Welcome

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Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) is dedicated to campaigning for crofters and fighting for the future of crofting. Our mission is to safeguard and promote the rights, livelihoods and culture of crofters and their communities. SCF is the largest association of small-scale food producers in the UK.
What is crofting?

“Croft: a small piece of land surrounded by a sea of legislation”

A regulated system of land tenure formed in 1886: security of tenure; fixed rents; compensation for improvements

Crofters have to live on or near the croft and put it to good use

Legislation protects the tenant, the landlord and the land
Facts and stats

- 18,000 crofts and 13,000 crofters = about 33,000 family members, or around 10% of the population of the Highlands and Islands

- 30% of households on the mainland and 65% on Islands are crofting
  
  - About 2,000 crofters are owner-occupiers and the rest are tenants

- 770,000 ha under crofting tenure, 580,000 ha common grazings = 25% of the agricultural land area in the Highlands and Islands and 13% of Scotland’s agricultural land

- What does crofting offer?
Communities in remote places
Land, home, work
High Nature Value
Good work