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SCOTLAND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Scotland Rural Development Programme 2007-13

A £1.6 billion programme of economic, environmental and social measures designed to develop rural Scotland over the next seven years.



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SRDP funding mechanisms

- Processing & Marketing Grants
- Crofting Counties Agricultural Grant Schemes
- Forestry Challenge Fund (WIAT & Forests for People)
- Training Scheme (stand-alone)
- Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme
- LEADER
- Rural Development Contracts – Land Managers' Options
- Rural Development Contracts – Rural Priorities



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RDCs – Land Managers' Options: Overview

- LMOs are non-competitive, with no application approval process
- Funding is limited according to size of landholding
- Applications are submitted annually
- Wide range of options



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RDCs – Land Managers' Options: Opportunities

- Management of archaeological sites
- Management of vernacular rural buildings
- Repair of dykes and hedgerows
- Non-competitive
- Agri-environment options carry a condition not to damage or destroy archaeological or historic features



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RDCs – Land Managers' Options: Threats

- Actual cost basis for payment for management of archaeological sites
- Inappropriate management / repairs
- Some options potentially damaging to archaeological sites
- No requirement for an archaeological audit and no government contribution to pay for one



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RDCs – Land Managers' Options: The role of HERs

- No archaeological audit requirement
- No grant to pay for an archaeological audit
- Historic environment information still required
- Online accessibility
- Monitoring



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RDCs – Rural Priorities

- Competitive entry – buying benefits for the Scottish people
- Two-stage application process
- Regionalised administration and funding priorities
- Uses packages of options to steer applicants firmly towards delivering regional and national priorities
- Guidance is online and applications are submitted online
- Open to a wide range of applicants, including community groups, land managers and other rural businesses



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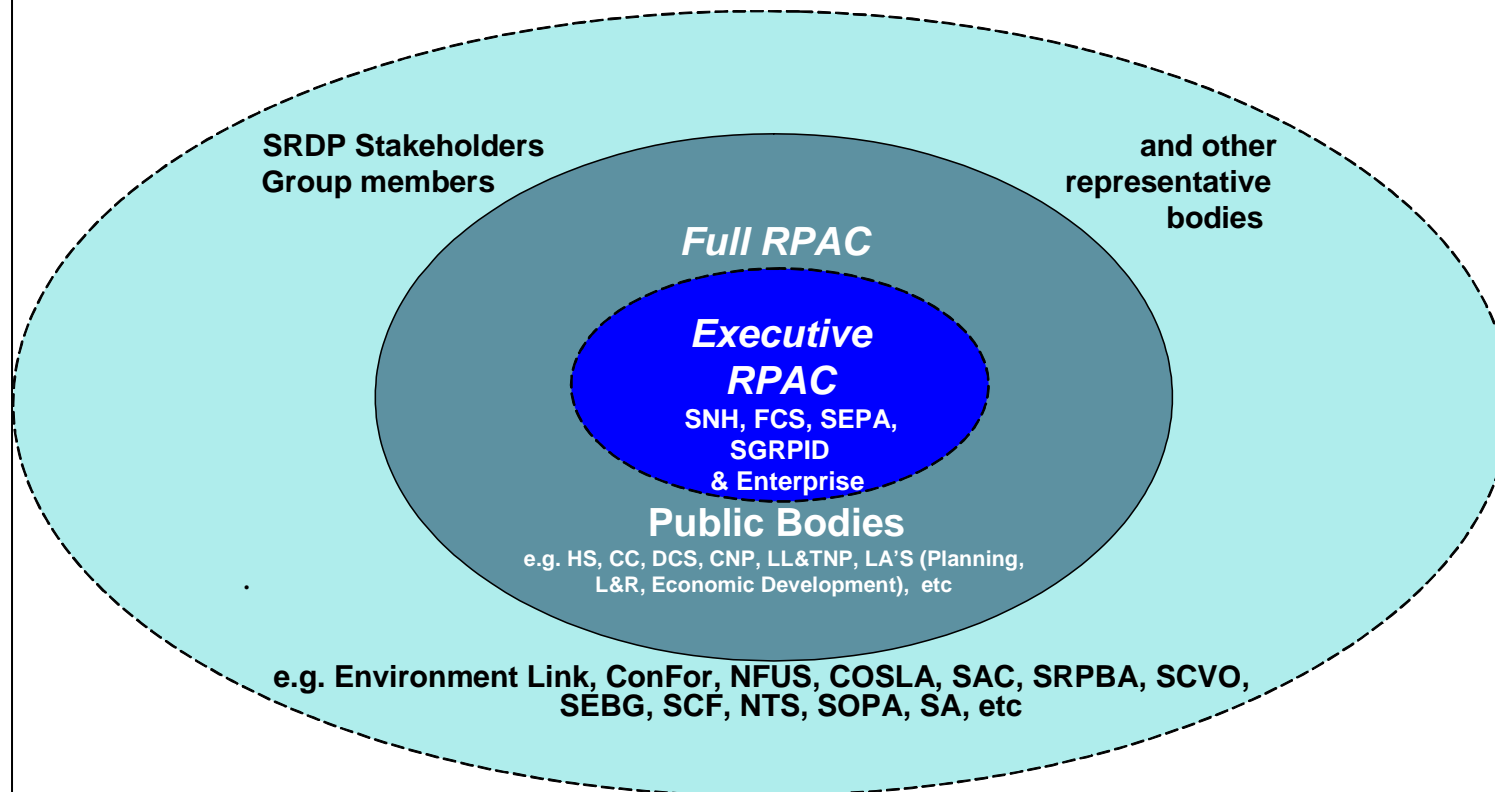
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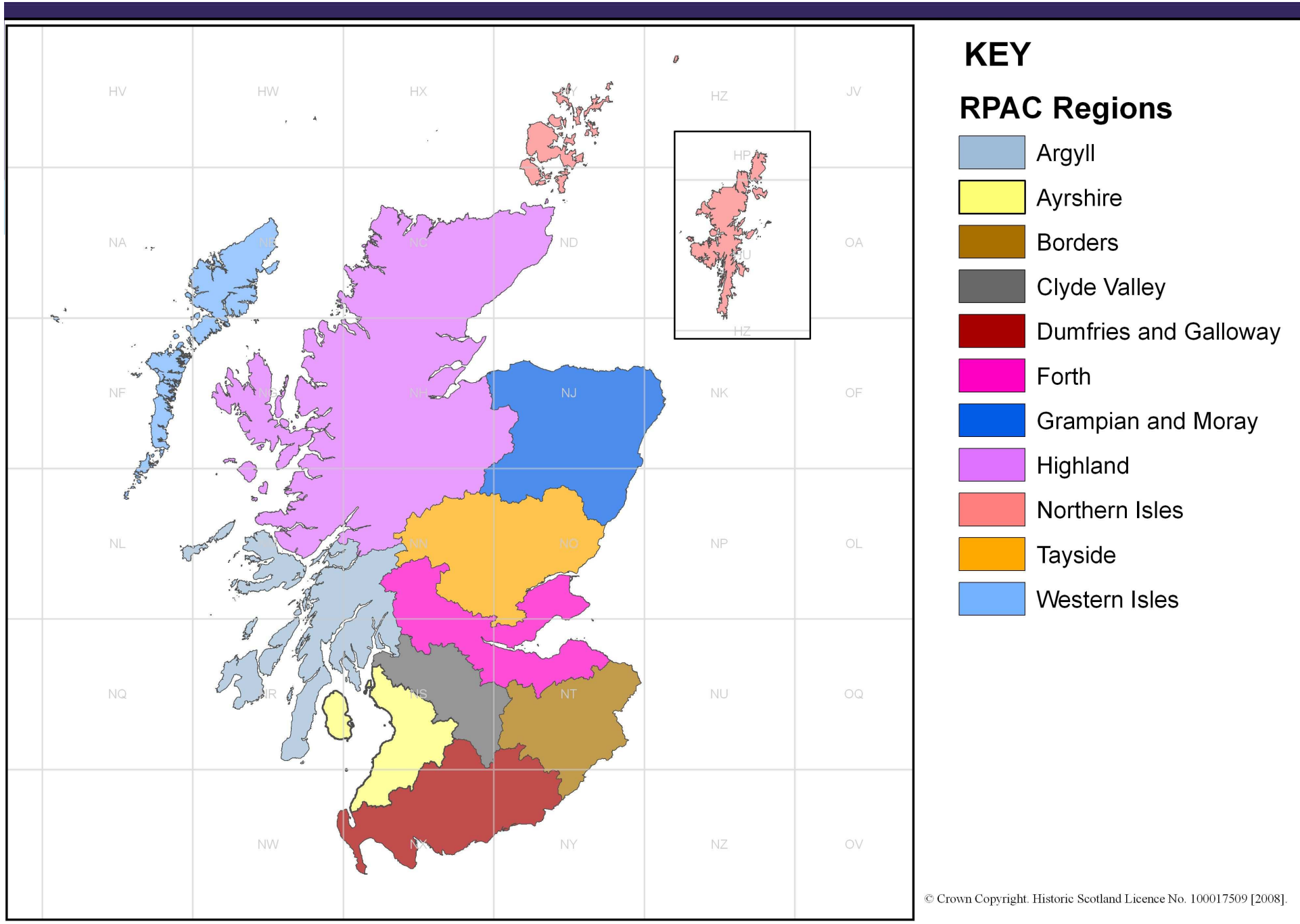
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RDCs – Rural Priorities: opportunities and threats

- Management / repair of historic environment on a greater scale
- Competitive scheme: Packages, integration and multiple outcomes
- Potential threats are on a greater scale
- Some funding available to applicants for obtaining specialist advice



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RDCs – Rural Priorities: The role of HERs

- No archaeological audit requirement
- Targeted consultations
- Adding value
- Input to setting of Regional Priorities
- Monitoring



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The End?