### LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

## **Definition**

The distinct and recognisable pattern of elements that occurs consistently in a particular type of landscape. It is a standard methodology for identifying, describing, classifying and mapping what is distinctive about landscapes. It is used in the assessment of landscape impacts for land use changes. For COST RELY, it is a basis of considering some of the landscape impacts of renewable energy developments (e.g. the UK).

#### Related term

Landscape identity

## **Keywords**

Landscape Character Assessment, Landscape quality, Landscape value

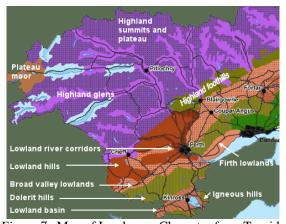


Figure 7a Map of Landscape Character from Tayside Landscape Character Assessment, produced for Scottish Natural Heritage. (Source: Perth and Kinross Council, UK)

**Human Factors Physical Factors** Geology Archaeology Landscape History Landform Drainage Land use **Buildings & Settlements** Soils Ecology Landscape **Aesthetic Factors Associations** Character Visual Cutural & Quality Proportion Scale Well known people Literature Enclosure Texture Colour Painting Views Music Other Senses Historical History of Settlements Sounds Smells Tastes Touch Special Events

Figure 7b Physical and perceptual characteristics to be considered in a Landscape Character Assessment.

(Source: http7)

# **Source**

Countryside Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage. 2002: Landscape character assessment guidance for England and Scotland, Cheltenham, Countryside Agency; Edinburgh, Scottish Natural Heritage, Paragraph 7.8

#### **Translations**

Bosnia and Herzegovina Karakter pejzaža/ okoliša

Bulgarian Характер на ландшафта

Croatian Karakter krajolika

Czech Krajinný ráz

Danish Landskabskarakter

Dutch Landschapskarakter

Esperanto Karaktero de pejzaĝo

Estonian Maastikukarakter

Finish Maiseman Luonne

French Caractère du paysage

German Eigenart der Landschaft

Greek Χαρακτήρας τοπίου

Hebrew מאפיין נופיים

Hungarian Tájkarakter

Italian Carattere del paesaggio

Islandic Landslagseinkenni / einkenni landslags

Latvian Ainavas raksturs

Lithuanian Kraštovaizdžio pobūdis

Montenegrin Karakter pejzaža

Polish Charakter krajobrazu

Portuguese Caracter da paisagem

Romanian Caracterul peisajului

Russian Ландшафтный характер

Slovakian Krajinný ráz

Slovenian Značaj krajine

Serbian Карактер пејзажа

Spanish Cualidad/Caracter del paisaje

Swedish Landskapskaraktär