

Cairngorms Connect — 600 km² Four-Landowner Restoration Partnership on a 200-Year Vision (Scotland)

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Four-landowner partnership restoring ~600 km² of the Cairngorms on a 200-year vision; partner-reported progress since 2019 includes 8,219 ha of conifer removal, 1,539.5 ha of peatland restoration and 1,360 ha of new native woodland.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

[Cairngorms Connect \(Forestry and Land Scotland, RSPB Scotland, NatureScot, Wildland Ltd\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

[Cairngorms Connect — progress and restoration work](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

[University of Cambridge — Cairngorms Connect restoration feature](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

[Scottish Gamekeepers Association — Cairngorms plan response \(deer densities\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-13

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