

Policy Options for Sustainable Management of UK Peatlands



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Difficult Choices...



...identifying priority ecosystem services

Peatlands are changing fast: how should we respond?



Current peatland policy: international context

Kyoto Protocol

EU Directives

Common Agriculture Policy Reform...

Current peatland policy: national context



What policy instruments and options are open to us?

- Information provision
- Capacity building
- Classic regulation (e.g. prohibition and permits)
- Direct state control (i.e. state owned land)
- Financial instruments (e.g. taxes and subsidies)
- Creation of new markets (e.g. for water/carbon)

Things we might want to consider...

1. National co-ordination of peatland policy and knowledge exchange



2. Restore peatlands damaged by inappropriate management



3. Accessing private finance for peatland restoration via carbon markets



4. Improving links between agricultural payments & provision of ecosystem services



5. Encouraging cross-boundary collaboration between peatland stakeholders



6. Improving the planning system to benefit peatlands



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