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Award

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 evid

Contract 1. Peat Evidence Review

Supplier

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) UK Peatland Programme is hosted by The Wildlife Trusts

Contract value

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

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

25 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 9 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

10 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 December 2025 to 16 March 2027
- Possible extension to 17 September 2027
- 1 year, 9 months, 8 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

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) UK Peatland Programme is hosted by The Wildlife Trusts

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWCQ-8213-LNLZ

The Kiln, Waterside, Mather Road, Newark,

Nottinghamshire

NG24 1WT

United Kingdom

Email: 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

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: Yes

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Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government