



Peatland Programme



Job Description

Peatland Code Officer

Location	Home-working
Dept/Region	Conservation
Line Manager	Peatland Code Coordinator

Overall Purpose of the Role

To support the operation of the Peatland Code, an innovative funding mechanism for peatland restoration. To support activity, including project registration on the UK Land Carbon Registry, promotion and training of the Peatland Code for those developing projects and responding to approached from buyers, project developers and other interested parties. To support integration with the NatureScot Peatland ACTION programme for any Peatland Code applications requesting such public funds as part of their financing strategy.

1. Provide technical input to the team in relation to the Peatland Code standard and its operation, inclusive of the appropriate inclusion of NatureScot Peatland ACTION applications for funding for capital works for individual projects.
2. Administrate registration of new projects on the UK Land Carbon Registry.
3. Respond to general inquiries regarding the Peatland Code including those from partners, landowners, businesses and peatland practitioners.
4. Enhance and maintain the content for the Peatland Code website.
5. Support the provision of external briefings on the Peatland Code for potential investors, stakeholders and restoration projects including Peatland ACTION Officers.
6. Support the promotion of the Peatland Code through engaging with project developers, including public and private landowners and preparing and giving presentations to showcase the Peatland Code.

7. Provide training and guidance on the operation and rules of the Peatland Code for project developers and investors and support new peatland projects in drawing up proposals.
8. Support the Peatland Code Coordinator in maintaining 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.
9. 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.

Some out of normal hours working and travel across the UK will be required.

Key Contacts

- IUCN UK Peatland Programme team
- NatureScot Peatland ACTION team
- 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

Personal Specification

Essential Qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educated to at least degree level in environmental science or related discipline
Experience
<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven experience of working well with wide range of stakeholders including public bodies, environmental NGOs and land managing bodies • Previous experience in carbon markets <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of economic assessments of natural capital • Experience of working with environmental standards or specifically with validation/verification or accreditation bodies. • Experience of policy advocacy on climate change and environmental topics • Experience of working with commercial interests
Skills and Abilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High standard of written and spoken English essential • Ability to research topics quickly and digest into cogent briefings • Highly organised with excellent attention to detail • Able to manage own workload and competing priorities with good problem-solving skills

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to manage databases and spreadsheets with good working experience of MS Excel. • Very effective communicator and networker • Proactive in pursuing own learning and personal development
Knowledge
Essential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of peatland ecosystems and their values to society • Knowledge of natural capital, nature based solutions, ecosystem markets, carbon standards and validation/verification systems • Knowledge of terrestrial carbon cycling and greenhouse gases
Desirable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of business marketing and PR

Organisational Vision and Objectives

<p>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 and Market and Investment Forum. Any work taken forward under the Peatland Code must therefore be consistent with the views and aims of those governing organisations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The postholder will be employed by the Scottish Wildlife Trust and will be line managed by the IUCN UK Peatland Programme Peatland Code Coordinator.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Trust’s 25 year vision, <i>Natural Connections</i>, 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.</p> <p>As a leading environmental charity, the Trust operates in an environmentally responsible way by minimising the ecological footprint of all its activities.</p> <p>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.</p>

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