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APPENDIX 11-1

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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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- Is the soil at the site highly organic?
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 i.e. is removal in excess of keyholing the turbines within the forest boundary?

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Core input data

1. Windfarm characteristics 2. Peatland 3. Bog plants 4. Forestry Plantation 5. Emission factors 6. Borrow pits 7. Foundations and hard-standing 8. Access tracks 9. Cable trenches 10. Additional peat 11. Improvement actions 12. Restoration after decomissioning 13. Methodology & application details

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Note: Results are only available once ALL data are correct and complete, and a new version will be created.

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Г	Windfarm characteristics Page 1 of 12		
	Expected values	Minimum	Maximum
	Dimensions Number of Turbines		
	10	10	10
	Ch 4 Descriptions	10	
	Duration of consent (years)		
	30	25	30
	Performance		
	Power rating of 1 turbine (MW) 4.8		
	Ch 4 Descriptions	4.8	4.8
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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)	135,395	131,526	139,263
grid-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	37,319	36,253	38,385
fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	66,226	64,333	68,118
Energy output from windfarm over lifetime (MWh)	4,415,040	3,574,080	4,541,184

Total CO2 losses due to wind farm (tCO2 eq.)	Exp.	Min.	Max.
2. Losses due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decomissioning)	41,437	41,279	41,595
3. Losses due to backup	28,382	23,652	28,382
4. Lossess due to reduced carbon fixing potential	1,785	394	3,454
5. Losses from soil organic matter	5,742	3,563	28,241
6. Losses due to DOC & POC leaching	0	0	89
7. Losses due to felling forestry	24,675	17,646	26,455
Total losses of carbon dioxide	102,022	86,534	128,217

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	-5,004
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	-5,004

RESULTS	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Net emissions of carbon dioxide (t CO2 eq.)	102,022	81,530	128,217
Carbon Payback Time			
coal-fired electricity generation (years)	0.8	0.6	1.0
grid-mix of electricity generation (years)	2.7	2.1	3.5
fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (years)	1.5	1.2	2.0
Ratio of soil carbon loss to gain by restoration (not used in Scottish applications)	No gains!	0.71	No gains!
Ratio of CO2 eq. emissions to power generation (g/kWh) (for info. only)	23.11	17.95	35.87

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Carbon Calculator v1.6.1 Cahermurphy Two Wind Farm Location: 52.764476 -9.36012 MCRE

Core input data

Input data	Expected value	Minimum value	Maximum value	Source of data
Windfarm characteristics				
Dimensions				
No. of turbines	10	10	10	Ch 4 Descriptions
Duration of consent (years)	30	25	30	Ch 4 Descriptions
Performance				
Power rating of 1 turbine (MW)	4.8	4.8	4.8	Ch 4 Descriptions
Capacity factor	35	34	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	Ch 11 Air & Climate
Average annual air temperature at site (°C)	10.7	6	15	Ch 11 Air and Climate
Average depth of peat at site (m)	0.8	0	4.5	Geotechnical & Peat Stability Assessment Report
C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	55	50	60	Default value used
Average extent of drainage around drainage features at site (m)	15	5	20	Ch 10 Water
Average water table depth at site (m)	0.5	0.1	1	IDL
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) Input data Carbon accumulation due to C fixation by bog plants in undrained peats (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	10 Expected value 0.25	5 Minimum value 0.2	15 Maximum value 0.3	Best Practice in Raised Bog Restoration in Ireland Source of data SNH Guidance default value
Forestry Plantation Characteristics	00.04		05	
Area of forestry plantation to be felled (na)	02.31	55	60	
Average rate of carbon sequestration in timber (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	3.6	3.5	3.7	SNH Value for Sitka Spruce
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Counterfactual emission factors

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.)	5742.38	3562.88	11303.93
CO2 loss from drained peat (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	16937.05
RESULTS			
Total CO2 loss from peat (removed + drained) (t CO2 equiv.)	5742.38	3562.88	28240.98
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to loss of soil C			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	0.51	0.33	2.43
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	1.85	1.18	8.83
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	1.04	0.66	4.98

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)	12319.44	7955.09	18579.96
CO2 loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO2)	6577.07	4392.21	7276.03
RESULTS			
CO2 loss atributable to peat removal only (t CO2)	5742.38	3562.88	11303.93

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

	Exp.	Min.	N
Peat removed from borrow pits			
Area of land lost in borrow pits (m2)	23100	10430	
Volume of peat removed from borrow pits (m3)	5313	2294.6	
Peat removed from turbine foundations			
Area of land lost in foundation (m2)	4840	4840	
Volume of peat removed from foundation area (m3)	3097.6	3097.6	
Peat removed from hard-standing			
Area of land lost in hard-standing (m2)	19250	19250	
Volume of peat removed from hard-standing area (m3)	12320	12320	
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)	33000	25000	
Volume of peat removed from excavated roads (m3)	34650	25000	
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)	33000	25000	
Total volume of peat removed due to access tracks (m3)	34650	25000	
RESULTS			
Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (m2)	86904	65734	
Total volume of peat removed due to windfarm construction (m3)	61087.6	48212.2	

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.

CO₂ loss due to drainage

5d. CO2 loss from drained peat

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).

5c. Volume of peat drained

	Exp.	Min.	
Total area affected by drainage around borrow pits (m2)	15540	2290	
Total volume affected by drainage around borrow pits (m3)	1787.1	251.9	
Peat affected by drainage around turbine foundation and hardstanding			
Total area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m2)	49200	14400	
Total volume affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m3)	15744	4608	
Peat affected by drainage of access tracks			
Total area affected by drainage of access track(m2)	165000	50000	
Total volume affected by drainage of access track(m3)	86625	25000	
Peat affected by drainage of cable trenches			
Total area affected by drainage of cable trenches(m2)	165000	45000	
Total volume affected by drainage of cable trneches(m3)	57750	11250	
Drainage around additional peat excavated			
Total area affected by drainage (m2)	5063.85	1475.75	
Total volume affected by drainage (m3)	4304.35	1125.12	
RESULTS			
Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm (m2)	399803.85	113165.75	
Total volume affected by drainage due to windfarm (m3)	166210.45	42235.02	

	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.)	33519.41	6968.84
Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO2 equiv.)	33519.41	6968.84
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.)	104.75	-161.31
CO2 emissions from drained land (t CO2)	30153.19	7722.81
Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO2 equiv.)	33519.41	6968.84
Losses if Land is Undrained		
CH4 emissions from undrained land (t CO2 equiv.)	104.75	-161.31
CO2 emissions from undrained land (t CO2)	30153.19	7722.81
Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO2 equiv.)	33519.41	6968.84
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).

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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			

7. Forestry CO2 loss

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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)	62.31	55	65
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)	24674.98	17645.99	26455.24
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to management of forestry			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	2.19	1.61	2.28
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	7.93	5.84	8.27
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	4.47	3.29	4.66

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)	28.2	0		Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0.5	0		Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0.05	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	10		Improved period (years)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.271	0.485	0	Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.501	0.485	0.516
CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	1987	CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1)	1.667	-0.529	2	Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1)	0.721	-0.529	1.865
CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	299	CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.)	0	0	2286	Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.)	0	0	0
3. Losses without improvement				3. Losses without improvement			
Improved period (years)	0	10		Improved period (years)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.002	0.485	0	Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.501	0.485	0.516
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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/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 from renewable sources, more short-term 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, with improved demand side management, smart meters, grid reinforcement and other developments. However, given current grid management techniques, it is suggested that 5% extra capacity should be assumed for backup power generation if wind power contributes more than 20% to the national grid. At lower contributions, the extra capacity required for backup sh

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)	21,024	21,024	21,024
Annual emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2/yr)	946	946	946
RESULTS			
Total emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2)	28,382	23,652	28,382

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 calculated from forestry data				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	34.0	36.0

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Annual energy output from windfarm (MW/yr)			
RESULTS			
Emissions saving over coal-fired electricity generatio	135,395	131,526	139,263
Emissions saving over grid-mix of electricity generati	37,319	36,253	38,385
Emissions saving over fossil fuel - mix of electricity g	66,226	64,333	68,118

2. CO2 loss turbine life

Payback Time Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

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Calculation of emissions with relation to installed capacity			Direct input of emissions due to turbine life				
	Exp.	Min.	Max.		Exp.	Min.	Max.
Emissions due to turbine frome energy output (t CO2)	4017	4017		Emissions due to turbine life (tCO2/windfarm)			
Emissions due to cement used in construction (t CO2)	1264	1106					

RESULTS

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Losses due to turbine life (manufacture, construction, etc.) (t CO2)	41437	41279	41595
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to turbine life			
coal-fired electricity generation (months)	4	4	4
grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	13	14	13
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	8	8	7

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)	48.67	17.89	69.78
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)	1785	394	3454
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)	1	0	1
fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	0	0	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	1987.31
Total gaseous loss of C (t C)	0.00	0.00	48.60
Total C loss as DOC (t C)	0.00	0.00	19.44
Total C loss as POC (t C)	0.00	0.00	4.86
RESULTS			
Total CO2 loss due to DOC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	71.28
Total CO2 loss due to POC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	17.82
Total CO2 loss due to DOC & POC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	89.11
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