MoorLIFE 2020



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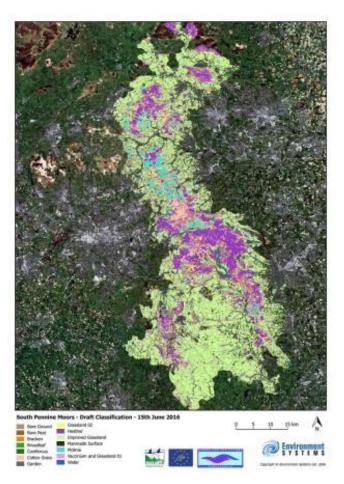






Landscape Scale

- Active Blanket Bog areas from Kinder to Aire Valley
- Within the SAC
- Water Safeguard Zones
- 650 Km2



Delivering in Partnership

- Peak District National Park Authority
- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- National Trust
- United Utilities
- Yorkshire Water
- Severn Trent Water
- Moorland Owners
- NFU
- Pennine Prospects
- RSPB



Resilient Outcomes for the Future

- improve biodiversity
- improve water quality
- retain carbon in the soil
- reduce the risk of wildfire
- reduce flood risk
- Recreation helping to improve health and well-being and helping secure the rural economy

Conservation works

- Revegetating and stabilising areas of bare peat 43 hectares of bare peat.
- Raising water tables 15,300 dams.
- Tackling dominant species and breaking up single stands of vegetation 965 hectares.
- Managing invasive species 1800 hectares
- Re-introducing Sphagnum mosses 1440 hectares

Exploring in Partnership

- Engaging, Listening, Learning & Sharing Partners,
 Stakeholders, Peatland Projects including National & European LIFE Projects visiting & hosting delegations
- Science monitoring evidence based research
- Cutting Edge Techniques evolution of effective solutions
 - LSF Applications
 - Understanding Soil Moisture inform Sphagnum application
 - Sphagnum Trials new ways to manage land
 - Sphagnum Application

Public Engagement & Communications

- Fire Aware campaigns Peak District and South Pennine FOG groups,
 Fire Services & Landowners
- Bogtastic Experience taking the Bog experience to people
- Innovative Bogtastic Van.
- Youth groups inspiring the next generation





Sphagnum Rafts

- RSPB initiative (Kate Hanley)
- German & Russian Projects
- Hosted by United Utilities on disused reservoir
- Researched by project
- Trials piloted by Project
- Started June 2017
- 6 species of Sphagnum



Science

- Land cover map
- Remote sensing using UAVs
- Monitoring:
 - biodiversity and ecosystem services
 - the impact of the project on the local community
 - · greenhouse gas emissions in a carbon audit





Tackling Peat Pipes

- Working with Leeds University & Manchester University
- PhD Student Taco Regensberg from Leeds University
- Innovative ways to effectively and efficiently block peat pipes
- Monitoring starts 1st April 2018
- Leading to best practice guidance

C6 – Land Management Engagement

- Develop land management advice on management that balances production and nature conservation outcomes for the Active Blanket Bog
- Worked closely with the Upland Management Group
- Demonstration sites.
- Show and Tell sites





Thank You





