

# **Datasets to Dirty Spades**

Mapping evolutionary land cover with current floral and faunal species distribution to inform land restoration potential



# Soil Categorisation

Cranfield are the National Reference Centre for Soil Data for England and Wales

	$\rightarrow$	Artificial					
	$\rightarrow$	Peatland					
	$\rightarrow$	Becoming saltmarsh					
	$\rightarrow$	Forest					
	$\rightarrow$	Grassland					
	$\rightarrow$	Wetland					
	$\rightarrow$	Heathland					
A STATISTICS	$\rightarrow$	Sand dunes					
T A B	$\rightarrow$	Slope peats	ZULU FOREST				

# **Brief Soil Profile Description**



Cranfield University 2022. The Soils Guide. Available: www.landis.org.uk. Cranfield University, UK.



# Map showing historic habitats





# High Resolution Example

Percentage presence	Soil Name	Total soil depth	Waterlogging (without drainage)	Waterlogging (with drainage)	Formation	Gleying	Mottling
35%	А	>120cm	IV	III to IV	Wetland	25-45cm	>25cm
20%	В	>100cm	IV	Ш	Wetland	25-35cm	>25cm
15%	С	>100cm	ш	ll to lll	Forests	No	>25cm
10%	D	>100cm	V to VI	IV	Wetland	No	>20cm



# Integrating Faunal and Floral Biodiversity



#### 149 species recorded since 2010

- 69 woodland species
- 42 wetland species
- 22 grassland/farmland species

#### Of all the species found:

- ✓ 25 IUCN Red List Species
- 18 reliant on woodlands or wetlands for survival
- 7 reliant on farmland/grassland

#### **Evolutionary Habitat**

Forests

Wetland

**Ancient Woodland Networks** 

Primary Habitat Associated Habitats



## Benefits of Tech



#### Project design and planning





Ground prep

Forest management regime No thin Trees to be planted

**≉ 210.7k** 

#### Suggested tree species

3each	40%
Sycamore	20%
Wild cherry, gean	15%
Small-leaved lime	10%
Vild service trea	5%
Hornbean	4%
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#### Impact measurement





# Scale & Connectivity



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