

An aerial photograph of a mountain valley in Scotland. The foreground shows a river winding through a lush green forest. The middle ground features a wide, flat valley floor with patches of forest and open land. In the background, rugged mountains with snow-capped peaks rise against a clear blue sky.

Nature Restoration in Scotland

Exploring Engagement

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Government Funding Nature Restoration Fund



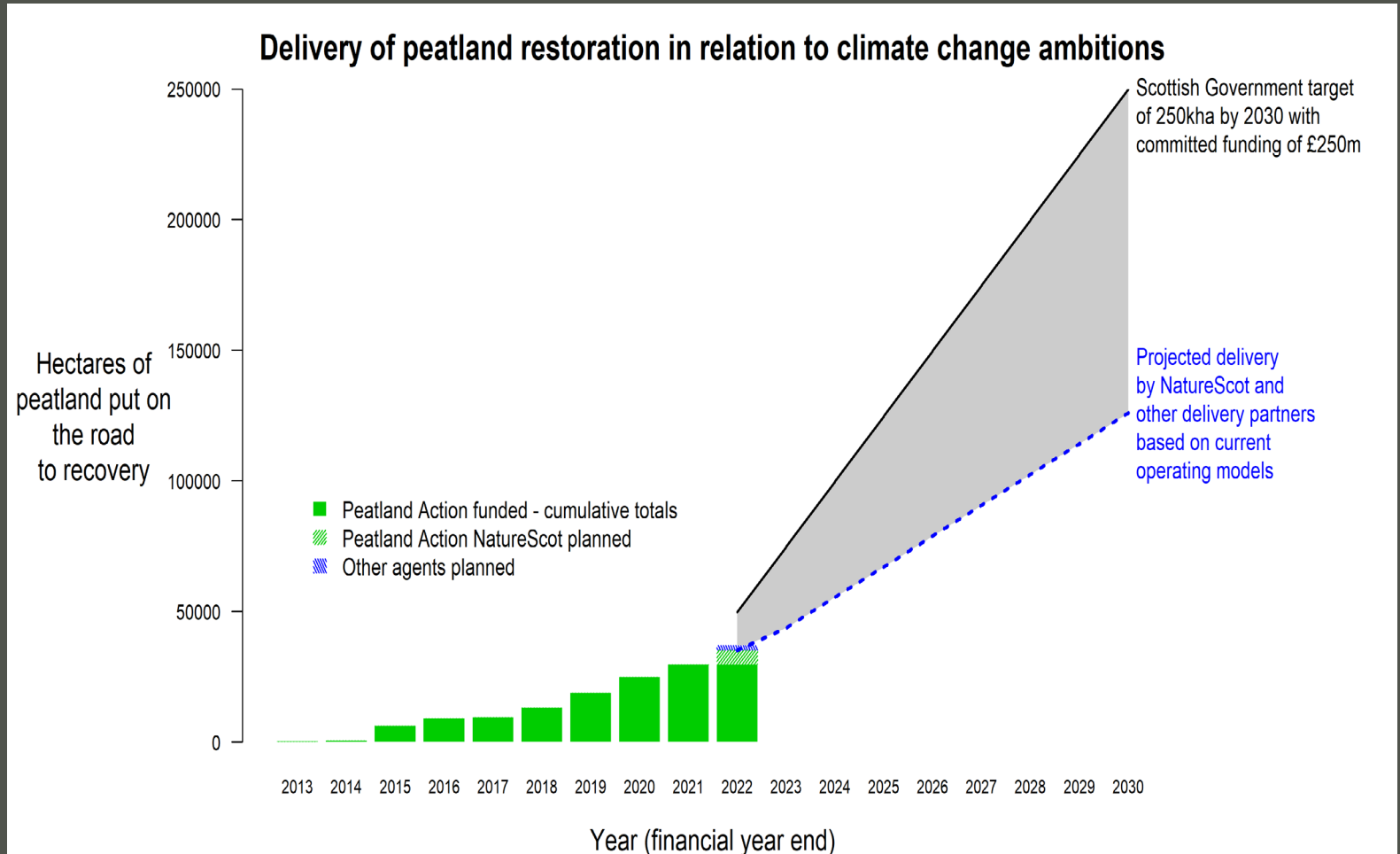
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Government Funding Peatland Action



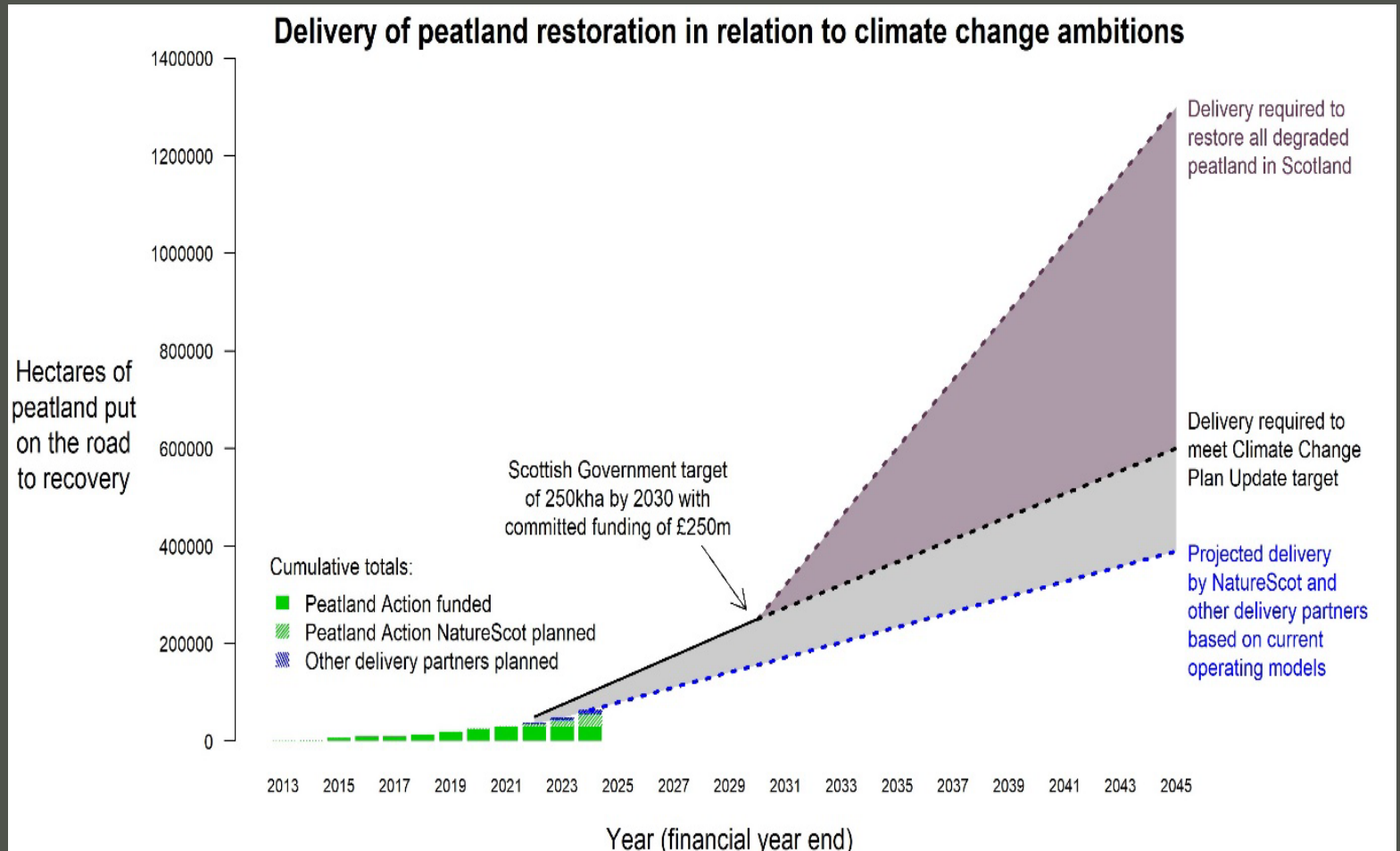
Peatland Action – the challenge



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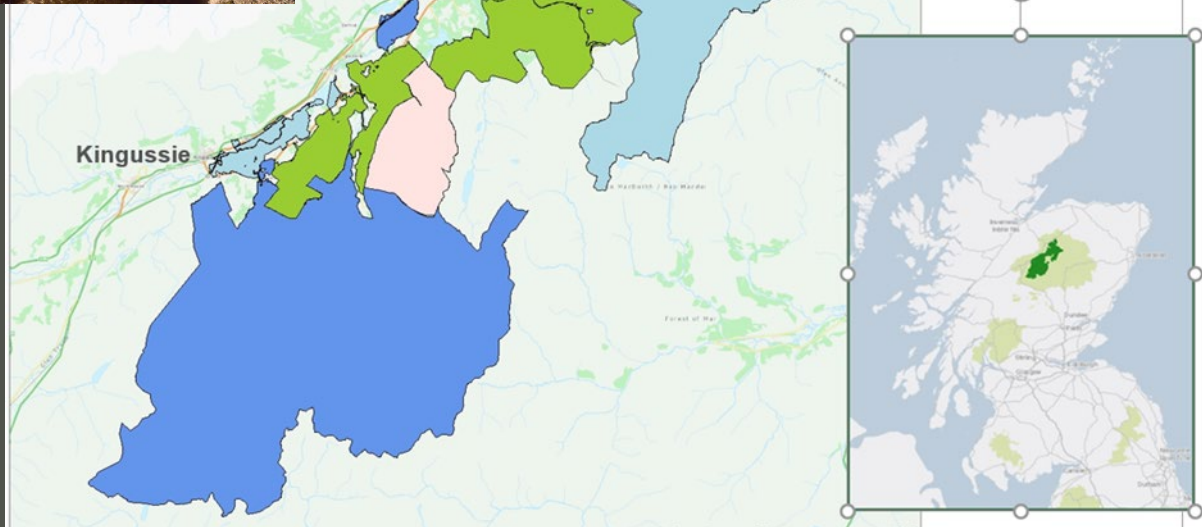
Peatland – the bigger challenge



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Good Neighbours: Cairngorms Connect



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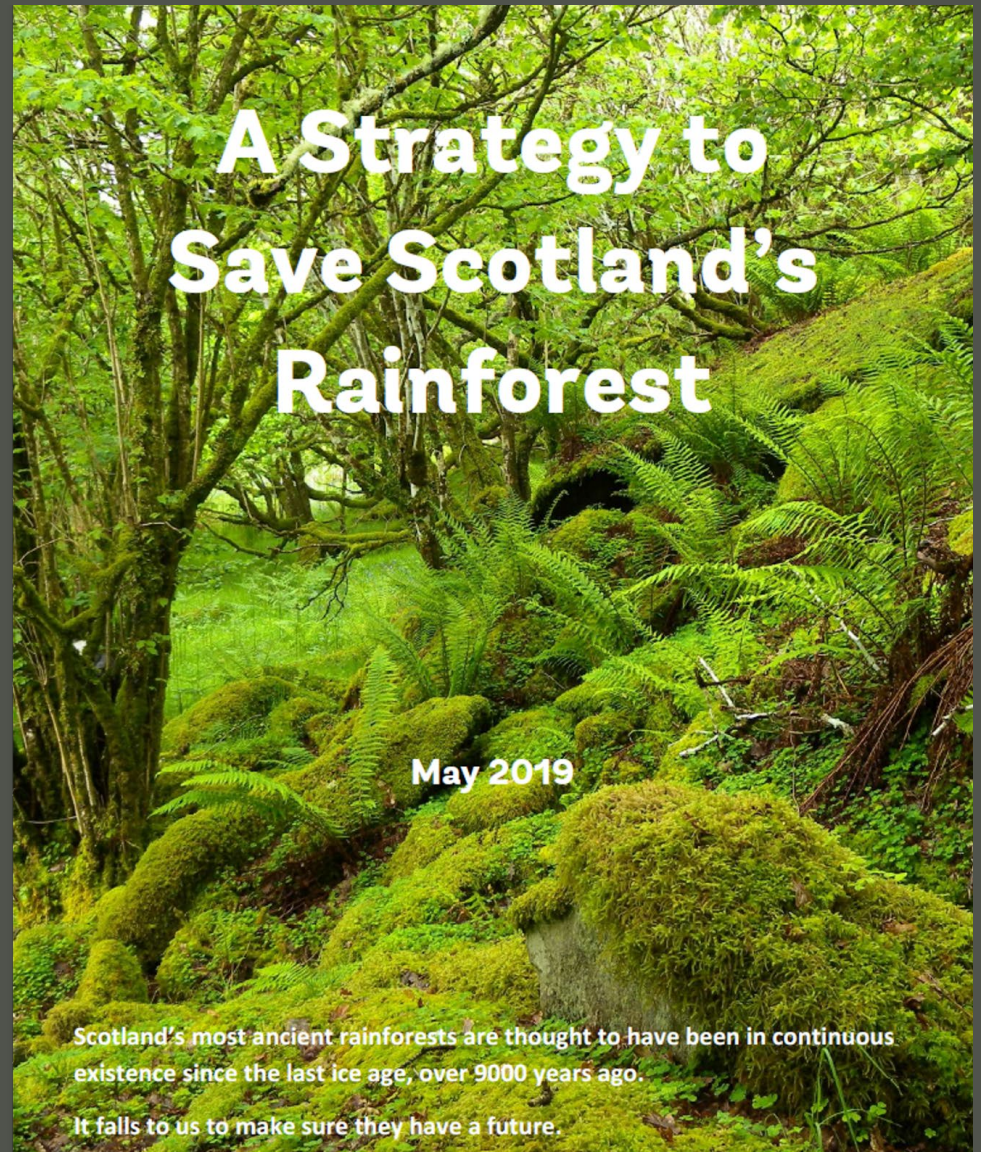
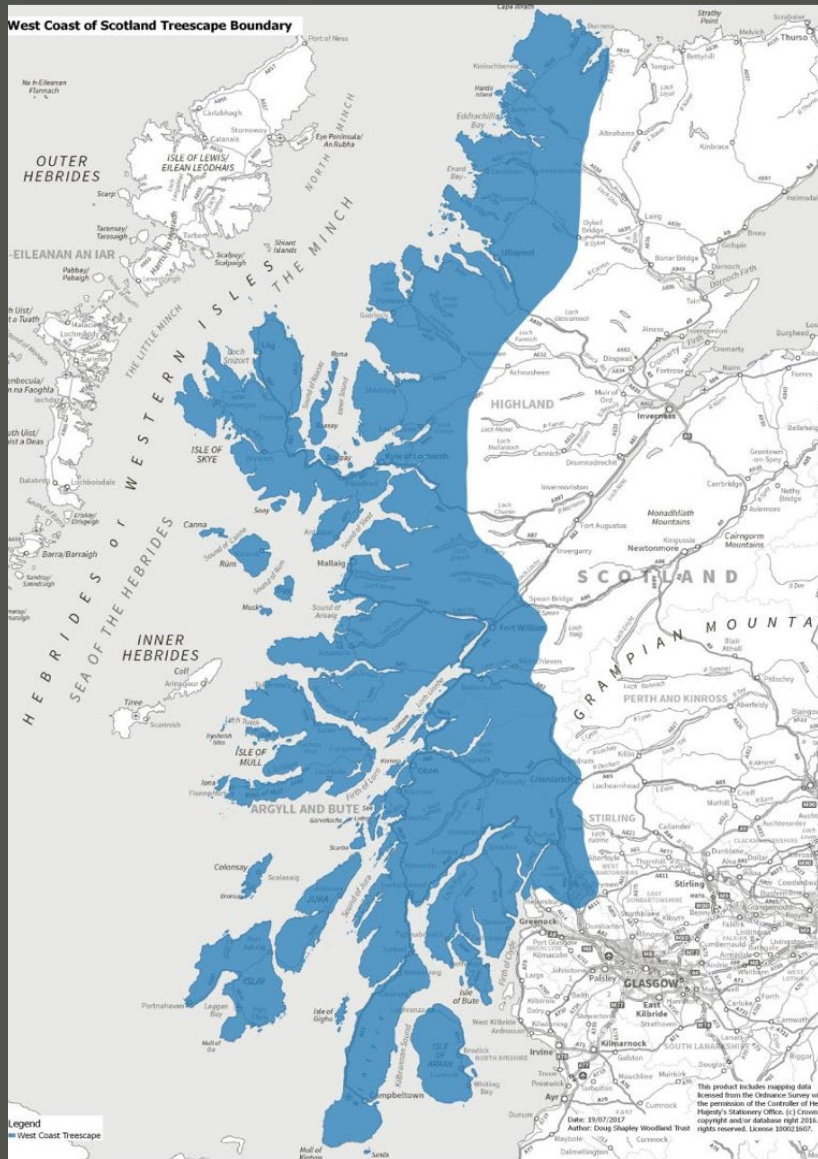
The Lone Wolf: Individual Efforts



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Visionaries: The Alliance for Scotland's Rainforest



Restoration for free?

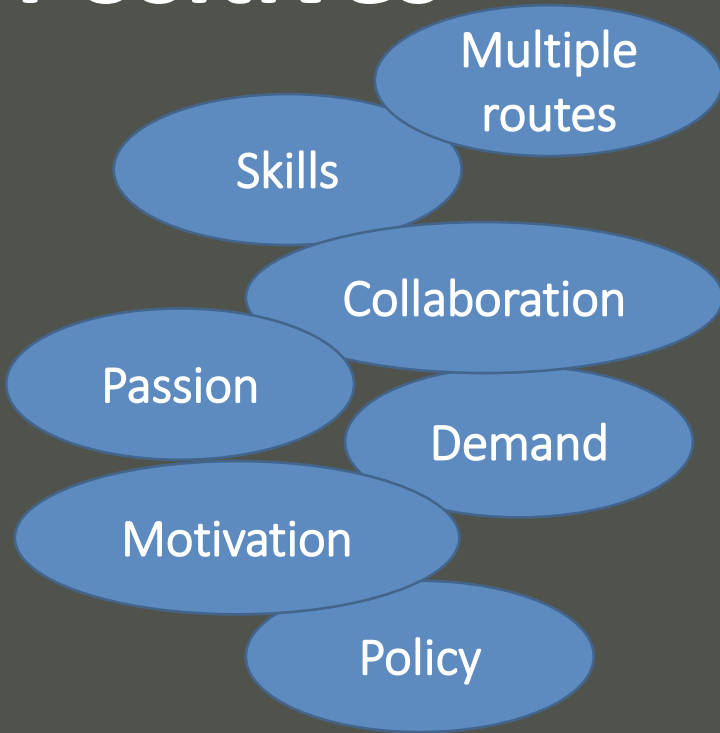


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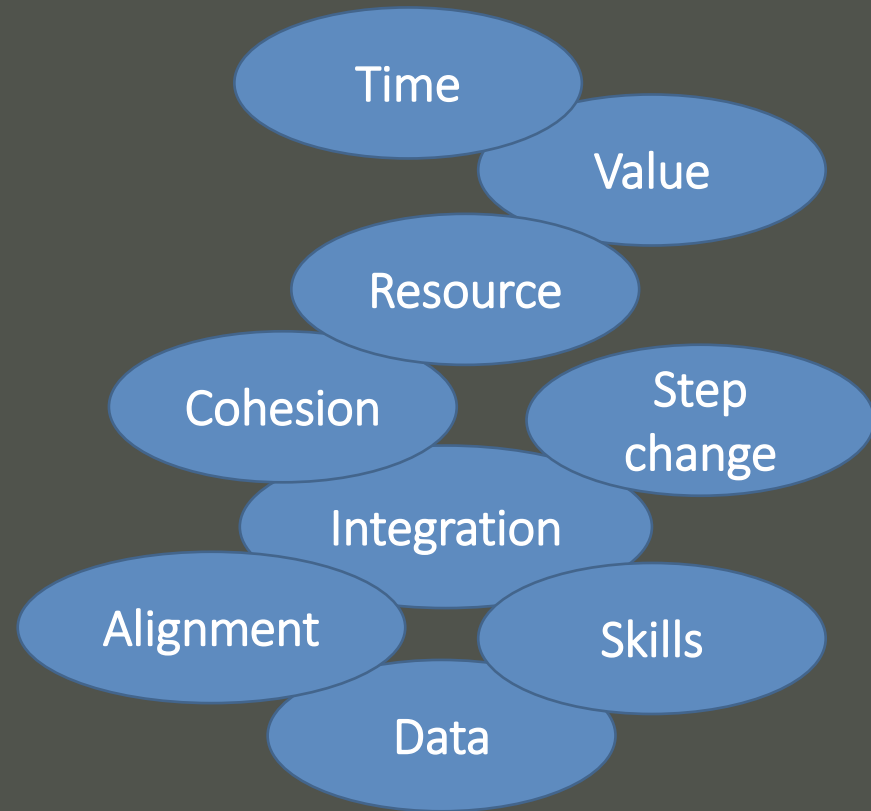
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What do we learn?

Positives



Challenges



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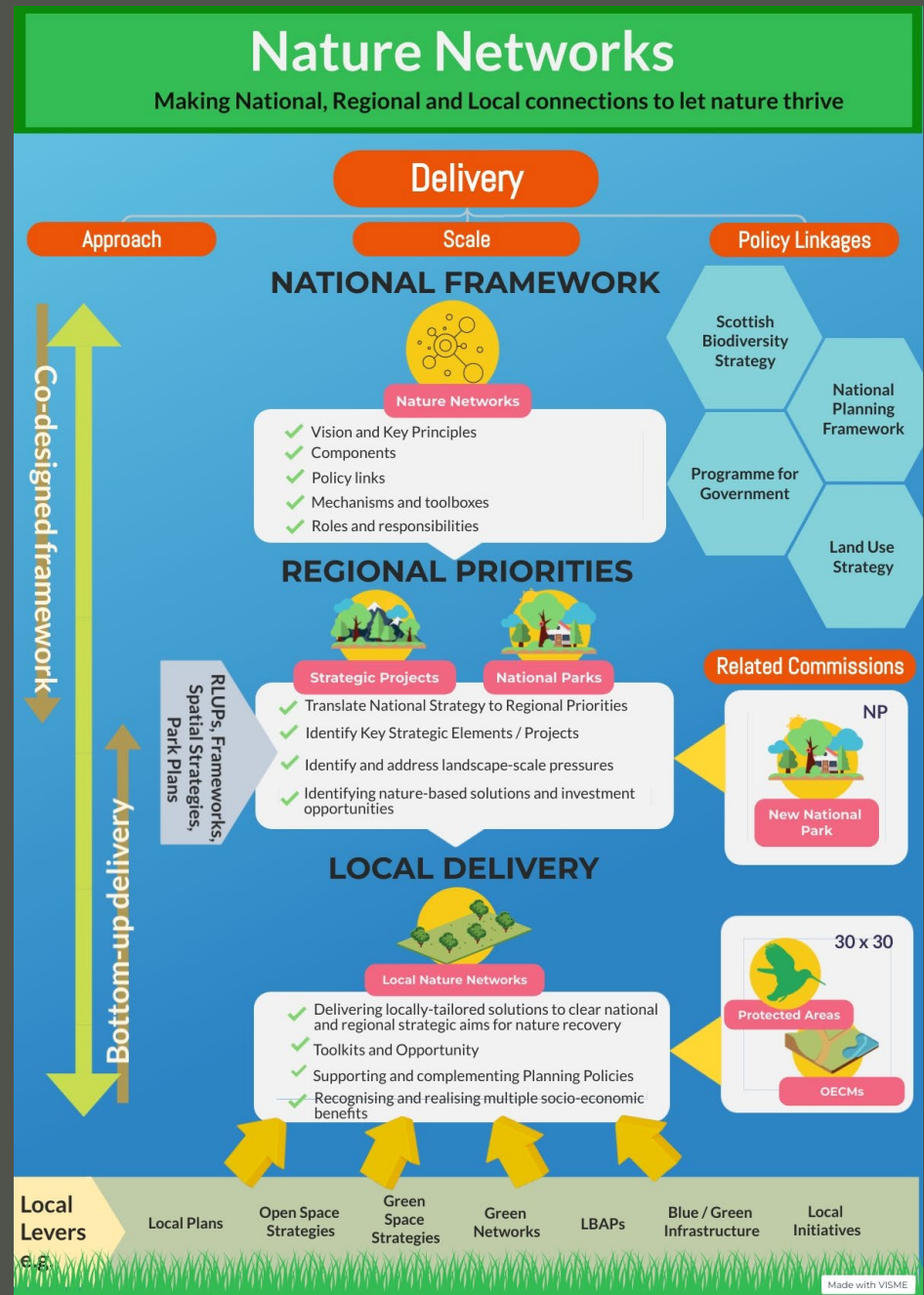
What are we doing?

- Scottish Biodiversity Strategy
- Nature Networks
- 30x30
- Environmental data
- Innovative technologies



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Thank you



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Transformational change

1. **Targeted** – benefits; ownership; scale...?
2. **Enabling conditions** – incentives, obligations, regulation...?
3. **Funding** – £1billion...public, private, blended...?
4. **Organisation** – dedicated; coordinated, sharing...?
5. **Ecosystem services**...more than carbon?



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Peatland Habitats



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