



## Peatland Programme



### Job Description

#### Peatland Code Co-ordinator

<b>Location</b>	Harbourside House, 110 Commercial St. Edinburgh, EH6 6NF or Edinburgh based home-working while Covid-19 restrictions discourage office based work.
<b>Dept/Region</b>	Conservation
<b>Line Manager</b>	Peatland Programme Manager

#### Overall Purpose of the Role

To lead the operation and development of the Peatland Code, an innovative funding mechanism for peatland restoration. To coordinate activity, including promotion and training, across the UK partner bodies in support of the Code and link to other natural capital investment initiatives.

1. Manage the delivery of UKAS accreditation for the Peatland Code and validation/verification bodies and agree procedures for validation and verification with relevant bodies.
2. Provide expert technical input to the team in relation to the Peatland Code standard and its operation
3. Provide high-level secretariat support, internal briefings, update and advice for the Peatland Code Executive Board and Technical Advisory Board.
4. Oversee the Peatland Code Register of projects and carbon units
5. Review requirements for the Code with partners, landowners and businesses to ensure effective operation and publish Peatland Code revisions as required
6. Gather relevant science and identify further research needs to improve the science to provide updated metrics on ecosystem services.
7. Enhance and maintain the content for the Peatland Code website.
8. Provide external briefings on the Code for potential sponsors, stakeholders and restoration projects and promote the Code through engaging with landowners,

- preparing and giving presentations including showcasing the Code internationally.
9. Provide training and guidance on the operation and rules of the Peatland Code for project developers and IUCN UK PP partners and support new peatland projects in drawing up proposals.
  10. Maintain an overview of carbon and other ecosystem service markets and supporting policy framework in UK and internationally to get an understanding of new developments and ensure the Code is well aligned to future market mechanisms
  11. Support the wider work of the IUCN UK Peatland Programme in advocacy and briefing particularly relating to natural capital investment, climate change policy and the economic case for peatland restoration
  12. Provide support to externally funded projects (e.g. LIFE projects) which may include elements of piloting or developing the Peatland Code and its methodologies.
  13. Identify synergies and develop and implement a programme of complimentary work with the Woodland Carbon Code (WCC) including taking a seat on the WCC advisory panel.
  14. Prepare funding proposals to relevant bodies to support the operation and promotion of the Code.
  15. Maintain a regular reporting system to demonstrate project progress through the project development 'pipeline'.

Some out of normal hours working will be required.

## Key Contacts

- IUCN UK Peatland Programme Steering Group partners and IUCN UK National Committee
- Funding partners and wider stakeholder bodies on Peatland Code Steering group – government departments and statutory agencies across the 4 UK countries, NGOs, land managing bodies, academics and ecosystem market experts
- Peatland restoration project managers and carbon project developers
- Business managers and sustainability umbrella bodies
- International bodies- Global Peatlands Initiative, IUCN Secretariat, Ramsar
- Validation/verification bodies and the UK Accreditation Service (UKAS)
- UK Woodland Carbon Code manager.

## Personal Specification

<b>Essential Qualifications</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educated to at least degree level in environmental science or related discipline</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b>
<b>Essential</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of working with environmental standards or specifically with validation/verification or accreditation bodies.</li> <li>• Proven experience of working well with wide range of stakeholders including public bodies, environmental NGOs and land managing bodies</li> <li>• Previous relevant experience in carbon markets</li> </ul> <b>Desirable</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of policy advocacy on climate change and environmental topics</li> <li>• Experience of working with commercial interests</li> </ul>

- Experience of economic assessments of natural capital

#### Skills and Abilities

- High standard of written and spoken English essential
- Ability to research topics quickly and digest into cogent briefings
- Highly organised with ability to manage projects and work to a high degree of accuracy whilst being able to meet stringent deadlines
- Able to develop and manage databases
- Very effective communicator and networker
- Proactive in pursuing own learning and personal development
- Ability to lead by example

#### Knowledge

##### Essential

- Knowledge of natural capital, nature based solutions, ecosystem markets, carbon standards and validation/verification systems
- Knowledge of terrestrial carbon cycling and greenhouse gases

##### Desirable

- Knowledge of peatland ecosystems and their values to society
- Knowledge of business marketing and PR

### Organisational Vision and Objectives

The Peatland Code is owned by the IUCN UK National Committee Peatland Programme under the responsibility of the IUCN UK PP Steering Group and managed by a Peatland Code Executive Board with a Technical Advisory Board. Any work taken forward under the Peatland Code must therefore be consistent with the views and aims of those governing organisations.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature is a global organisation providing an influential and authoritative voice for nature conservation. The IUCN UK PP promotes peatland restoration in the UK and advocates the multiple benefits of peatlands through partnerships, strong science, sound policy and effective practice.

The postholder will be employed by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and will be line managed by the IUCN UK Peatland Programme Manager

As an employee of the Trust you will be expected to contribute to the delivery of the Trust's vision and objectives, as well as upholding the values of the organisation.

The Trust's 25 year vision, *Natural Connections*, states what we want to see achieved for wildlife in Scotland by 2030. At its heart, our vision is about rebuilding the health of Scotland's natural environment at an ecosystem scale. The vision provides the inspiration, focus and direction for everything we do.

As a leading environmental charity, the Trust operates in an environmentally responsible way by minimising the ecological footprint of all its activities.

The Trust strives to apply a business-minded approach to all its work areas and achieve best value for money when purchasing and supplying goods and services.

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