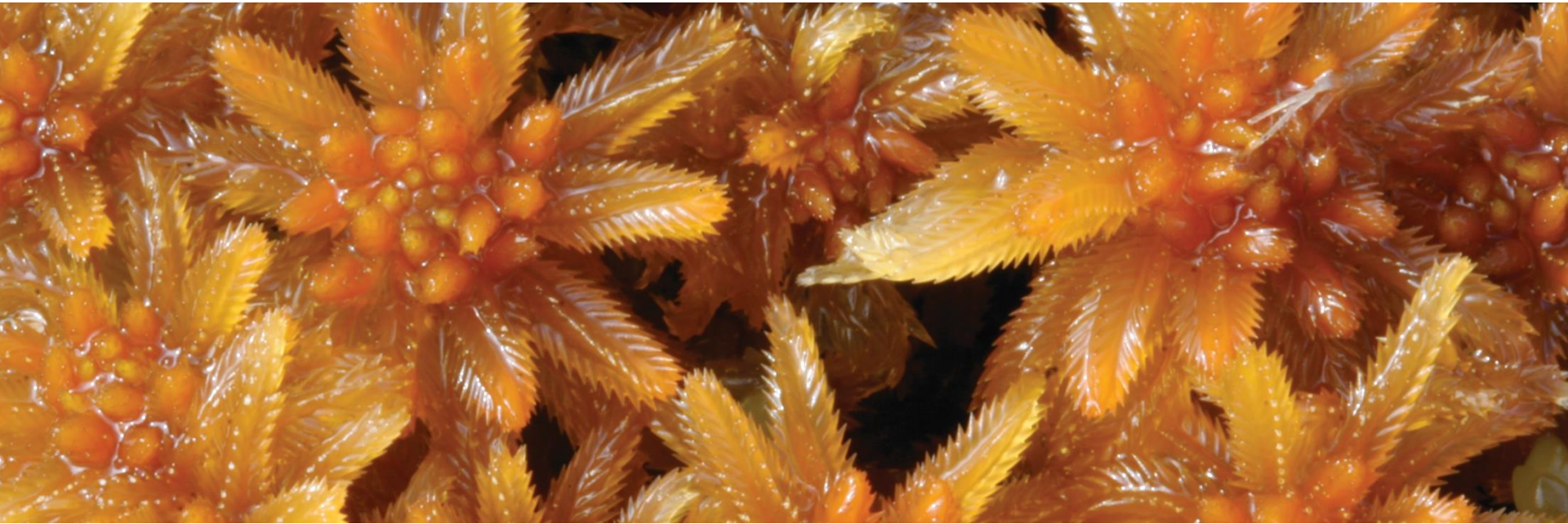


DEVELOPING THE PEATLAND CODE



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THE PEATLAND CODE

- A voluntary standard providing a mechanism for private investment in peatland restoration. Allows for the quantification of a climate benefit and ensures that benefit is permanent, additional and verifiable
- Why not “Peatland **Carbon** Code” if it’s all about carbon?
- Focus on emissions reduction and not sequestration. Net change from a degraded state to an improved state. One step change in condition.

ACTIVELY ERODING



Restoration from this...

DRAINED



...to this.


MODIFIED



Or this...

...to this.

THE PEATLAND CODE

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- 2013: Committee formed to develop the Code
 - 2013 -2015: Pilot studies undertaken
 - 2015: Peatland Code concept standard launched
 - 2016: Feedback and revision
 - 2017: Peatland Code V1.1 released for use
 - 2017: Certification body appointed
 - 2018: First project validated and carbon sold
 - 2020: 24 projects on the registry

FIRST VALIDATED PROJECT

- Dryhope, Selkirk, Scottish Borders
- 77.05ha restored and managed for 45 years
- Drain blocking and hagg/gully reprofiling
- Claimable emissions reduction of 6484tCO₂e - SOLD

PEATLAND
CODE



Scottish Natural Heritage
Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba

Peatland
ACTION

Restoring
Scotland's
peatlands



FOREST
CARBON



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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Migration of projects onto the new UK Land Carbon Registry alongside the Woodland Carbon Code (*Due Nov 2020*)
- UKAS accreditation (*early 2021*)
- Working towards v2.0 of the Peatland Code including new BEIS GHG figures for peatlands and inclusion of fen peatland categories (*Autumn 2021*)
- Review scientific evidence around GHG data for afforested peatlands and Forest-to-bog restoration with a view to afforested peatland categories (*2021*)
- Exploring opportunities around integration of the Peatland Code with wider ecosystem market models such as Landscape Enterprise Networks (LENs)
- Review the evidence base for inclusion of other ecosystem services: biodiversity and water



WATER BENEFITS OF PEATLANDS

