

United Utilities Sustainable Catchment Management Programme (SCaMP) — Peatland & Farm Restoration for Drinking Water (Peak District & Forest of Bowland, UK)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

United Utilities' £22.2M Sustainable Catchment Management Programme (2005-2015) paid tenant farmers across 57,000 hectares of Peak District and Forest of Bowland moorland to restore peat and woodland, lifting SSSI land in favourable condition from 14% to about 99%.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[United Utilities / RSPB / Natural England / Forestry Commission](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[United Utilities: Catchment management \(SCaMP\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Catchment Based Approach: SCaMP case study](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Penny Anderson Associates: SCaMP monitoring case study](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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