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## Peat Evidence Review

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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## Scope

## Reference

C31071

## Description

This project will synthesise the latest European and UK research on peatlands to support future policy development in England. It will explore a wide range of policy-relevant questions, including how peat restoration affects water quality, aquatic ecosystems, and flood risk; the changes in biogeochemical processes following rewetting; and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with restoration activities and forest-to-bog conversion. It will also investigate the resilience of peatland carbon stocks under climate change, the impacts and thresholds of grazing, the criteria for identifying unrestorable sites, and the potential for quantifying and monetising non-carbon benefits such as biodiversity and ecosystem services. Each question will be examined in terms of evidence strength, quality, uncertainty, and scientific consensus, and findings will be organised into thematic chapters led by subject-matter experts.

## **Aim**

To provide an evidence-based policy report which comprises topical chapters, based on the questions posed by Defra (see Annex 1). These reports can be utilised as an evidence base to inform future policy and research by Defra and by others in the peatland community.

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## **Contract 1. Peat Evidence Review**

### **Supplier**

- Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

### **Contract value**

- £230,000 excluding VAT
- £276,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

5 November 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 5 November 2025 to 16 March 2027

- Possible extension to 17 September 2027
- 1 year, 10 months, 13 days

Description of possible extension:

6 months Extension due to unforeseen circumstances

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73110000 - Research services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

## **Particular suitability**

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Other information**

## **Description of risks to contract performance**

Unforeseen circumstances to extend end date

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

This is a research requirement and therefore exempt from publication, based on Schedule 2, Part 1, Section 22 - Research and Development Services.

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## **Supplier**

### **Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWCQ-8213-LNLZ

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Nottinghamshire

NG24 1WT

United Kingdom

Email: [info@iucn.org](mailto:info@iucn.org)

Website: <https://www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/peatland-code>

Region: UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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## **Contracting authority**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government