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This tool calculates payback time for windfarm sited on peatlands using methods given in Nayak et al, 2008 (http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2008/06/25114657/0) and revised equations for GHG emissions (Nayak, D.R., Miller, D., Nolan, A., Smith, P. and Smith, J.U., 2010, Calculating carbon budgets of wind farms on Scottish peatland. Mires and Peat 4: Art. 9. Online: http://mires-and-peat.net/pages/volumes/map04/map0409.php

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•	Will the site be drained on construction of the windfarm? Is the soil at the site highly organic? Does windfarm construction require a significant amount of deforestation?	If you already have an Application Reference, type it here (or paste it in the first box)
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New application

CoreInput

Core input data

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	Expected values	Minimum	Maximum
	Dimensions Number of Turbines		
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	Ch 4 Descriptions	17	17
	Duration of consent (years) 30		
	Ch 4 Descriptions	25	30
	Performance		
	Power rating of 1 turbine (MW) 3.5		
	Ch 4 Descriptions	3	5
	Capacity factor		
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	35	31	36
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Payback Time

Payback Time Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

1. Windfarm CO2 emission saving over	Exp.	Min.	Max.
coal-fired electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	167,833	127,416	246,612
grid-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	46,260	35,120	67,974
fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	82,092	62,323	120,625
Energy output from windfarm over lifetime (MWh)	5,472,810	3,462,390	8,041,680

Total CO2 losses due to wind farm (tCO2 eq.)	Exp.	Min.	Max.
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2. Losses due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decomissioning)	48,909	40,810	72,893
3. Losses due to backup	35,182	25,130	50,261
4. Lossess due to reduced carbon fixing potential	6,028	3,112	9,939
5. Losses from soil organic matter	-7,360	-7,025	-4,854
6. Losses due to DOC & POC leaching	0	0	0
7. Losses due to felling forestry	20,196	15,721	21,164
Total losses of carbon dioxide	102,956	77,748	149,403

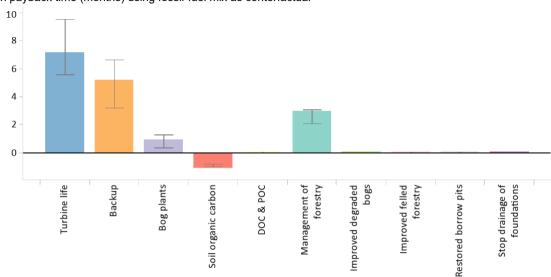
8. Total CO2 gains due to improvement of site (t CO2 eq.)	Exp.	Min.	Max.
8a. Change in emissions due to improvement of degraded bogs	0	0	0
8b. Change in emissions due to improvement of felled forestry	0	0	0
8c. Change in emissions due to restoration of peat from borrow pits	0	0	0
8d. Change in emissions due to removal of drainage from foundations & hardstanding	0	0	0
Total change in emissions due to improvements	0	0	0

RESULTS	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Net emissions of carbon dioxide (t CO2 eq.)	102,956	77,748	149,403
Carbon Payback Time			
coal-fired electricity generation (years)	0.6	0.3	1.2
grid-mix of electricity generation (years)	2.2	1.1	4.3
fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (years)	1.3	0.6	2.4

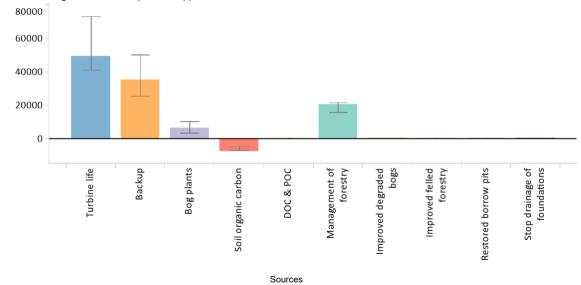
Ratio of soil carbon loss to gain by restoration (not used in Scottish applications)	No gains!	No gains!	No gains!
Ratio of CO2 eq. emissions to power generation (g/kWh) (for info. only)	18.81	9.67	43.15



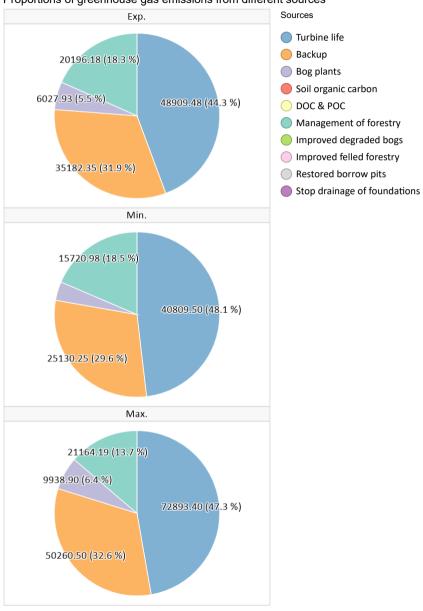




Greenhouse gas emissions (t CO2 eq.)



Proportions of greenhouse gas emissions from different sources



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Carbon Calculator v1.6.1

Lyrenacarriga Wind Farm Location: 52.038785 -7.954375

Innogy Renewables Ireland Ltd

Core input data

Input data	Expected value	Minimum value	Maximum value	Source of data
Windfarm characteristics				
Dimensions				
No. of turbines	17	17	17	Ch 4 Descriptions
Duration of consent (years)	30	25	30	Ch 4 Descriptions
Performance				
Power rating of 1 turbine (MW)	3.5	3	5	Ch 4 Descriptions
Capacity factor	35	31	36	SEAI Report
Backup				
Fraction of output to backup (%)	5	5	5	SNH Carbon Calculator Guidance
Additional emissions due to reduced thermal efficiency of the reserve generation (%)	10	10	10	Fixed
Total CO2 emission from turbine life (tCO2 MW ⁻¹) (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning)	Calculate wrt installed capacity	Calculate wrt installed capacity	Calculate wrt installed capacity	
Characteristics of peatland before windfarm development				
Type of peatland	Acid bog	Acid bog	Acid bog	Default - no peat present on the site.
Average annual air temperature at site (°C)	9.9	5.6	15	Ch 11 Air & Climate
Average depth of peat at site (m)	0	0	0	No peat present on Site
C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	55	50	60	Default value used
Average extent of drainage around drainage features at site (m)	75	70	80	Ch 10 Water
Average water table depth at site (m)	0.5	0.1	1	Ch 10 Water
Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	0.1	0.09	0.11	Default value of 0.1 used
Characteristics of bog plants				
Time required for regeneration of bog plants after restoration (years)	10	5	15	Best practice in raised bog restoration in Ireland
Daptib datacumulation due to C fixation by bog plants in undrained peats (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	£xpected value	Minimum value	Mâximum value	South Ceuid add stander and the value
Forestry Plantation Characteristics				
Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha)	51	49	52	Ch 4 Descriptions
Average rate of carbon sequestration in timber (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	3.6	3.5	3.7	SNH Value for Sitka Spruce
Counterfactual emission factors				·
Coal-fired plant emission factor (t CO2 MWh ⁻¹)	0.92	0.92	0.92	

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

Emissions due to loss of soil organic carbon

Loss of C stored in peatland is estimated from % site lost by peat removal (table 5a), CO2 loss from removed peat (table 5b), % site affected by drainage (table 5c), and the CO2 loss from drained peat (table 5d).

5. Loss of soil C02

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
CO2 loss from removed peat (t CO2 equiv.)	-7360.13	-4854.42	-7025.27
CO2 loss from drained peat (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
RESULTS			
Total CO2 loss from peat (removed + drained) (t CO2 equiv.)	-7360.13	-7025.27	-4854.42
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to loss of soil C			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	-0.53	-0.66	-0.24
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	-1.91	-2.4	-0.86
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	-1.08	-1.35	-0.48

CO₂ loss from removed peats

If peat is treated in such a way that it is permanently restored, so that less than 100% of the C is lost to the atmosphere, a lower percentage can be entered in cell C10.

5b. CO2 loss from removed peat

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
CO2 loss from removed peat (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
CO2 loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO2)	7360.13	4854.42	7025.27
RESULTS			
CO2 loss atributable to peat removal only (t CO2)	-7360.13	-4854.42	-7025.27

Volume of Peat Removed

% site lost by peat removal is estimated from peat removed in borrow pits, turbine foundations, hardstanding and access tracks. If peat is removed for any other reason, this must be added in as additional peat excavated in the core input data entry.

5a. Volume of peat removed

ba. Volume of peat removed			
	Exp.	Min.	r
Peat removed from borrow pits			
Area of land lost in borrow pits (m2)	31461.21	10440	
Volume of peat removed from borrow pits (m3)	0	0	
Peat removed from turbine foundations			
Area of land lost in foundation (m2)	8228	8228	
Volume of peat removed from foundation area (m3)	0	0	
Peat removed from hard-standing			
Area of land lost in hard-standing (m2)	32725	32725	
Volume of peat removed from hard-standing area (m3)	0	0	
Peat removed from access tracks			
Area of land lost in floating roads (m2)	0	0	
Volume of peat removed from floating roads (m3)	0	0	
Area of land lost in excavated roads (m2)	26400	21750	
Volume of peat removed from excavated roads (m3)	0	0	
Area of land lost in rock-filled roads (m2)	0	0	
Volume of peat removed from rock-filled roads (m3)	0	0	
Total area of land lost in access tracks (m2)	26400	21750	
Total volume of peat removed due to access tracks (m3)	0	0	
RESULTS			
Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (m2)	98814.21	73143	
Total volume of peat removed due to windfarm construction (m3)	0	0	

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

Volume of peat drained

Extent of site affected by drainage is calculated assuming an average extent of drainage around each drainage feature as given in the input data.

5c. Volume of peat drained

	Exp.	Min.
Total area affected by drainage around borrow pits (m2)	160951.5	80360
Total volume affected by drainage around borrow pits (m3)	0	0
Peat affected by drainage around turbine foundation and hardstanding		
Total area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m2)	724200	652120
Total volume affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m3)	0	0
Peat affected by drainage of access tracks		
Total area affected by drainage of access track(m2)	660000	609000
Total volume affected by drainage of access track(m3)	0	0
Peat affected by drainage of cable trenches		
Total area affected by drainage of cable trenches(m2)	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage of cable trneches(m3)	0	0
Drainage around additional peat excavated		
Total area affected by drainage (m2)	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage (m3)	0	0
RESULTS		
Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm (m2)	1545151.5	1341480
Total volume affected by drainage due to windfarm (m3)	0	0

CO₂ loss due to drainage

Note, CO2 losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been derived directly from experimental data for acid bogs and fens (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

5d. CO2 loss from drained peat

·	Exp.	Min.
Calculations of C Loss from Drained Land if Site is NOT Restored after Decomissioning		
Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0
Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0
Calculations of C Loss from Drained Land if Site IS Restored after Decomissioning		
Losses if Land is Drained		
CH4 emissions from drained land (t CO2 equiv.)	-130.27	-2086.4
CO2 emissions from drained land (t CO2)	115220.13	91118.92
Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0
Losses if Land is Undrained		
CH4 emissions from undrained land (t CO2 equiv.)	-130.27	-2086.4
CO2 emissions from undrained land (t CO2)	115220.13	91118.92
Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0
RESULTS		
Total GHG emissions due to drainage (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0

Emission rates from soils

Note, CO2 losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been thoroughly tested against experimental data (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

5e. Emission rates from soils

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Calculations following IPCC default methodology			
Flooded period (days/year)	178	178	178
Annual rate of methane emission (t CH4-C/ha year)	0.04	0.04	0.04
Annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO2/ha year)	35.2	35.2	35.2
Calculations following ECOSSE based methodology			

CO₂ loss from forests - calculation using detailed management information

Forest carbon calculator (Perks et al, 2009)

Total potential carbon squestration loss due to felling of forestry for the wind farm (t CO2)
Total emissions due to cleared land (t CO2)
Emissions due to harvesting operations (t CO2)
Fossil fuel equivalent saving from use of felled forestry as biofuel (t CO2)
Fossil fuel equivalent saving from use of replanted forestry as biofuel (t CO2)
RESULTS
Total carbon loss associated with forest management(t CO2)

Emissions due to forest felling - calculation using simple management data

Emissions due to forestry felling are calculated from the reduced carbon sequestered per crop rotation. If the forestry was due to be removed before the planned development, this C loss is not attributable to the wind farm and so the area of forestry to be felled should be entered as zero.

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha)	51	49	52
Carbon sequestered (t C ha-1 yr-1)	3.6	3.5	3.7
Lifetime of windfarm (years)	30	25	30
Carbon sequestered over the lifetime of the windfarm (t C ha-1)	108	87.5	111
RESULTS			
Total carbon loss due to felling of forestry (t CO2)	20196.18	15720.98	21164.19
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to management of forestry			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	1.44	1.48	1.03
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	5.24	5.37	3.74
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	2.95	3.03	2.11

Gains due to site improvement

Note, CO2 losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been thoroughly tested against experimental data (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

Degraded Bog				Felled Forestry			
	Exp.	Min.	Мах		Exp.	Min.	Max.
1. Description of site				1. Description of site			
Area to be improved (ha)	0	0		Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0	0		Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0	0		Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0	0	0
2. Losses with improvement				2. Losses with improvement			
Improved period (years)	0	0		Improved period (years)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.498	0.483	0	Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.498	0.483	0.516
CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0		CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1)	0.508	-0.635	1	Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1)	0.508	-0.635	1.865
CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0		CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.)	0	0		Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.)	0	0	0
3. Losses without improvement				3. Losses without improvement			
Improved period (years)	0	0		Improved period (years)	0	0	0
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Borrow Pits				Foundations & Hardstanding			
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Emissions due to backup power generation

CO2 loss due to back up is calculated from the extra capacity required for backup of the windfarm given in the input data.

Wind generated electricity is inherently variable, providing unique challenges to the electricity generating industry for provision of a supply to meet consumer demand (Netz, 2004). Backup power is required to accompany wind generation to stabilise the supply to the consumer. This backup power will usually be obtained from a fossil fuel source. At a high level of wind power penetration in the overall generating mix, and with current grid management techniques, the capacity for fossil fuel backup may become strained because it is being used to balance the fluctuating consumer demand with a variable and highly unpredictable output from wind turbines (White, 2007). The Carbon Trust (Carbon Trust/DTI, 2004) concluded that increasing levels of intermittent generation do not present major technical issues at the percentages of renewables expected by 2010 and 2020, but the UK renewables target at the time of that report was only 20%. When national reliance on wind power is low (less than ~20%), the additional fossil fuel generated power requirement can be considered to be insignificant and may be obtained from within the spare generating capacity of other power sectors (Dale et al, 2004). However, as the national supply from wind power increases above 20%, without improvements in grid management techniques, emissions due to backup power generation may become more significant. The extra capacity needed for backup power generation is currently estimated to be 5% of the rated capacity of the wind plant if wind power contributes more than 20% to the national grid (Dale et al 2004). Moving towards the SG target of 50% electricity generation from renewable sources, more short-term capacity may be required in terms of pumped-storage hydro-generated power, or a better mix of offshore and onshore wind generating capacity. Grid management techniques are anticipated to reduce this extra capacity, with improved demand side management, smart meters, grid reinforcement and other developments. However, given current grid management

Assumption: Backup assumed to be by fossil-fuel-mix of electricity generation. Note that hydroelectricity may also be used for backup, so this assumption may make the value for backup generation too high. These assumptions should be revisited as technology develops.

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Reserve energy (MWh/yr)	26,061	22,338	37,230
Annual emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2/yr)	1,173	1,005	1,675
RESULTS			
Total emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2)	35,182	25,130	50,261

1. CO2 emission saving

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

Emissions due to turbine life

The carbon payback time of the windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decomissioning) is calculated by comparing the emissions due to turbine life with carbon-savings achieved by the windfarm while displacing electricity generated from coal-fired capacity or grid-mix.

Capacity factor ca	alculated from	forestry data	tta Capacity factor - Direct input							
		Capacity factor	Wind speed	Average site	Annual the		Exp.	Min.	Max.	
Area name	Value type	(%)	ratio	windspeed (m/s)	output (M)	Capacity factor (%)	35.0	31.0	36.0	

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Annual energy output from windfarm (MW/yr)			
RESULTS			
Emissions saving over coal-fired electricity generatio	167,833	127,416	246,612
Emissions saving over grid-mix of electricity generati	46,260	35,120	67,974
Emissions saving over fossil fuel - mix of electricity g	82,092	62,323	120,625

2. CO2 loss turbine life

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

Emissions due to turbine life

The carbon payback time of the windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decomissioning) is calculated by comparing the emissions due to turbine life with carbon-savings achieved by the windfarm while displacing electricity generated from coal-fired capacity or grid-mix.

Calculation of emissions with relation to installed capacity

Emissions due to cement used in construction (t CO2)

Direct input of emissions due to turbine life

	Exp.	Min.	Max.		Exp.	Min.	Max.
Emissions due to turbine frome energy output (t CO2)	2803	2336		Emissions due to turbine life (tCO2/windfarm)			

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RESULTS

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Losses due to turbine life (manufacture, construction, etc.) (t CO2)	48909	40810	72893
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to turbine life			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	3	4	4
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	13	14	13
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	7	8	7

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Emissions due to loss of bog plants

Annual C fixation by the site is calculated by multiplying area of the windfarm by the annual C accumulation due to bog plant fixation.

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Area where carbon accumulation by bog plants is lost (ha)	164.40	141.46	200.78
Total loss of carbon accumulation up to time of restoration (tCO2 eq./ha)	37	22	50
RESULTS			
Total loss of carbon fixation by plants at the site (t CO2)	6028	3112	9939
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to loss of CO2 fixing potential			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	0	0	0
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	2	1	2
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	1	1	1

Emissions due to loss of DOC and POC

Note, CO2 losses from DOC and POC are calculated using a simple approach derived from generic estimates of the percentage of the total CO2 loss that is due to DOC or POC leaching.

No POC losses for bare soil included yet. If extensive areas of bare soil is present at site need modified calculation (Birnie et al, 1991)

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Gross CO2 loss from restored drained land (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross CH4 loss from restored drained land (t CO2 equiv.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross CO2 loss from improved land (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross CH4 loss from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total gaseous loss of C (t C)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total C loss as DOC (t C)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total C loss as POC (t C)	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESULTS			
Total CO2 loss due to DOC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total CO2 loss due to POC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total CO2 loss due to DOC & POC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to DOC & POC			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	0	0	0
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	0	0	0
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	0	0	0