

# Grazing on the Edge

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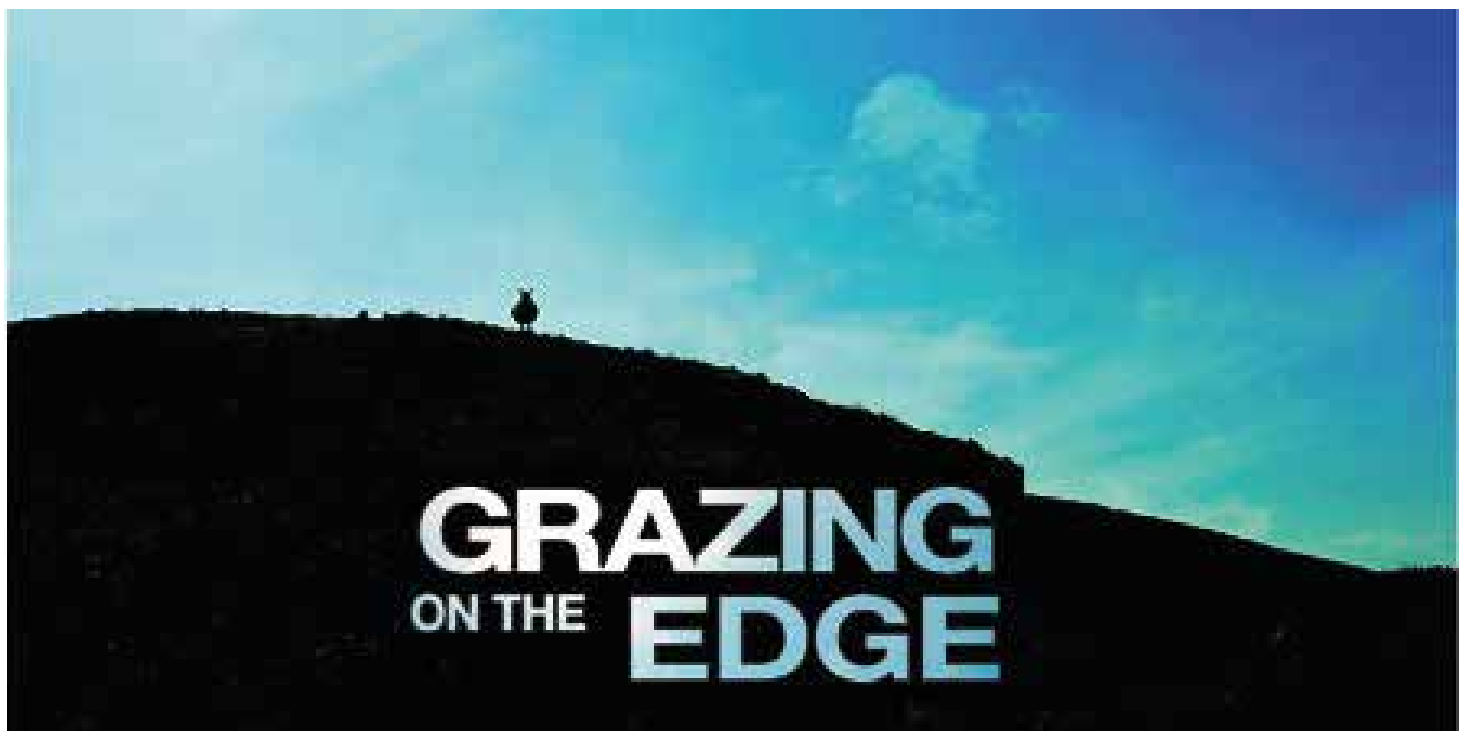
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This briefing focuses on one of our short-term Responsive Opportunity Projects called 'Grazing on the Edge: communicating the value of common grazings and grasslands through collaborative film.'



To watch the film and learn more about the work behind this project visit:  
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The Responsive Opportunity initiative is a new capability to the Strategic Research Programme (SRP) within its central knowledge exchange strategy. It is designed to increase the visibility of the invaluable contributions the SRP makes towards sustainable economic growth and improving the lives of people in Scotland and beyond through new and collaborative knowledge exchange ideas.



The documentary 'Grazing on the Edge' was created by collaboration between researchers from the James Hutton Institute, policy representatives and Skye crofters. Crofting common grazings account for 6% of Scotland's land; they contribute to society as cultural landscapes and are valuable assets to the Scottish economy and natural heritage. 'Grazing on the Edge' seeks to understand what could be lost if these vital crofting common grazings are not managed more strategically for their many benefits.

Responsive Opportunity funds have enabled the film and video clips, with key policy messages, to be shared with policy and crofting audiences in a series of debate-stimulating screenings. The screenings seek to influence post-Brexit government policy, and parliamentary and public debate about the acute challenges in upland management.