

Dryhope — The UK's First Verified Peatland Code Restoration Project (Scottish Borders)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Blanket-bog restoration at Dryhope in the Scottish Borders became the UK's first project verified under the Peatland Code, blending public Peatland ACTION grants with private carbon finance from Forest Carbon and NEX Group — a milestone for blended nature finance.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

[Tweed Forum](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

[IUCN UK Peatland Programme - verification announcement](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

[Harper Macleod legal analysis](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

[Forest Carbon / NEX Group project page](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

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