

PEATWISE

Case study, New Zealand







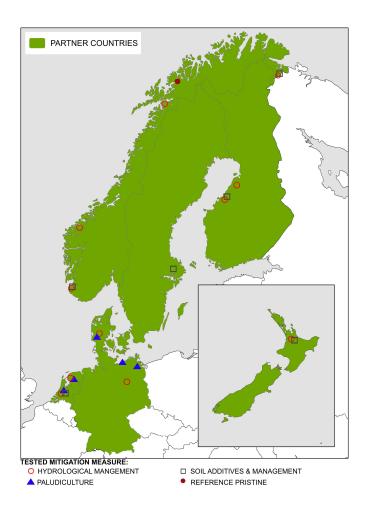




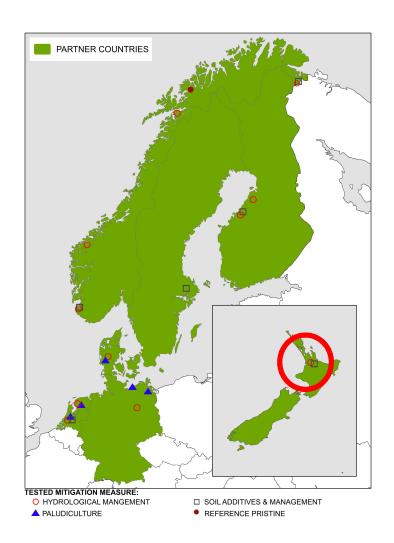












Moanatuatua, New Zealand

Site type:

Dairy farming – year-round outdoor grazing on deep peat soil

Mitigation measure tested:

WTL elevation and farm management practices





Gamma Farm, New Zealand

Contact person: Dave Campbell (davec@waikato.ac.nz)

Description, land use history: Dairy farm, Year-round rotational grazing, 3×300 cow herds

Climate		Soil quality and agronomy		Hydrology and drainage	
Location	37°57'16.10"S, 175°23'07.39" E	Peat depth	7 m	Drainage started	1970s
Mean annual precipitation (mm y-1)	1200	Underlying soil	Hinuera formation (sand/gravel)	Drain depth past (cm)	Main drains 100 cm In-field "spinner" drains 30 cm
Mean annual T (°C)	14	Crops	Ryegrass/clover permanent Fodder beet/rape summer crop	Drain depth present (cm)	Main drains 100 cm In-field "spinner" drains 30 cm
AET	~780 mm	Rotation	7 years pasture then summer crop back to pasture	Drain spacing (m)	200 m (main drains) 30 m ("spinner" drains)
PET	n/a	Fertilization Kg N ha y ⁻¹	390		
Mean length of growing season	12 months	Harvests	0		

Moanaleas Farm, New Zealand

Contact persons: Dave Campbell (davec@waikato.ac.nz)

Description, land use history: Dairy farm, Year-round rotational grazing, 3×300 cow herds

Climate		Soil quality and agronomy		Hydrology and drainage	
Location	37°57'58.90"S 175°22'39.76" E	Peat depth	6 m	Drainage started	1970s
Mean annual precipitation (mm y-1)	1200	Underlying soil	Hinuera formation (sand/gravel)	Drain depth past (cm)	Main drains 100 cm In-field "spinner" drains 30 cm
Mean annual T (° C)	14	Crops	Ryegrass/clover permanent Fodder beet/rape summer crop	Drain depth present (cm)	100 cm
AET	~780 mm	Rotation	7 years pasture then summer crop back to pasture	Drain spacing (m)	90
PET	n/a	Fertilization Kg N ha y ⁻¹	390		
Mean length of growing season	12 months	Harvests	0		

Methods – eddy covariance



Gamma Farm: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, H₂O fluxes



Moanaleas Farm: CO₂, H₂O fluxes

Methods – hydrology and peat subsidence



Laser surveying peat and drain levels



Water table level monitoring



Peat coring

Methods – methane emissions hotspots





