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Restoring Active Blanket Bog of European Importance
in North Scotland

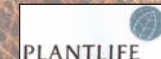
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The Peatlands - A Brighter Future

The Pentland Hotel
Thurso
Caithness
Scotland

4th  5th October, 2006



Wednesday 4th October

- 10.00-10.30 Registration
- 10.30-10.40 Opening address and conference overview - Rhona Brankin MSP, Deputy Environment Minister
- 10.40-11.55 **Session 1** - The World Class Peatlands of Caithness and Sutherland
(Chair: Susan Davies, Scottish Natural Heritage)
- Brief welcome and domestics from Chair
 - The Peatlands: an international perspective - Richard Lindsay (Univ East London)
 - A decade of LIFE funding - Neil Wilkie (LIFE Peatlands Project)
 - Peatlands Management Strategy - Caroline Eccles (SNH)
- 11.55-14.45 **Session 2** - The Future of the Peatlands
(Chair: George Campbell, RSPB)
- Forest re-structuring and habitat networks - Bob Dunsmore (FCS)
 - Carbon: the role of peatlands in combating climate change - Clifton Bain (RSPB)
- 12.45-13.45 Lunch
- Tourism in the Peatlands - Professor John Lennon, (The Moffat Centre)
 - The Flows: the case for World Heritage - Michael Scott (Plantlife International)

14.45-17.00

Session 3 - Communities and Partnerships
(Chair: Cllr David Flear, The Highland Council)

- North Sutherland Community Forest Trust - Sandy Murray (NSCFT)
- Sunart Oakwood Initiative - Brian Eardley (SNH)
- The Peatlands Partnership: the way forward - Pete Mayhew (RSPB)
- Group discussion on workings of Peatlands Partnership

18.00

Poster presentation displays with refreshments

19.30

Conference dinner

Thursday 5th October

09.30-10.30

Travel to Forsinard Flows Reserve, Sutherland

10.30-10.45

Introduction & welcome to Forsinard Flows Reserve - Norrie Russell (RSPB)

10.45-15.00

Field trips (packed lunch included)

Themes:

- Visitor management & interpretation
- Restoring damaged peatland
- Peatland management and land use

15.00-16.00

Feedback and close