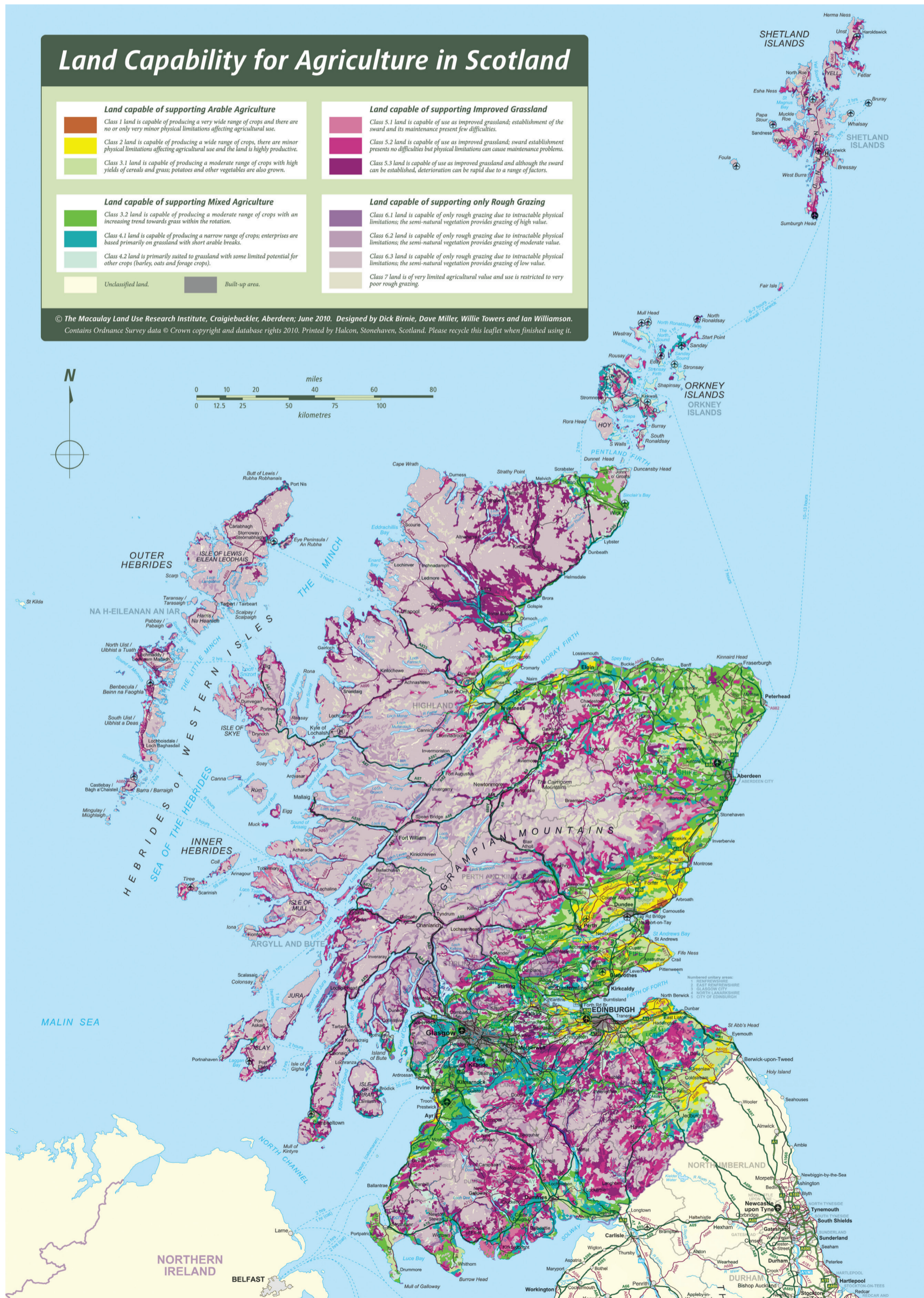


The Macaulay Land Capability for Agriculture (LCA) Classification

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Land Capability for Agriculture in Scotland

Land capable of supporting Arable Agriculture	Land capable of supporting Improved Grassland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 1 land is capable of producing a very wide range of crops and there are no or only very minor physical limitations affecting agricultural use. Class 2 land is capable of producing a wide range of crops, there are minor physical limitations affecting agricultural use and the land is highly productive. Class 3.1 land is capable of producing a moderate range of crops with high yields of cereals and grass; potatoes and other vegetables are also grown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 5.1 land is capable of use as improved grassland; establishment of the sward and its maintenance present few difficulties. Class 5.2 land is capable of use as improved grassland; sward establishment presents no difficulties but physical limitations can cause maintenance problems. Class 5.3 land is capable of use as improved grassland and although the sward can be established, deterioration can be rapid due to a range of factors.
Land capable of supporting Mixed Agriculture	Land capable of supporting only Rough Grazing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 3.2 land is capable of producing a moderate range of crops with an increasing trend towards grass within the rotation. Class 4.1 land is capable of producing a narrow range of crops; enterprises are based primarily on grassland with short arable breaks. Class 4.2 land is primarily suited to grassland with some limited potential for other crops (barley, oats and forage crops). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 6.1 land is capable of only rough grazing due to intractable physical limitations; the semi-natural vegetation provides grazing of high value. Class 6.2 land is capable of only rough grazing due to intractable physical limitations; the semi-natural vegetation provides grazing of moderate value. Class 6.3 land is capable of only rough grazing due to intractable physical limitations; the semi-natural vegetation provides grazing of low value. Class 7 land is of very limited agricultural value and use is restricted to very poor rough grazing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unclassified land. Built-up area. 	

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