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Do You See a Bog? Think Again



Most Irish People See a Fuel Resource

It's a myth that the bogs of Ireland can never be fully used up. Nothing could be further from the truth. Within a few generations of family turf cutting it is safe to say that more than one third of our blanket bogs have been cut out and have lost their conservation value. Today people still think that it is acceptable to cut turf from sites they know have been designated for conservation.

Turf cutting isn't the only threat to blanket bogs, there is also farming, forestry, wind farms and recreation which have damaged a further third of the resource and have led to serious erosion problems in upland blanket bog habitats.

IPCC are shouting STOP.

Let's think again about how our actions put peatland habitat and wildlife at risk. And more importantly let's take steps to halt the damage.

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SAVING IRISH BLANKET BOGS AT RISK



Ensure blanket bogs survive. The Irish Peatland Conservation Council need your help today to save the country's wonderful blanket bogs.





Blanket bogs are home to threatened birds such as the iconic red grouse. They provide a habitat that is rich in biodiversity, stores carbon, supplies fresh water and offers an unparalleled recreational experience.

A PRECIOUS RESOURCE

Blanket bogs are a familiar feature of our upland landscapes and the dramatic west coast of Ireland. Carpets of moss, spiky rushes and wet peaty soil are woven together in a blanket that smothers large areas of land. In Ireland blanket bogs are the most extensive peatland type we have. Three quarters of a million hectares of blanket bog representing 8% of the total area of this habitat worldwide are found in Ireland. IPCC will raise awareness of the dynamic ecosystems that blanket bogs are, of the unique wildlife that finds refuge in them and no where else on earth and of their cultural importance in the hearts of our people.

STEPS TO ENSURE BLANKET BOGS SURVIVE

IPCC is leading a campaign focusing on blanket bogs. IPCC will lobby Government:

- (1) to address the issue of turf cutting on blanket bogs immediately so as to ensure a representative sample of these peatlands are protected for future generations
- (2) to fund a restoration programme of upland blanket bogs damaged by erosion as a result of a combination of uses including overgrazing, trampling, drainage, burning turf cutting and wind farms.

It is very important that you join in this initiative.

- * Please donate to the campaign
- * Take part in our blanket bog site survey on-line at www.ipcc.ie or by survey form - ☎ 045 860133 for a form. The funds you give will help to run the campaign and your response to the survey will provide evidence on the status of our blanket bogs right now and will be used to inform policy documents and provide the proof we need to get Government Agencies to take action for blanket bogs.

WE CUT, YOU FOOT!

This slogan for mechanical turf cutting services in a Special Area of Conservation Blanket Bog in Donegal says it all. IPCC are watch dogs for 184 blanket bogs of conservation importance in Ireland. Our records show that 113 of these are threatened by active turf cutting which is removing the habitat faster than it can form. IPCC will report illegal turf cutting on a county by county basis to enforcement officers in Local Authorities and National Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers.



Hopper peat cut from the Slieve Tooey SAC in Co. Donegal 2016. Thousands of years of history gone in minutes!

CLEAN TAP WATER FROM THE BOG

Upland blanket bogs supply public water schemes. Disturbance from drainage and erosion causes dirty, discoloured, peaty water to be washed down into reservoirs after heavy rain. Water treatment costs escalate as people expect clean water from their tap. Blocking drains and restoring bog forming plants helps prevent flash flooding, allows the natural filtration properties of the bog plants to work and saves money. IPCC will advise bog owners about blanket bog restoration techniques.



Nature's kidneys. Sphagnum mosses purify and filter all of the water that is slowly released from blanket bogs.

IPCC - PUTTING THE SPOTLIGHT ON BLANKET BOGS