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What is Natural Capital?

Natural capital means "the elements of nature that directly or indirectly produce value to people, including ecosystems, species, freshwater, land, minerals, the air and oceans, as well as natural processes and functions" (Natural Capital Committee, 2017).

It is helpful to consider natural capital in the form of a logic chain that shows the links between ecosystem assets, services, benefits and value to people (Figure 1). Figure 1 shows that how much, how good and where natural assets are, affect the ecosystem services, benefits and value people get from them. It shows how management interventions, as well as pressures and drivers of change, influence this chain. Other capital inputs are also often needed for people to obtain the benefits from ecosystem services (a simple example is the processing of trees to produce wood products).

As an example, an area of woodland (ecosystem asset) may reduce air pollution created by traffic on a nearby road. This woodland is therefore improving air quality (ecosystem service) in the local area which results in cleaner air and improved health in the adjacent residential street (benefit). This cleaner air has a value because we know it impacts the health and wellbeing of communities. Sometimes we can use economic methods to put a value on benefits in monetary terms.

Figure 2 shows how natural capital assets support the provision of ecosystem services, benefits and value. The roots of the tree show how aspects of asset quality are critical to the provision of ecosystem services. The roots also show that geodiversity underpins the ecosystem assets and therefore the ecosystem services and benefits they can provide. It is important to remember that this diagram, and natural capital frameworks more generally, are a simplification of how nature works in practice.

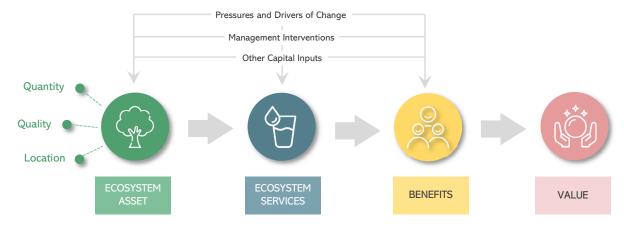


Figure 1: Generalised natural capital logic chain.

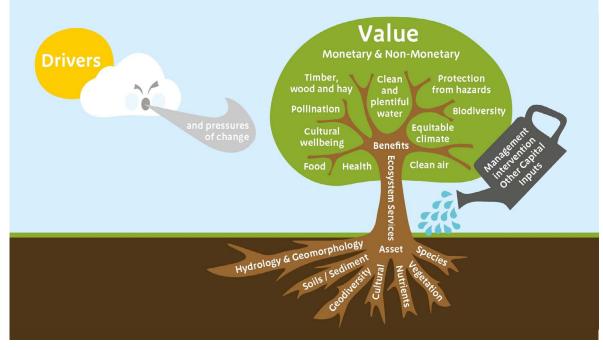


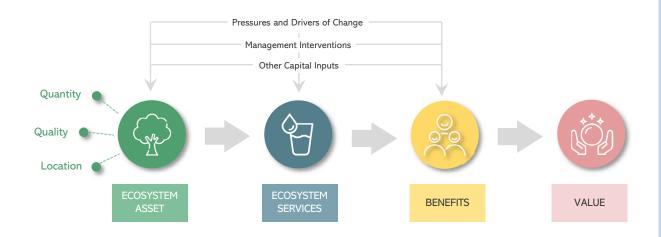
Figure 2: Natural Capital attributes: Sunderland et al. (2019). Image created by Countryscape 2019.

Measuring our Natural Capital

In 2018, Natural England published 'Natural Capital Indicators: for defining and measuring change in natural capital'. This report identified key properties of the natural environment vital for the long-term sustainability of benefits, which can act as indicators of change.

Natural England developed an innovative, systematic approach to identify attributes of the natural environment underpinning the provision of ecosystem services. This approach took account of the expert opinion of nearly 90 specialists in Natural England and the Environment Agency. From this list of attributes, indicators for measuring change were selected and prioritised into short list and long list indicators. Principles were established for defining robust indicators, stating that they should be; transparent, relevant, meaningful, knowable, actionable and scalable. Datasets that could potentially be used to map these indicators were also identified.

Logic chains were used to identify the attributes relevant to the provision of ecosystem services within each broad habitat. Only the key ecosystem services were analysed for each habitat and not all attributes were identified as indicators. For an example of a logic chain see the woodland and air quality logic chain below.



Example - Logic chain showing the characteristics that link woodland assets to the ecosystem service; air quality improvement. Short-list indicators are underlined.

Quantity:

- · Coniferous woodland
- <u>Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland</u>
- · Individual trees/veteran trees

Location:

- Distribution, connectivity and fragmentation of woodland and interaction with other habitats
- <u>Distribution of woodland in</u> <u>relation to settlements</u>

Quality:

- · Soil/sediment processes:
- Soil depth
- Soil bacteria
- Soil mycorrhizal associations
- Soil water retention
- Soil Type
- Soil erosion
- Degree of compaction
- Infiltration
- · Nutrient (and chemical) status:
- Soil N, P, C, pH
- Atmospheric deposition (exceedance of critical loads -S, N, ozone)

- Vegetation:
- Age structure
- Canopy (density and spp. composition)
- <u>Leaf surface area and duration</u> <u>across year</u>
- Understorey (density and spp composition)
- Shadiness
- Structural diversity
- Cover/bare soil
- Surface roughness/microtopography
- Tree health

- Species Composition:
- Naturalness of biological assemblage (no. of trophic levels and spp. composition within levels)
- Geology and topography:
- Geology
- Altitude, slope, aspect, landform
- Catchment characteristics

- Climatic:
- Air temperature
- Sunlight/cloud cover
- Precipitation (inc. distribution, seasonality, intensity)
- Snow cover and length of snow lie
- Frequency of freeze thaw
- Wind (especially for wind throw)
- Drought
- Length of growing season (vegetation)

Ecosystem Service Flow:

 Air pollutants removed by vegetation

Benefits:

• Clean air, also underpinning health benefits

Value:

 It is difficult to measure the value of cleaner air; monetary savings (e.g. from reduced healthcare needs) should be considered, as well as social, cultural and environmental value

Ecosystem Services

There are many different ways of classifying ecosystem services. The Natural Capital Indicators and this atlas are based on The Common International Classification of Ecosystem Services (CICES Version 4.3). In this atlas the names of those ecosystem services are expressed more simply and are represented throughout by icons. The table below provides a summary of these services and what they mean.

A table at the start of each section shows which maps to look at for each ecosystem service, and the ecosystem services are described in more detail at the start of each sub-section.

lcon	Ecosystem Service Natural Capital Atlas – plain English	Natural Capital Indicators Report – based on CICES	Benefits provided
M	Timber, hay and other materials	Materials from plants, animals and algae	Materials e.g. hay, grass for fodder, timber, paper and other products from wood.
W	Fish and other marine products from wild sources	Wild animals, plants, algae and outputs	Products from the sea e.g. fish, shellfish & seaweed for food, fertiliser, angling bait, medicines.
P	Plant-based energy	Plant-based energy	Energy from wood.
C	Cultivated crops	Cultivated crops	Food from crops e.g. cereals, vegetables, fruit.
S	Water supply	Water supply	Plentiful water e.g. water for drinking, domestic use, irrigation, livestock, industrial use including cooling, wildlife.
R	Livestock	Reared animals and outputs	Products from animals e.g. meat, dairy products, honey.
W	Water quality	Water quality	Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services, health benefits.
A	Air quality	Air quality	Clean air, also underpinning health benefits and sustainable ecosystems.
N	Noise regulation	Noise regulation	Health benefits e.g. reduced stress, hypertension, hearing impairment; benefits to sustainable ecosystems through reduction in disturbance; reduced impacts on educational $\&$ work performance.
M	Erosion control	Mass stabilisation	Erosion control e.g. soil/land retention, lack of transport disruption, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, reduced health & safety risk, reduced flood risk.
•	Flood protection	Flood protection	Reduced flood risk, affecting e.g. reduced health $\&$ safety risk, reduced impact on mental health and well-being, protection of housing, businesses $\&$ infrastructure, lack of transport disruption.
P	Pollination	Pollination and seed dispersal	Pollination underpinning cultivated crops dependent on insect pollination e.g. field beans, apples, plums, pears, cucumbers, strawberries, oil seed rape.
•	Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife	Maintenance of nursery populations and habitats	Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.
©	Climate regulation	Climate regulation	Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.
C	Cultural services	Cultural services	Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.
G	Geodiversity services	Geodiversity services	Geodiversity, in and of itself, products, such as minerals, materials, fossil fuels and renewable energy, fossils, and underpinning other services (for example by providing landscape features and habitats for example, sea cliffs, reef).

Methodology

The indicators and datasets identified in Natural England's Natural Capital Indicators Project provide the foundation for this atlas. The National Natural Capital Atlas (Natural England Commissioned Report Number 285, Wigley et al. 2020) tested the feasibility of using the indicators for producing a mapped natural capital baseline assessment. This atlas is a cut of the National Atlas, using the same nationally available indicators and datasets, however, displaying the data at a finer resolution of 5km².

This atlas provides an easy and pragmatic starting point upon which to build your natural capital evidence base. Local data might be available to map some of the Natural Capital Indicators which have not been mapped in this atlas.

The linked "How to Start Using your Atlas" document, data package and user guidance will help you to understand how to begin to use this atlas to engage others, to support the creation of strategic plans and to target interventions or measures.

To create this atlas the following steps were taken:

1. Review indicators and datasets

- ⇒ A systematic process for evaluating the datasets and indicators was undertaken
- ⇒ The feasibility of mapping each indicator was investigated
- ⇒ New datasets were added and inappropriate datasets discounted
- ⇒ Dataset gueries and enquiries were made

2. Access and collate datasets

- ⇒ National datasets were obtained from a variety of sources
- ⇒ Datasets were processed for use in GIS software

3. Define spatial analysis unit

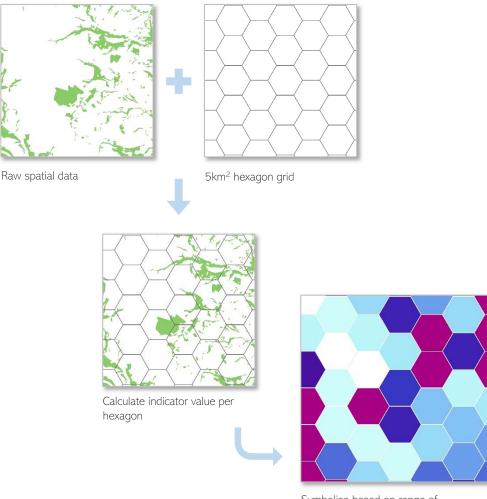
- \Rightarrow The pros and cons of different unit shapes and sizes were reviewed
- ⇒ Hexagonal units of 5km² were chosen and a 'grid' was created N.b. this is not related to the resolution of the data itself, just the optimum size of the units for display

4. Calculate indicator values

⇒ Datasets were processed and indicator values were calculated and assigned to each spatial unit (e.g. area of habitat per hexagon)

5. Create indicator maps and summary tables

⇒ The values were symbolised for the whole of the country, and indicator maps were created for each country or similar local area



Understanding & Interpreting the Maps

The maps in this atlas are a 'cut' of a national level mapping process. Therefore, the presentation of the maps has to be interpreted with this in mind.

Map Symbol Classification

The maps show values summarised by 5km² hexagons, which are then symbolised using a colour scale based on the values across the whole country. The legend at the top of each page gives a generalised key of the map colours. In order to see variation amongst the bulk of the data values, the highest 10% of values per hexagon are separated from the rest and symbolised as 'outliers' (coloured purple on the map). This is purely for visualisation purposes. The remaining per hexagon values are divided into 10 equal interval classes and are symbolised using a colour gradient (shades of blue). Values of zero are shown as either grey or white – see below and each individual page key to clarify.

Largely pale- or dark-coloured maps

Symbolising at a national scale means that for the county in this atlas there may be some maps which are predominately pale or dark shades. This means that for that specific indicator, the values are very low, or very high, when considering the data for the whole country.

Alongside this atlas, Natural England will be making the data available for use in GIS. It will therefore be possible to change the colours to make clearer the differences within a local area.

White & grey hexagons

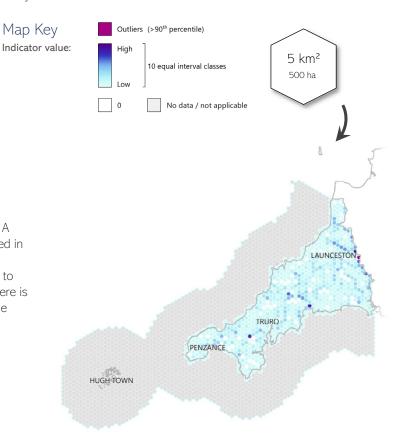
In the maps, white represents a value of 0 for the indicator for that hexagon. This could mean several things:

- The indicator does have a value of zero in that hexagon, for example, there are no areas of a particular habitat in that hexagon. See below for the difference between white hexagons and grey hexagons.
- The data shows that the indicator has a value of 0 in that hexagon, but the data is subject to one or more limitations. A limitation which may result in white hexagons is that the data is not detailed enough or is inaccurate. The datasets used in this project are all mapped at a national level and have been chosen to balance national consistency with providing accurate data. Although many of the datasets are very detailed, it may be that, for example, the national dataset used to map this indicator may not be detailed enough to pick up small areas of habitat. the hexagon may be showing that there is Om² or ha of this habitat when reality this is not the case. National datasets have been used for consistency across the county, but local knowledge can be used in combination with these maps to build up a more detailed picture.

While white hexagons have a value of 0, grey hexagons have a 'null' value for the given indicator. This means either:

- There is a gap in the dataset, and therefore there is no value available for that hexagon.
- It is not possible for the hexagon to have a value for the indicator. This is based on some broad, national-level assumptions:
 - A terrestrial habitat cannot be present in a hexagon which is entirely marine, and vice versa. Thus, the hexagons, marine or terrestrial respectively, have a 'null' value.
 - For indicators which map upland habitats, such as upland streams or upland woodland, the hexagons below the upland area are given a value of null.

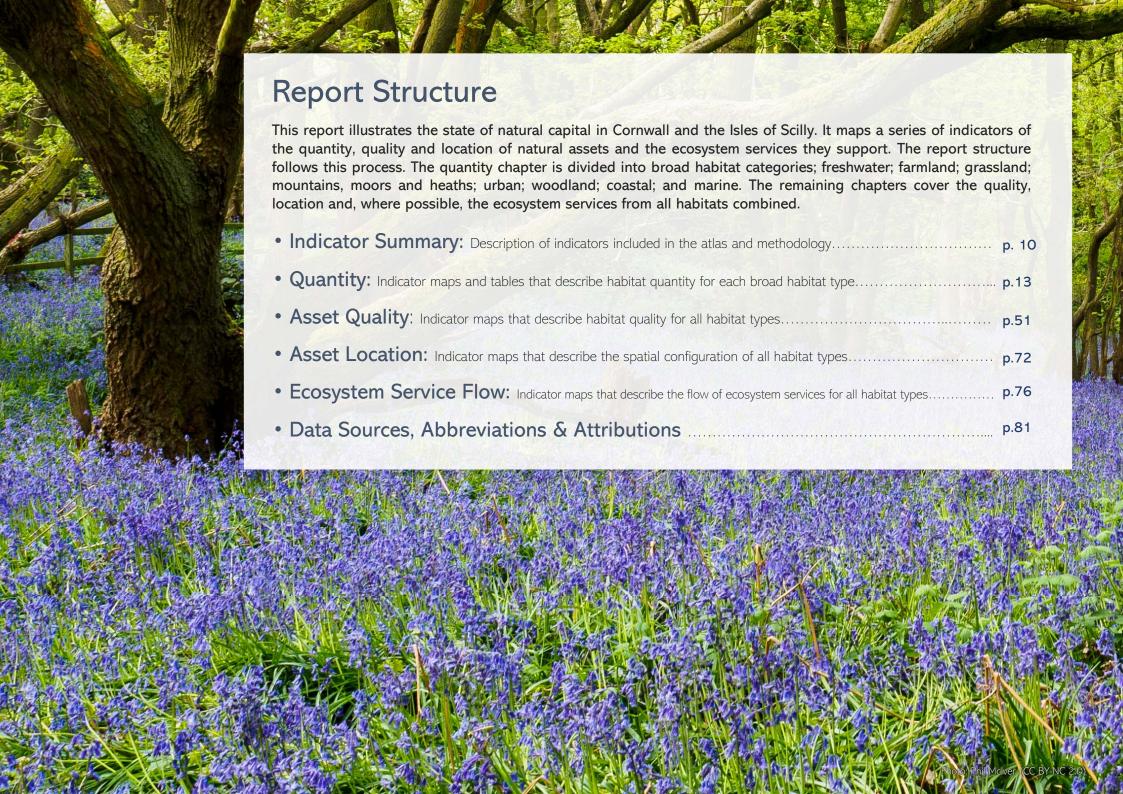
The difference between white and grey, O and null, is another situation where local knowledge will aid interpretation. There may be indicators which are predominately white in a particular county's atlas, but this is not a concern as the area is generally not appropriate for that particular habitat. For example, a low-lying area may be rich in lowland habitats, and it will not be an issue that it is not home to any upland habitats.



Quantity of Floodplains in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Majority (90%) of values range from $0-1.33~km^2$ per hexagon The 'outliers' (top 10%) range from $1.33-5~km^2$ per hexagon

All maps are @ Natural England, 2020.



Indicator Summary - Asset Quantity

The 'quantity indicators' are listed according to their broad habitat type, with references to the page where the mapped outputs appear in this report.

A quantity indicator may occur in more than one broad habitat. This is the case with the water related services (water quality, flood protection and water supply) which are considered at a whole catchment scale, in the Freshwater section. The marine and coastal parts of the report should be considered together.

Freshwater (p.14)

- 1 Active flood plain
- 2 Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh
- 3 Lakes & standing waters
- 4 Lowland Fens
- 5 Lowland raised bog
- 6 Rivers
- 7 Modified waters (reservoirs)
- 8 Reedbeds
- 9 Ponds
- 10 Blanket bog
- 11 Woodland
- 12 Other semi-natural habitats

Farmland (p.20)

- 13 Arable and rotational leys
- 13 Horticulture
- 14 Improved grassland
- 15 Orchards and top fruit
- O Permanent pasture

Grasslands (p.23)

- 16 Meadows
- 17 Other semi-natural grasslands

Mountains, Moors and Heaths (p.26)

- 18 Blanket bog
- O Bracken
- 19 Dwarf shrub heath
- 20 Inland rock, scree and pavement (AML)
- 21 Lakes (AML)
- 21 Reservoirs (AML)
- 22 Mountain heath and willow scrub
- 23 Rivers (AML)
- 24 Semi-natural grassland (AML)
- 25 Upland flushes fens and swamps
- 26 Wood pasture (AML)
- 27 Woodland (AML)

AML = Above Moorland Line

Woodland (p.32)

- Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland
- 29 Coniferous woodland
- 30 Individual trees/veteran trees
- 31 Woodland priority habitats

Indicator Key

- Included in this atlas
- O Not included in this atlas
- 12 Map ID

Urban (p.36)

- 32 Blue space
- 33 Green space not semi-natural
- 34 Open mosaic habitats
- O Urban/street trees
- 35 Semi-natural habitats
- 36 Woodland, scrub and hedge

Coastal (p.40)

- 37 Beach
- 38 Coastal lagoons
- 39 Mudflats
- 40 Salt marsh
- 41 Sand dunes
- 42 Sea cliff
- 43 Shingle

Marine (p.45)

- 44 Intertidal rock
- 45 Maerl beds
- 46 Reefs
- 47 Sea grass beds
- 48 Shallow subtidal sediment
- 49 Shelf subtidal sediment
- 50 Subtidal rock

Indicator Summary - Asset Quality

The 'quality indicators' are divided into broad categories, listed below with references to the page where the mapped outputs appear in this report.

Hydrology and Geomorphology (p.52)

- Extent of artificial drainage
- 51 Natural aquifer function recharge and discharge
- Naturalness of flooding regime
- 52 Naturalness of flow regime
- Naturalness of lake hydrological regime
- O Naturalness of water level regime
- 53 Lack of physical modifications of water bodies
- 54 River continuity lack of obstructions

Nutrient and Chemical Status (p.56)

- Atmospheric deposition exceedance of critical loads
- 55 Chemical status of water bodies
- 56 Nutrient status of water bodies
- 0 **-** pH
- 57 Nutrient status of soil
- O Dissolved oxygen

Soil/Sediment Processes (p.59)

- Sediment supply/availability (inc. type, grain size)
- 58 Peat depth
- 59 Soil/sediment carbon/organic matter content
- 60 Soil/sediment biota

Species Composition (p.62)

- O Invasive non-native species
- Net productivity by species
- Naturalness of biological assemblage no. of trophic levels and community composition in each level
- Plant species diversity

Vegetation (p. 65)

- O Extent and condition of linear vegetation features and pockets of semi natural vegetation
- O Plant growth rate
- Presence and frequency of pollinator (larval and adult) food plants
- Proportion of peat mass actively forming peat
- Surface/vegetation roughness
- 63 Extent of permanent vegetation cover
- Vegetation next to water bodies
- O Vegetation structure/structural diversity

Indicator Key

- Included in this atlas
- O Not included in this atlas
- 12 Map ID

Cultural (p.68)

- O Visibility of wildlife
- Presence of flagship species
- O Presence of rare (red list) species
- Species diversity
- 64 Naturalness of watercourses
- 65 Favourable condition of SSSIs/geosites/MPAs
- O Size of environmental space
- O Boundary features: type, length and condition
- 66 Designated historic environment assets
- 67 Tranquility
- O Perimeter access points
- 68 Public Rights of Way
- O Presence of paths accessible to all
- No. of organised events
- O Presence of clubs, schools, training centres
- Active geomorphological processes

Indicator Gaps and Limitations

The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report identified ideal indicators for measuring change in natural capital, as well as data to measure these indicators and gaps where data is not available. From the list on this page, it is evident that a number of indicators could not be included in this atlas because data was not available to measure them. Each indicator was investigated in turn and the datasets identified for mapping each indicator were tested. Many of the indicators were not mappable because the datasets were not appropriate, not readily accessible, or not available with national coverage. Some datasets existed for sub-national extents, but it was decided to use nationally-available data only, for consistency and clarity (rather than merging datasets of differing resolution or accuracy). If local data is available in some places, this data may be able to be used to map some of the missing indicators and fill in the gaps. While every effort was made to use datasets that honoured the principles outlined in the Natural England report (e.g. transparent, knowable, scalable), some indicators ultimately used less favourable datasets when no alternative was available.

Indicator Summary - Others

Location and ecosystem service indicators are listed with references to the page where the mapped outputs appear in this report.

Asset Location (p.72)

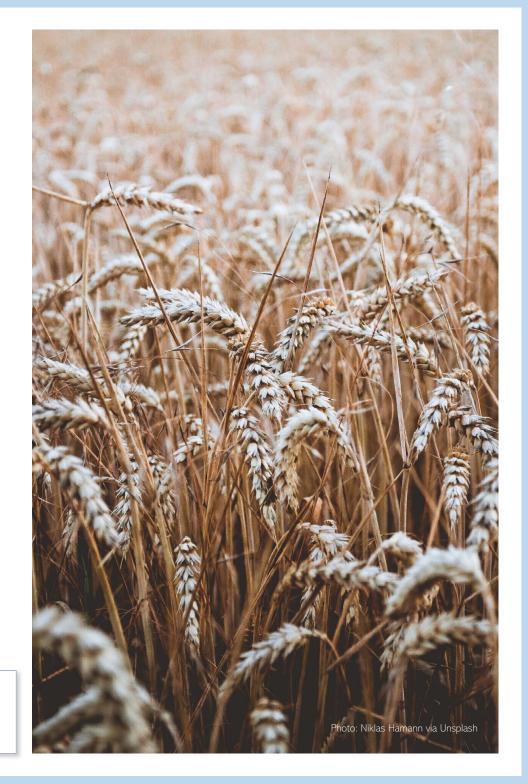
- Distribution of habitats in relation to water quality source-pathway-receptor
- Distribution of habitats and trees in relation to air quality, noise and temperature regulation
- Distribution of habitats and boundary features in relation to soil erosion and landslip risk
- O Size and distribution of habitats in relation to flood protection of settlements and infrastructure
- 69 Patch size, shape and edge
- Proximity of boundary features and semi-natural habitats to insect pollinator crops
- Transition and connectivity of aquatic, terrestrial and marine habitats
- Area for dynamic movement and development of coastal habitats
- O Proximity and accessibility of habitats to people

Ecosystem Service Flows (p.76)

- 70 Number and type of reared animals (table)
- 71 Production of crops (table)
- Production of fodder
- Production of timber, paper and other wood products
- Wood-based fuel harvested
- 72 Amount of water available for abstraction
- O Amount of fish and other marine products
- Abundance of pollinators
- Ta Carbon sequestered and greenhouse gases fixed
- O Local urban cooling
- Maintenance of wildlife, habitats and species
- Regulation of flooding
- Stabilisation of soil/sediment
- O Noise abatement
- O Air quality
- 74 Water quality (chemical & biological, including viral & bacterial)

Cultural

- O Number of visits
- O Duration of visits
- Range of activities undertaken
- O Number of school visits
- O Number of research projects



- Included in this atlas
- O Not included in this atlas
- 12 Map ID

This section breaks down England's natural environment into broad habitat types used by the UK National Ecosystem Assessment. These broad habitat types sit within landscapes and are underpinned and influenced by geodiversity. This classification system breaks down ecosystems into component parts, but in reality all aspects of a place should to be considered together to fully understand the state of natural capital.

The broad habitat types included in this atlas are:

- Freshwater
- Farmland
- Grassland
- Mountains, moors and heaths
- Woodland
- Urban
- Coastal
- Marine

ASSET QUANTITY: FRESHWATER

Freshwater habitats encompass all waterbodies and wetlands, such as rivers, lakes, ponds, fens, marshes and bogs. The importance of artificial freshwater habitats, such as canals and reservoirs, for some ecosystem services is also acknowledged. Despite occupying only 0.7% of land in England (CEH LCM2015), freshwater habitats are vital for many plant and animal species.

Freshwater habitats can regulate flooding, erosion, sedimentation, local climates and water quality, while facilitating the dilution and disposal of pollutants. Additionally, rivers provide cultural value for recreation, tourism, and education (UK NEA, 2011). This assessment primarily focuses on freshwater habitats themselves (i.e. water bodies and wetlands). However, indicators of importance for water quality, water supply and flood protection are considered in this chapter for whole freshwater catchments. This means that some indicators appear in more than one broad habitat type.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the freshwater quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Water Supply

Plentiful water e.g. water for drinking, domestic use, irrigation, livestock, industrial use including cooling, wildlife.



Flood Protection

Reduced flood risk, affecting e.g. reduced health & safety risk, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, lack of transport disruption.



Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.



Water Quality

Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services, health benefits.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.



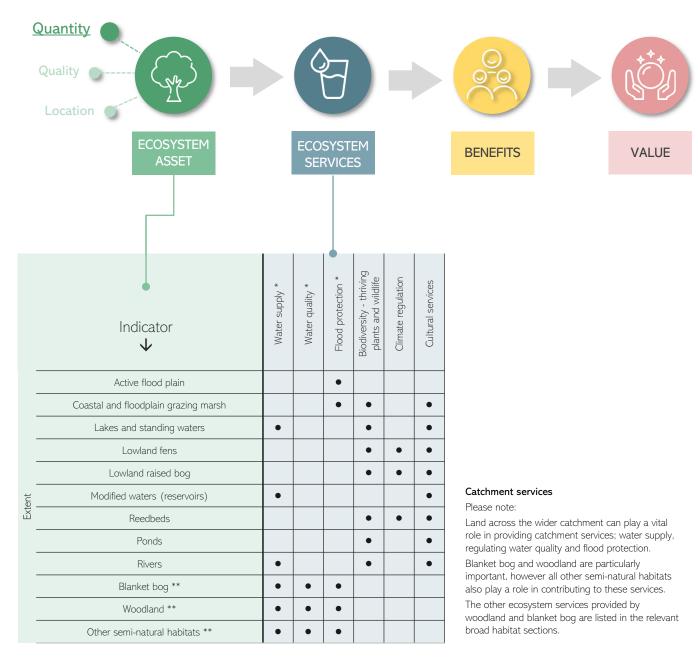
Cultural Services

Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

Asset Quantity Indicators - Freshwater

This page illustrates how the indicators for freshwater habitat quantity, or extent, are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below.

The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which were possible to map.

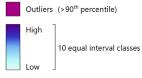


 $[\]ensuremath{^{*}}$ Ecosystem service that relates to the entire hydrological catchment

^{**} Indicator that relates to the entire hydrological catchment

Indicators showing freshwater habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Indicator value: (symbolised based on the range of values across England)





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Active Flood Plain (ID: 1)

The Environment Agency (EA)'s Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea dataset can be used to highlight the distribution of river flood plains. This map shows areas at high or medium risk.

Note that coastal flood areas are also included.

6 Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh (ID: 2)

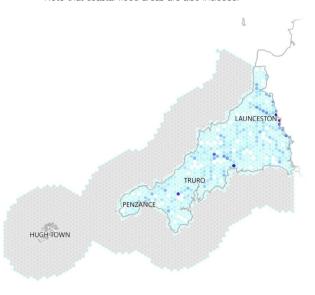
Area of coastal floodplain and grazing marsh mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.



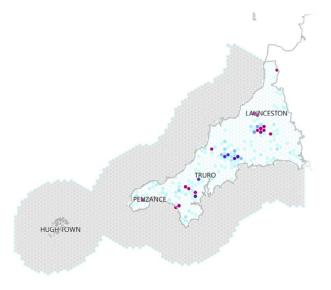
SH Lakes and Standing Waters (ID: 3)

Area of lakes and reservoirs mapped using the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH)'s UK Lakes Portal dataset.

No data / not applicable







Hexagon values: 0 - 1.33 km2; Outliers: 1.33 - 5 km2

Hexagon values: 0 - 1.05 km²; Outliers: 1.05 - 4.75 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.11 km²; Outliers: 0.11 - 4.51 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

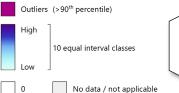
Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

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Indicators showing freshwater habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Indicator value:





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Lowland Fens (ID: 4)

Area of lowland fens mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.



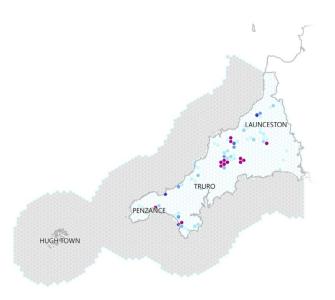
HC Lowland Raised Bog (ID: 5)

Area of lowland raised bog mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.

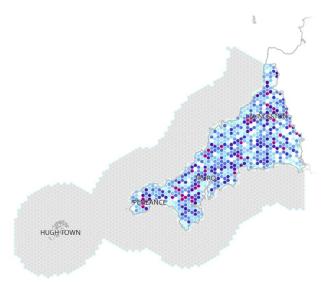


S Rivers (ID: 6)

Length of rivers mapped using EA's Water Framework Directive (WFD) river waterbodies dataset (cycle 1, to include coastal streams).







Hexagon values: 0 - 1.44 km²; Outliers: 1.44 - 3.44 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 1.11 km²; Outliers: 1.11 - 4.23 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 4.81 km; Outliers: 4.81 - 14.44 km

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

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Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife Climate regulation

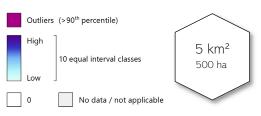
Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

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Map Key Indicator value:



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Modified Waters (Reservoirs) (ID: 7)

Area of reservoirs mapped by intersecting CEH's inventory of UK reservoirs (points) with surface water polygons (OS VectorMap District).

Reedbeds (ID: 8)

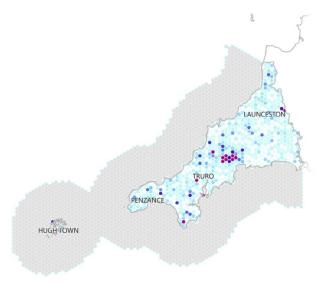
Area of reedbed habitat mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.

Ponds (ID: 9)

Area of ponds mapped by selecting surface waterbodies (from OS VectorMap District) that do not intersect rivers, are smaller than 2ha in size and are non-linear.







Hexagon values: 0 - 0.88 km²; Outliers: 0.88 - 3.68 km²

Hexagon values: $0 - 0.1 \text{ km}^2$; Outliers: $0.1 - 1.52 \text{ km}^2$

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.02 km²; Outliers: 0.02 - 0.33 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control



Flood protection



Cultural:



Geodiversity:

Cultural services

Indicators showing freshwater habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly



Blanket Bog (ID: 10)

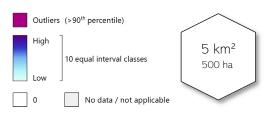
Area of blanket bog mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.



Hexagon values: 0 - 4.01 km2; Outliers: 4.01 - 5 km2

hydrological catchment, not just freshwater habitats themselves. Land across the wider catchment can play a vital role in providing water supply and regulating water quality and flows. The other ecosystem services provided by these habitats are listed in the relevant broad habitat sections.

Map Key Indicator value:



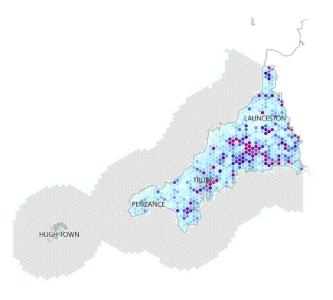
Note: All maps are @ Natural England, 2020. Data sources and attributions for each map are listed on pages 82 and 83.

Area of woodland mapped using Forestry Commission (FC)'s National Forest Inventory.



SW Other Semi-Natural Habitats (ID: 12)

Area of other semi-natural habitat mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory (including upland and lowland grasslands, heathland and saltmarsh).



Hexagon values: 0 - 1.86 km2; Outliers: 1.86 - 5 km2

Hexagon values: 0 - 1.21 km²; Outliers: 1.21 - 4.98 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops



R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality



Noise regulation



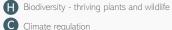
Erosion control



Flood protection



Pollination



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Geodiversity:

Cultural services

Cultural:

G Geodiversity services

River Catchments

The indicators shown on this page refer to the whole

S W Woodland (ID: 11)





ASSET QUANTITY: FARMLAND

About 70% of land in the UK is used for agriculture (Defra, 2017), producing a variety of goods for consumers across the UK and around the world. This section considers enclosed farmland, for example grazing pastures, arable fields and orchards. It varies greatly in character across the country due to a variety of factors.

In addition to primary agricultural products, farmland provides many other services to society. If managed effectively, farmland can help to prevent soil erosion by stabilising soils, support flood risk alleviation through surface water storage and runoff attenuation, and sequester carbon, assisting in global climate regulation (UK NEA, 2011). Furthermore, rare farmland birds rely on sympathetically managed farmland for food and nesting sites, and farmlands hold significant cultural and heritage value. They are often considered a key component of England's traditional countryside landscape, as well as a place for recreation via rural Public Rights of Way.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the farmland quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page). Note that the role of farmland habitats in providing water supply, water quality and flood protection services is included in the freshwater catchments section.

Livestock



Cultivated Crops Food from crops e.g. cereals, vegetables, fruit.



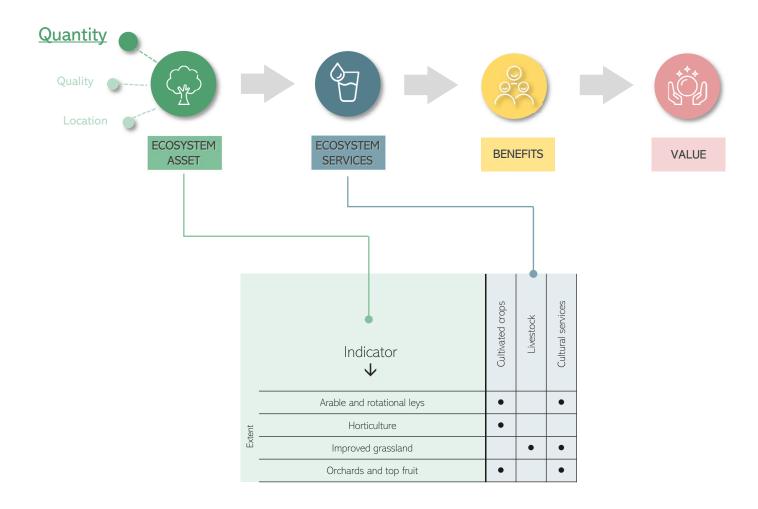
Products from animals e.g. meat, dairy products, honey.



Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

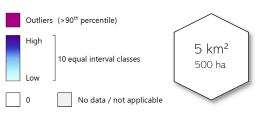
Asset Quantity Indicators - Farmland

This page illustrates how the indicators for farmland habitat quantity are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.



Indicators showing farmland habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Indicator value:



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The indicators 'Arable and Rotational Leys' and 'Horticulture' have been combined to be shown together on this map. The area of farmland used for arable and horticulture has been mapped using CEH's Land Cover Map 2015 (LCM2015).



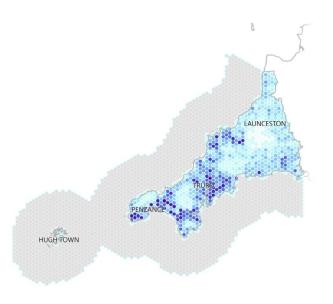
RC Improved Grassland (ID: 14)

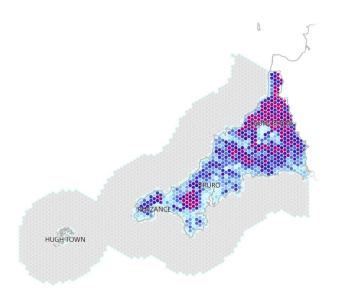
Area of improved grassland mapped using CEH's LCM2015.

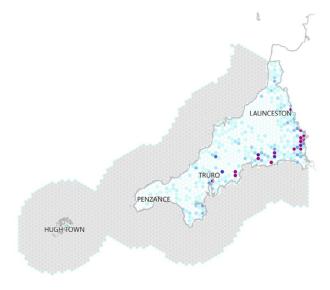


OC Orchards and Top Fruit (ID: 15)

Area of orchards and top fruit mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('traditional orchards').







Hexagon values: 0 - 4.14 km²; Outliers: 4.14 - 5 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 3.51 km²; Outliers: 3.51 - 5 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.04 km²; Outliers: 0.04 - 0.82 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUANTITY: GRASSLAND

Grassland habitats comprise almost 40% of England's land cover (CEH LCM2015), taking a variety of forms ranging from rough moorland grazing to urban parks and gardens. This chapter focuses on semi-natural grasslands, which are scarcer than other grassland types, accounting for only 5% of England's land cover. Encompassing acid, neutral and calcareous grasslands along with purple moor grass and rush pastures, semi-natural grasslands represent an important habitat for many plants and animals.

Semi-natural grassland provides a range of ecosystem services, such as supporting thriving plants and wildlife, sequestering carbon and mitigating climate change and livestock production. They also provide open space for recreation and exercise, yielding physical and mental health benefits for visitors and residents, as well as potential economic gain.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using grassland quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page). Note that the role of grassland, in providing water supply, water quality and flood protection services, is included in the freshwater catchments section.



Timber, hay and other materials

Materials e.g. hay, grass for fodder, timber, paper and other products from wood.



Pollination

Pollination underpinning cultivated crops dependent on insect pollination e.g. field beans, apples, plums, pears, cucumbers, strawberries, oil seed rape.



Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.



Livestock

Products from animals e.g. meat, dairy products, honey.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

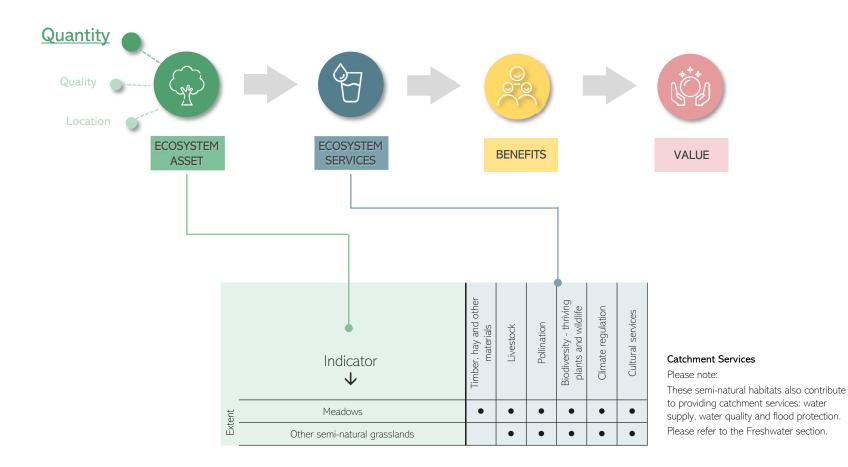


Cultural Services

Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

Asset Quantity Indicators - Grassland

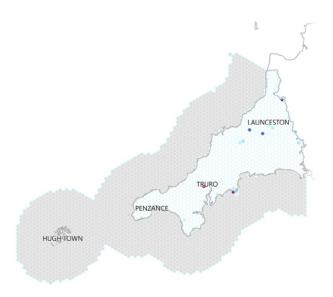
This page illustrates how the indicators for semi-natural grassland habitat quantity are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.



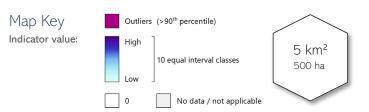
Indicators showing grassland habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

MR Meadows (ID: 16

Area of upland meadow and lowland meadow mapped using
Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('upland meadows' and 'lowland meadows'). This includes traditional hay meadows and other species rich grassland.



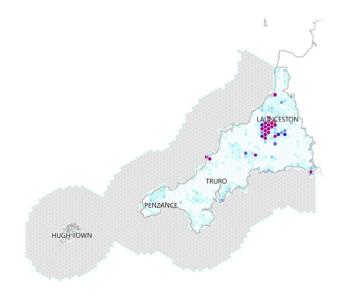
Hexagon values: 0 - 0.16 km²; Outliers: 0.16 - 3.96 km²



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BP Other Semi-Natural Grassland (ID: 17)

Area of other semi-natural grassland, mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('upland calcareous', 'lowland calcareous', 'lowland dry acid', 'good quality semi-improved', 'grass moorland' and 'purple moor grass and rush pasture').



Hexagon values: 0 - 0.59 km²; Outliers: 0.59 - 4.98 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

M Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUANTITY: MOUNTAINS, MOORS & HEATHS

Mountains, moors and heaths cover 18% of the UK's land area (CEH LCM2015), ranging from highly fragmented lowland heaths to upland moors and heathland, representing some of the largest contiguous semi-natural habitats in the UK. Mountains, moors and heaths are the source of around 70% of the UK's drinking water, hold an estimated 40% of UK soil carbon (UK NEA, 2011) and host numerous rare plants and animals.

Mountains, moors and heaths provide a wide range of ecosystem services, including food provision (from livestock, crops and game), fibre provision (sheep wool) and the regulation of water quality and river flows, as well as a host of cultural, historical and recreational services.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the mountains, moors and heaths quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Water Supply

Plentiful water e.g. water for drinking, domestic use, irrigation, livestock, industrial use including cooling, wildlife.



Water Quality

Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services. nealth benefits.



Flood Protection

Reduced flood risk, affecting e.g. reduced health & safety risk, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, lack of transport disruption.



Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.



ivestock

Products from animals e.g. meat, dairy products, honey.



Erosion control

Erosion control e.g. soil/land retention, lack of transport disruption, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, reduced health & safety risk, reduced flood risk.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching). tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.



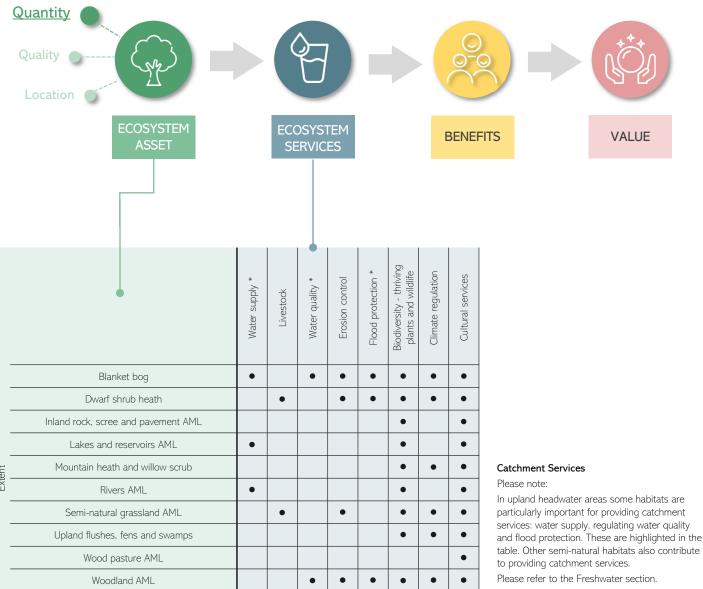
Cultural Services

Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place. spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

Asset Quantity Indicators - Mountains, Moors and Heaths

This page illustrates how the indicators for mountains, moors and heaths habitat quantity are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below.

The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which were possible to map.



^{*} Ecosystem service that was also considered under the 'freshwater hydrological catchment' chapter AML = Above moorland line

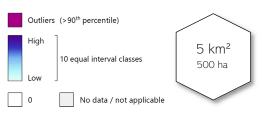
Indicators showing mountains, moors and heaths habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Duplication

RM Dwarf Shrub Heath (ID: 19)

Some of the moorland indicators duplicate habitats that are included in the freshwater indicators, e.g. blanket bog, lakes and rivers. If used for accounting purposes, the moorland components of the freshwater indicators would need to be excluded.

Map Key Indicator value:



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SW Blanket Bog (ID: 18)

Area of blanket bog mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.



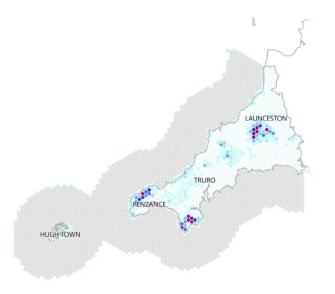
Area of dwarf shrub heath mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('fragmented heath', 'lowland heathland' and 'upland heathland').



(Above Moorland Line) (ID: 20)

Area of inland rock and limestone pavement above the moorland line, mapped using CEH's LCM2015 ('inland rock'), Natural England's Priority Habitats Inventory ('limestone pavement') and Rural Payments Agency (RPA)'s Moorland Line dataset.





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Hexagon values: 0 - 4.01 km2; Outliers: 4.01 - 5 km2

Hexagon values: 0 - 2.23 km²; Outliers: 2.23 - 4.98 km²

N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white = 0 km² Hexagon values: 0 - 0.45 km²; Outliers: 0.45 - 3.43 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

W Water quality



Erosion control



Flood protection



Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

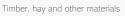
Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

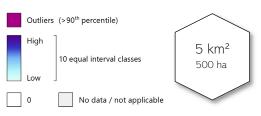




S Water supply R Livestock

Indicators showing mountains, moors and heaths habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Indicator value:



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SH Lakes and Reservoirs (Above Moorland Line) (ID: 21)

The indicators 'Lakes (AML)' and 'Reservoirs (AML)' have been combined to be shown together on this map. The area of lakes and reservoirs above the moorland line has been mapped using CEH's UK Lakes dataset, CEH's Inventory of UK reservoirs dataset and RPA's Moorland Line dataset. Note: many large water bodies are excluded from the moorland boundary.



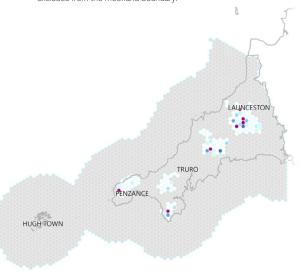
HC Mountain Heath and Willow Scrub (ID: 22)

Area of mountain heath and willow scrub mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.

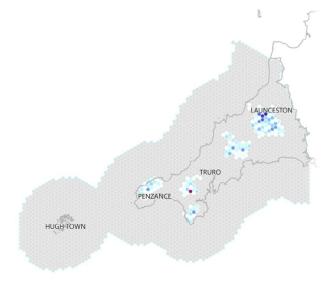


SH Rivers (Above Moorland Line) (ID: 23)

Length of rivers mapped using EA's WFD river waterbodies dataset and RPA's Moorland Line dataset.







N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white = 0 km² Hexagon values: 0 - 0.03 km²; Outliers: 0.03 - 0.25 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.68 km²; Outliers: 0.68 - 1.27 km²

N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white = 0 km² Hexagon values: 0 - 2.9 km; Outliers: 2.9 - 6.26 km

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisionina:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality



Noise regulation

Erosion control



Flood protection





Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife



Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

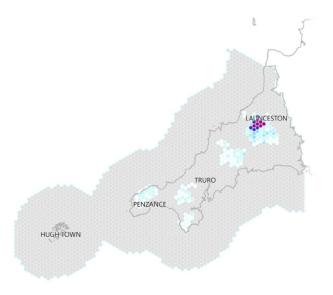
Geodiversity:



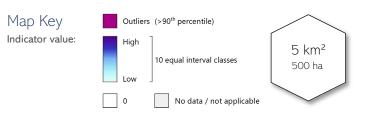
Indicators showing mountains, moors and heaths habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

RM Semi-Natural Grassland (Above Moorland Line) (ID: 24)

G Area of semi-natural grassland above the moorland line, mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory (including calcareous grassland, good quality semi-improved grassland, grass moorland, meadows etc.) and RPA's moorland line dataset.



N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white = 0 km² Hexagon values: 0 - 1.94 km²; Outliers: 1.94 - 4.97 km²

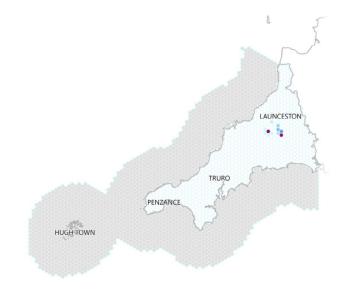


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HC Upland Flushes, Fens & Swamps (ID: 25)

Area of upland flushes, fens and swamps, mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.



Hexagon values: 0 - 0.25 km²; Outliers: 0.25 - 3.38 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

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Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

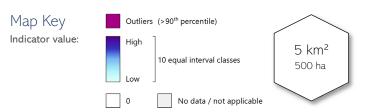
Indicators showing <u>mountains</u>, <u>moors and heaths</u> habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

© Wood Pasture (Above Moorland Line) (ID: 26)

Area of wood pasture above the moorland line, mapped using Natural England's provisional Wood-Pasture and Parkland BAP Priority Habitat Inventory and RPA's Moorland line dataset.

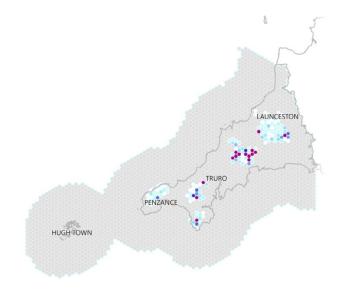


N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white = 0 km² Hexagon values: $0-0.16 \text{ km}^2$; Outliers: $0.16-0.91 \text{ km}^2$



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N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white = 0 km^2 Hexagon values: $0 - 0.15 \text{ km}^2$; Outliers: $0.15 - 1.44 \text{ km}^2$

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

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Noise regulation

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H Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUANTITY: WOODLAND

Woodland occupies 1.3 million hectares (12.5%) of England's land cover, of which 74% is broadleaved and 26% is coniferous (Forestry Research, 2018). Much of this woodland has been subject to extensive management and modification, but nonetheless still represents very important habitat for a multitude of rare and threatened organisms. Ancient woodlands are especially important, supporting unique, complex and rich ecosystems.

As well as providing habitats for wildlife, woodlands both store and sequester large amounts of carbon, helping to negate the effects of global climate change. Urban woodland can improve air quality by filtering particulate pollutants and can also mitigate noise pollution when appropriately positioned. Woodlands play an important role in water management, helping to improve water quality and alleviate downstream flood risk. Woodland also has immense cultural and recreational value.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the woodland quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page). Note that the role of woodland, in providing water supply, water quality and flood protection services, is included in the freshwater catchments section.



Timber, hay and other materials

Materials e.g. hay, grass for fodder, timber, paper and other products from wood.



Air Quality

Clean air, also underpinning health benefits and sustainable ecosystems.



Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.



Plant-Based Energy

Energy from wood.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

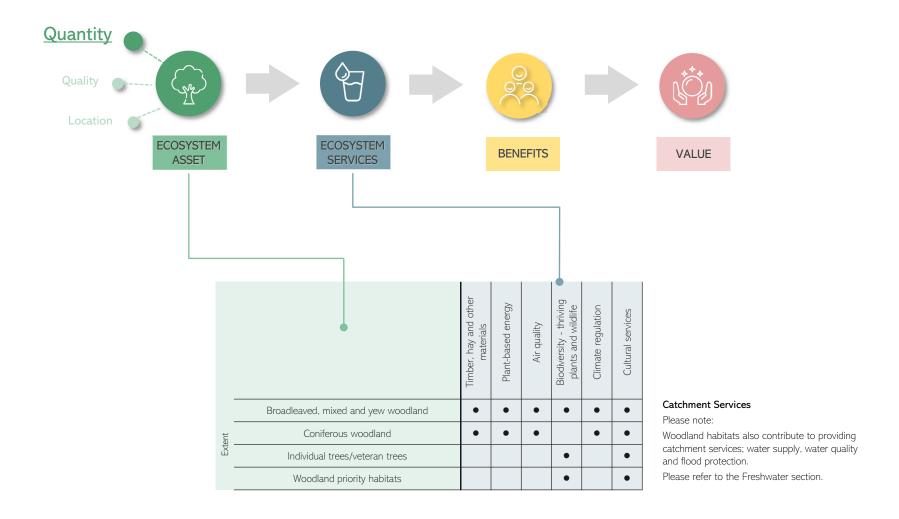


Cultural Services

Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

Asset Quantity Indicators - Woodland

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Indicators showing woodland habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

National Forest Inventory.

MP Broadleaved, Mixed and Yew Woodland (ID: 28)

Area of broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland mapped using FC's

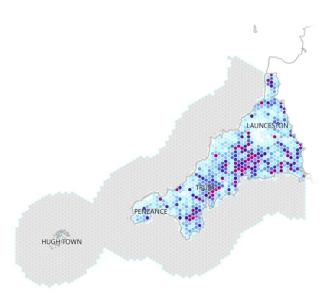
Map Key Outliers (>90th percentile) Indicator value: 5 km^2 10 equal interval classes 500 ha No data / not applicable

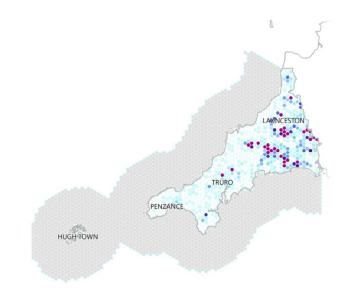
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MP Coniferous Woodland (ID: 29)



Area of coniferous woodland mapped using FC's National Forest





Hexagon values: 0 - 0.81 km²; Outliers: 0.81 - 4.07 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.46 km²; Outliers: 0.46 - 4.1 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

Indicators showing woodland habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key
Indicator value:

High
Low

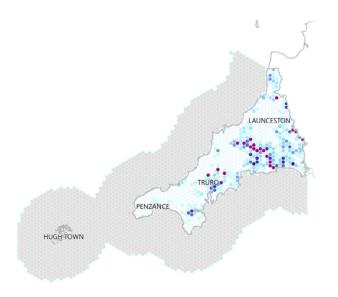
Outliers (>90th percentile)

5 km²
500 ha

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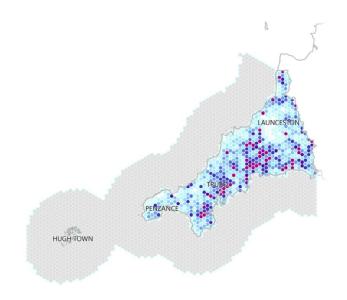
H C Ancient Woodland (Individual/veteran trees) (ID: 30)

The natural capital indicator is individual/veteran trees, but it was unfeasible to map this at a national scale, so instead mapped here is ancient woodland using Natural England's Ancient Woodland dataset.





Area of woodland priority habitat mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('deciduous woodland').



Hexagon values: $0-0.76\ km^2$; Outliers: $0.76-4.8\ km^2$

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.71 km²; Outliers: 0.71 - 3.86 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

M Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUANTITY: URBAN

Urban areas in the UK cover just under 7% of land area, yet are home to 8 out of 10 people, often living at extremely high population densities. Pockets of green space assume disproportionate ecological and cultural significance within urban areas. However, urban populations are also dependent on other broad habitats in rural areas for provision of most of their ecosystem services (UK NEA, 2011).

Despite occupying a relatively small area within our towns and cities, the urban natural environment provides a wide range of ecosystem services. Gardens represent a highly heterogeneous urban sub-habitat, supporting a diverse array of plants and animals, and can be particularly important for pollination services. Amenity greenspaces (parks, outdoor sports facilities) are vital for community cohesion, and the mental and physical health of urban residents (UK NEA, 2011). Such cultural and recreational services are particularly important in urban areas, where human population density is higher than in all other habitats.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the urban quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page). Note that the role of urban areas, in providing water supply, water quality and flood protection services, is included in the freshwater catchments section.



Air Quality
Clean air, also underpinning health benefits and sustainable ecosystems.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.



Cultural Services

Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.



Noise Regulation

Health benefits e.g. reduced stress, hypertension, hearing impairment; benefits to sustainable ecosystems through reduction in disturbance; reduced impacts on educational & work performance.

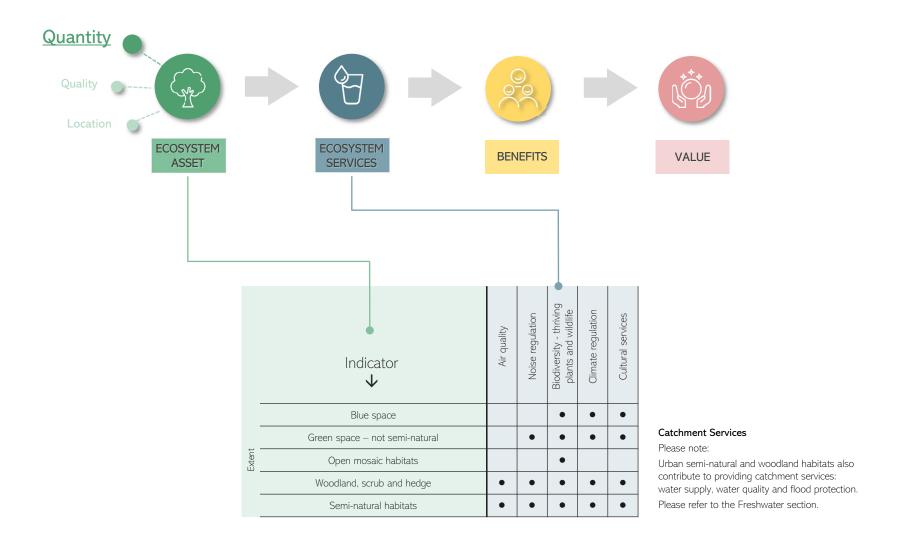


Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.

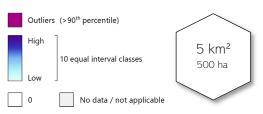
Asset Quantity Indicators - Urban

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Indicators showing urban habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Indicator value:



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Blue Space (ID: 32)

Area of urban blue space mapped by intersecting OS VectorMap District Surface Water with the Office for National Statistic (ONS)'s Built-Up areas dataset.



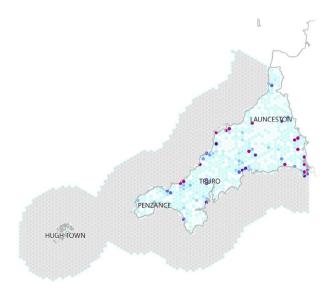
NH Green Space (ID: 33)

Area of urban green space (not semi-natural), mapped using the OS Open Greenspace Layer.



Area of open mosaic habitats on previously developed land, mapped using Natural England's draft Open Mosaic Habitat dataset.





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Hexagon values: 0 - 0.05 km²; Outliers: 0.05 - 1.54 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.53 km²; Outliers: 0.53 - 4.9 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.23 km²; Outliers: 0.23 - 3.81 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

Indicators showing urban habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key
Indicator value:

High
Low

Outliers (>90th percentile)

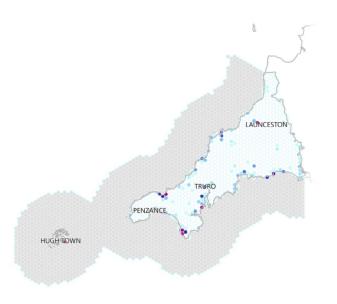
5 km²
500 ha

No data / not applicable

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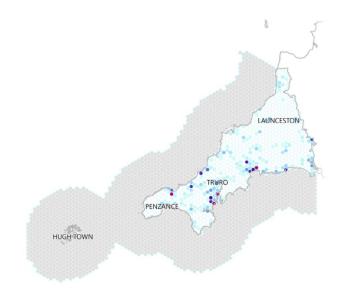
AN Semi-Natural Habitats (ID: 35)

Area of urban semi-natural habitats mapped by intersecting Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory habitats (excluding woodland, good quality semi-improved grassland and traditional orchards) with ONS Built-Up Areas.



AN Woodland, Scrub and Hedge (ID: 36)

While urban scrub and hedge are difficult to map at a national scale, the area of urban woodland is mapped here by intersecting FC's National Forest Inventory with ONS Built-Up Areas.



Hexagon values: 0 - 0.03 km²; Outliers: 0.03 - 3.13 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.13 km²; Outliers: 0.13 - 1.92 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

M Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUANTITY: COASTAL

England's coastline accounts for less than 1% of land cover, but hosts a wealth of habitats, including saltmarsh, shingle, sand dunes, mudflats and sea cliffs. These habitats are important for a variety of life, such as rare coastal plants, wading birds and marine mammals. Additionally, coastal habitats can act as important nursery sites for commercially valuable fish species.

Coastal habitats provide a range of benefits to society. While provisioning services in the coastal margins are relatively minor (e.g. meat and wool from livestock grazing on saltmarsh, cooling water for nuclear power stations), cultural and regulatory services can be immensely valuable. For example, coastal habitats act as sea defences, dissipating energy to protect coastal settlements from storm events. Cultural services are numerous and are primarily linked to tourism and recreation, alongside social, artistic, and physical/mental health benefits (UK NEA, 2011).



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the coastal quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page). For a more comprehensive suite of ecosystem services from coastal and marine areas, these two parts of the report should be considered together.



Erosion control

Erosion control e.g. soil/land retention, lack of transport disruption, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, reduced health & safety risk, reduced flood risk.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.



Cultural Services

Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.



Flood Protection

Reduced flood risk, affecting e.g. reduced health & safety risk, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, lack of transport disruption.

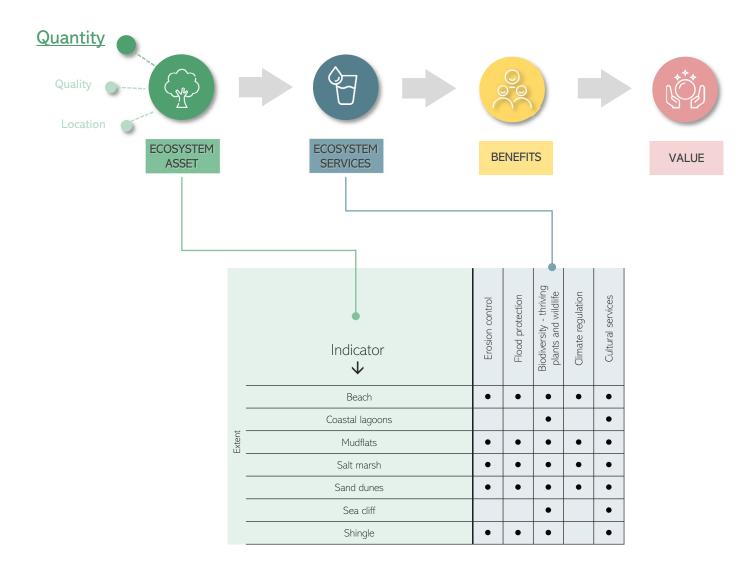


Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.

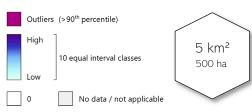
Asset Quantity Indicators - Coastal

This page illustrates how the indicators for coastal habitat quantity are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.



Indicators showing coastal habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Indicator value:



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MB Beach (ID: 37)

Area of beach mapped using OS VectorMap District ('foreshore'). Note that this dataset includes areas of intertidal sediment as well as beaches.



(ID: 38)

Area of coastal lagoons mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('saline lagoons').



M Mudflats (ID: 39)

Area of intertidal mudflats mapped using the EMODnet (Natural England) Intertidal Mudflats dataset.





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Hexagon values: 0 - 2.28 km²; Outliers: 2.28 - 5 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.2 km²; Outliers: 0.2 - 1.01 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.64 km²; Outliers: 0.64 - 4.99 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

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A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

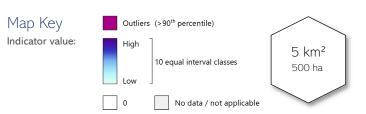
Geodiversity:

Indicators showing coastal habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

MF Salt Marsh (ID: 40) H G Area of saltmarsh mapped using EA's Saltmarsh Extent dataset.

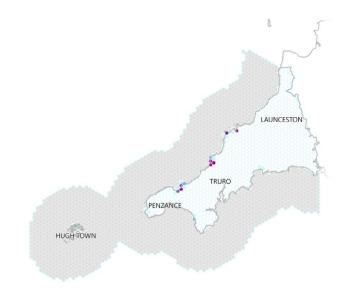


Hexagon values: $0 - 0.87 \text{ km}^2$; Outliers: $0.87 - 4.54 \text{ km}^2$



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Hexagon values: 0 - 0.88 km²; Outliers: 0.88 - 3.22 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

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Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

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Noise regulation

M Erosion control



Flood protection



Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

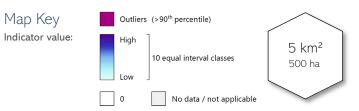
Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

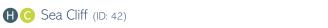
Geodiversity:

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Area of shingle mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat

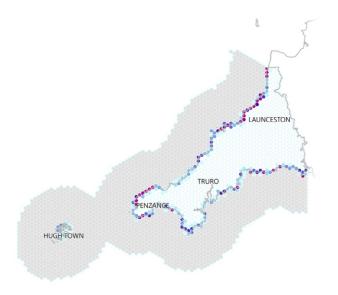


Area of sea cliff habitat mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('maritime cliff and slopes').



Inventory ('coastal vegetated shingle').

M Shingle (ID: 43)



Hexagon values: 0 - 0.42 km²; Outliers: 0.42 - 1.33 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.42 km²; Outliers: 0.42 - 4.23 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

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Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

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Regulating:

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Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUANTITY: MARINE

Marine habitats of the UK cover more than three and a half times the land area and are composed of a wide variety of sub-habitats. These sub-habitats support a diverse array of life, including seabirds, marine mammals and sharks.

Marine habitats provide numerous ecosystem services, many of which are of significant value to society. The fishing industry remains an important socio-economic activity in coastal regions, harvesting fish and shellfish for consumption in the UK and abroad. The marine environment acts as a carbon sink, regulating the global climate, while various sub-tidal habitats stabilise sediment and reduce wave energy, creating natural sea defences. In addition, marine habitats provide tourism, leisure and recreation opportunities, and promote physical and mental health (UK NEA, 2011). This assessment focuses on inshore waters, up to 12 nautical miles from the coastline. This section includes intertidal and subtidal habitats, other than those covered in the coastal section. Marine indicators include both the seabed and the water column above.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the marine quantity indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page). For a more comprehensive suite of ecosystem services from coastal and marine areas, these two parts of the report should be considered together.



Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Products from the sea e.g. fish, shellfish & seaweed for food, fertiliser, angling bait, medicines.



Water Quality

Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services, health benefits.



Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.



Cultural Services

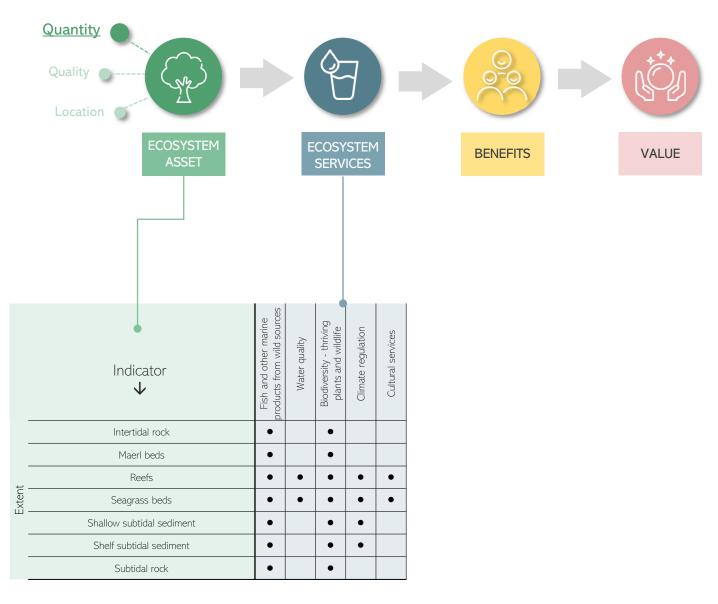
Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

Asset Quantity Indicators - Marine

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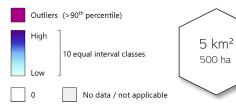
The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which were possible to map.

Note: these indicators include the seabed and the water column.



Indicators showing marine habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Indicator value:



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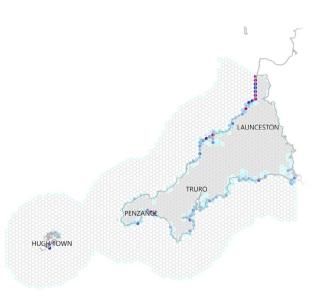
Area of intertidal rock mapped using Natural England's Open Marine Evidence Base (EUNIS code A1).

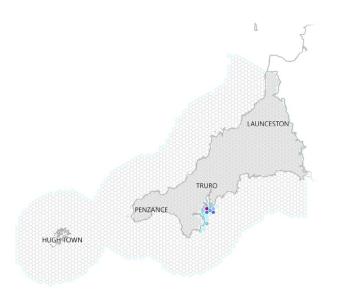


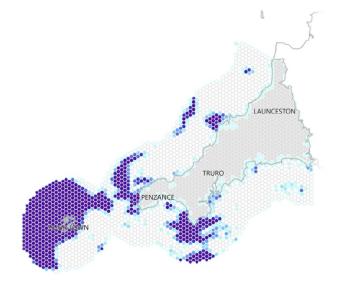
Area of maerl beds mapped using Natural England's Open Marine Evidence Base (EUNIS code A5.51).

WW Reefs (ID: 46)

Area of reefs mapped using JNCC's Potential Annex 1







Hexagon values: 0 - 0.28 km²; Outliers: 0.28 - 3.5 km²

Hexagon values: 0 - 2.34 km²; Outliers: 2.34 - 4.95 km²

Hexagon values: $0 - 5 \text{ km}^2$ (see note on data distribution)

N.b. There are no 'outliers' symbolised on this map because a large number of the data values are distributed at the high end of the scale. Instead, 10 equal interval classes are used.

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

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Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

Indicators showing marine habitat quantity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Map Key Outliers (>90th percentile) Indicator value: 5 km^2 10 equal interval classes 500 ha No data / not applicable

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WH Seagrass Beds (ID: 47)

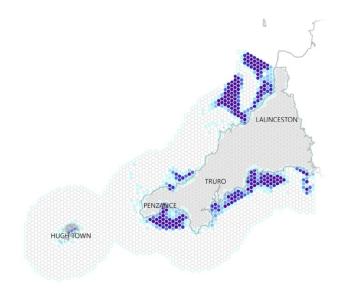
Area of seagrass beds mapped using Natural England's Open Marine Evidence Base (EUNIS code A2.61).

There are pockets of seagrass beds all around the English coast. A number of citizen science projects are attempting to map seagrass distribution, which should help to improve the accuracy of these habitat maps.



W A Shallow Subtidal Sediment (ID: 48)

Area of shallow subtidal sediment mapped using JNCC's UKSea Map 2018 (biozone = shallow circalittoral or infralittoral and substrate = sediment, sand or mud).



Hexagon values: 0 – 5 km² (see note on data distribution)

N.b. There are no 'outliers' symbolised on this map because a large number of the data values are at the high end of the scale. Instead, 10 equal interval classes are used.

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.62 km²; Outliers: 0.62 - 1.68 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

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Regulating:

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Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

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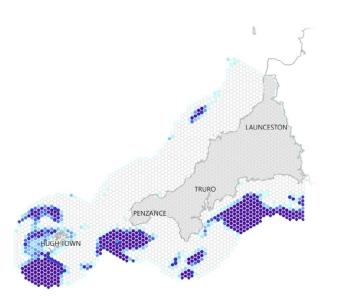
Map Key Outliers (>90th percentile) Indicator value: 5 km^2 10 equal interval classes 500 ha No data / not applicable

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MH Shelf Subtidal Sediment (ID: 49)



Area of shelf subtidal sediment mapped using JNCC's UKSea Map 2018 (biozone = deep circalittoral and substrate = sediment, sand or mud).

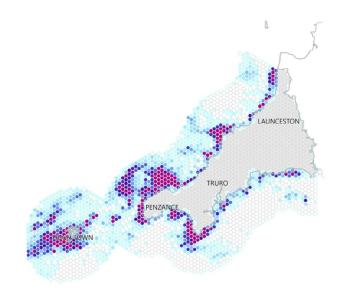


Hexagon values: 0 – 5 km² (see note on data distribution)

N.b. There are no 'outliers' symbolised on this map because a large number of the data values are at the high end of the scale. Instead, 10 equal interval classes are used.



Area of subtidal rock mapped using JNCC's UKSea Map 2018 (substrate = rock).



Hexagon values: 0 - 3.14 km²; Outliers: 3.14 - 5 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

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Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

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Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

Summary statistics for $\underline{\text{habitat quantity}}$ in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Area (km²)	Percentage of total land area
1	Fr	Active flood plain	114.1	3.1
2	Fr	Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh	4.7	0.1
3	Fr	Lakes & standing waters	9.5	0.3
4	Fr	Lowland fens	7.1	0.2
5	Fr	Lowland raised bog	0.0	0.0
7	Fr	Modified waters (reservoirs)	5.1	0.1
8	Fr	Reedbeds	0.4	0.0
9	Fr	Ponds	2.2	0.1
10	Fr	Blanket bog	4.8	0.1
11	Fr	Woodland	330.8	9.1
12	Fr	Other semi-natural habitats	235.6	6.5
13	Fa	Arable & horticulture	988.8	27.2
14	Fa	Improved grassland	1697.6	46.7
15	Fa	Orchards & top fruit	2.6	0.1
16	Gr	Meadows	1.0	0.0
17	Gr	Other semi-natural grasslands	52.7	1.5
18	MMH	Blanket bog	4.8	0.1
19	ММН	Dwarf shrub heath	110.5	3.0
20	ММН	Inland rock, scree and pavement AML	1.3	0.0
21	ММН	Lakes and reservoirs AML	0.4	0.0

ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Area (km²)	Percentage of total land area
22	ММН	Mountain heath & willow scrub	0.0	0.0
24	ММН	Semi-natural grassland AML	33.9	0.9
25	ММН	Upland flushes fens & swamps	1.4	0.0
26	ММН	Wood pasture AML	0.0	0.0
27	ММН	Woodland AML	6.1	0.2
28	Wo	Broadleaved, mixed & yew woodland	244.2	6.7
29	Wo	Coniferous woodland	49.9	1.4
30	Wo	Ancient woodland	71.5	2.0
31	Wo	Woodland Priority Habitats	211.6	5.8
32	Ur	Blue space	0.3	0.0
33	Ur	Green space: not semi-natural	37.3	1.0
34	Ur	Open mosaic habitats	31.2	0.9
35	Ur	Semi-natural habitats	1.5	0.0
36	Ur	Woodland, scrub and hedge	5.4	0.1
37	Со	Beach	62.1	1.7
38	Со	Coastal lagoons	0.4	0.0
39	Со	Mudflats	6.7	0.2
40	Со	Salt marsh	4.0	0.1
41	Со	Sand dunes	12.9	0.4
42	Со	Sea cliff	44.2	1.2
43	Со	Shingle	0.2	0.0

ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Area (km²)	Percentage of total marine area
44	Ма	Intertidal rock	16.0	0.2
45	Ма	Maerl beds	15.7	0.2
46	Ма	Reefs	3053.6	30.1
47	Ма	Sea grass beds	0.5	0.0
48	Ма	Shallow subtidal sediment	1271.3	12.5
49	Ма	Shelf subtidal sediment	2125.4	20.9
50	Ма	Subtidal rock	1611.9	15.9

ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Length (km)
6	Fr	Rivers	1651.1
23	MMH	Rivers (above moorland line)	53.9

Habitat type codes:

Fr – Freshwater

Fa – Farmland

Gr – Grassland

MMH – Mountains, Moors and Heaths

Wo – Woodland

Ur – Urban

Co – Coastal

Ma – Marine

AML = Above moorland line



ASSET QUALITY: HYDROLOGY & GEOMORPHOLOGY

The hydrology and geomorphology of habitats influence their ability to provide ecosystem services and subsequently impacts the benefits received by society. Hydrology is concerned with the properties of the Earth's water, especially its movement in relation to land. Geomorphology is the study of landforms, their processes, form and sediments at the surface of the Earth.

To understand natural capital quality, hydrological and geomorphogical processes are important, because they relate to the processes, distribution and effects of water, the water cycle and sediment processes.

Hydrology and geomorphology have wide-ranging effects on the delivery of ecosystem services. Water supply is affected by the naturalness of aquifer function and river flow regime. River channel obstruction may block the migration of diadromous fishes and channel modification may lead to the loss of fish nursery habitat. Flood risk in different locations is influenced by the underlying geology and the way in which the local natural hydrological processes operate. It can be increased by human management actions for example, modifying river channels and covering natural surfaces with impermeable materials.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the hydrology and geomorphology indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Water Supply

Plentiful water e.g. water for drinking, domestic use, irrigation, livestock, industrial use including cooling, wildlife.



Flood Protection

Reduced flood risk, affecting e.g. reduced health & safety risk, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, lack of transport disruption.

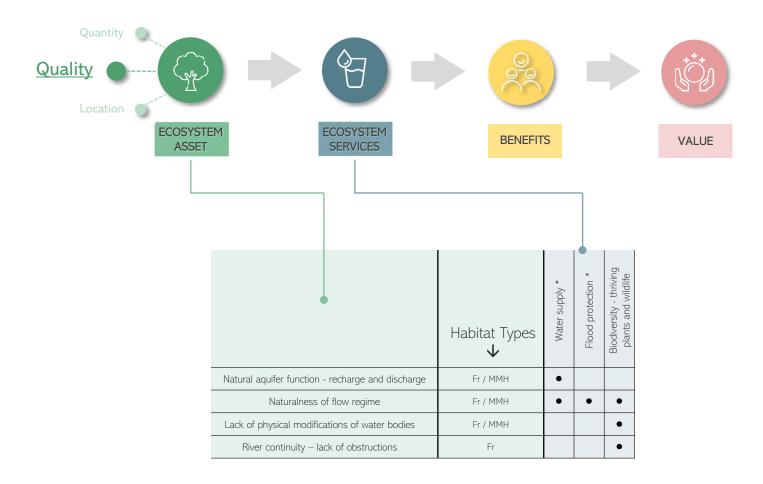


Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

Asset Quality Indicators - Hydrology & Geomorphology

This page illustrates how the indicators for habitat quality (hydrology and geomorphology) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.



Habitat types: Fr – Freshwater, Fa – Farmland, Gr – Grassland, MMH – Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo – Woodland, Ur – Urban, Co – Coastal, Ma - Marine

^{*} Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

Indicators of habitat quality: hydrology and geomorphology

S Natural Aquifer Function (ID: 51)

Area of groundwater catchment with 'good' quantitative status for WFD 2016 shown in blue and mapped using EA's WFD data and groundwater catchment boundaries (C2).

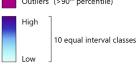
Ground water quantity status is described as 'good' when the long-term available water resource is not exceeded by the long-term rate of abstraction. This includes consideration of flow required to achieve good ecological status.



Groundwater status:









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S F Naturalness of Flow Regime (ID: 52)

The WFD hydrological regime classification describes the naturalness of river flows. This map shows the length of river with 'high' WFD hydrological status in 2016, shown in blue and mapped using EA's WFD data and river water bodies (C2).

'High' status signifies the quantity and dynamics of flow, and the resultant connection to groundwaters, reflect totally, or nearly totally, undisturbed conditions.



WFD Hydrological Status:

- High

Supports good, does not support good, or not assessed

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

Indicators of habitat quality: hydrology and geomorphology

Map Key Outliers (>90th percentile) Indicator value: 5 km^2 10 equal interval classes 500 ha No data / not applicable

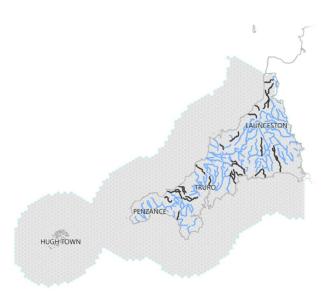
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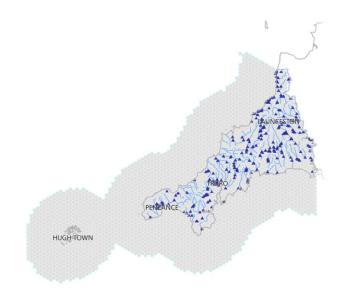
H Lack of Physical Modifications of Water Bodies (ID: 53)

Lack of physical modification of rivers, shown in blue and mapped using EA's Reasons for Not Achieving Good Status data 2013-2016 (Significant Water Management Issue (SWMI) = 'physical modification').



River obstructions have been mapped using EA's Potential Sites of Hydropower Opportunity dataset. Sections without (or with fewer) river obstructions have higher river continuity.





WFD Significant Water Management Issue:

- Does not have a 'physical modification' (SWMI)
- Does have a 'physical modification' (SWMI)

▲ Potential sites of hydropower opportunity (obstruction)

WFD river

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality



Noise regulation



Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:



Geodiversity:

ASSET QUALITY: NUTRIENT & CHEMICAL STATUS

The nutrient and chemical status of habitats influence their ability to provide ecosystem services and subsequently impacts benefits received by society. Nutrient and chemical factors encompass the availability of innumerable elements and compounds in water and soil/sediment.

Excess nitrate and phosphate leads to eutrophication, with a potentially deleterious impact on biodiversity. Nitrogen and phosphate levels also affect the processing of potable water at treatment plants. For agriculture, the availability of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are vital to primary production, thus affecting the provision of food and raw materials. Nutrient and chemical status also influences waste decomposition, climate regulation and the purification of water and air.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the nutrient and chemical status indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Cultivated Crops Food from crops e.g. cereals, vegetables, fruit.



Water Quality Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services, health benefits.



Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events. lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.



ivestock Products from animals e.g. meat, dairy products, honey.

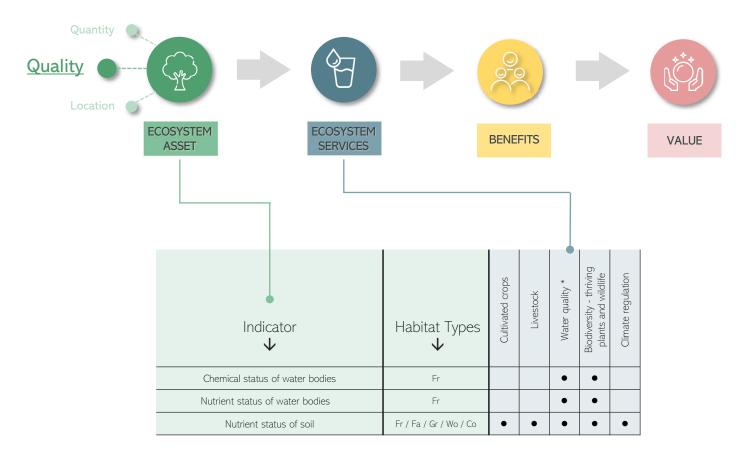


Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

Asset Quality Indicators - Nutrient and Chemical Status

This page illustrates how the indicators for habitat quality (nutrient and chemical status) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.

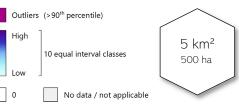


Habitat types: Fr - Freshwater, Fa - Farmland, Gr - Grassland, MMH - Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo - Woodland, Ur - Urban, Co - Coastal, Ma - Marine

^{*} Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

Indicators of habitat quality: nutrient and chemical status

Map Key Outliers (>90th pour Indicator value:



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Chemical Status of Water Bodies (ID: 55)

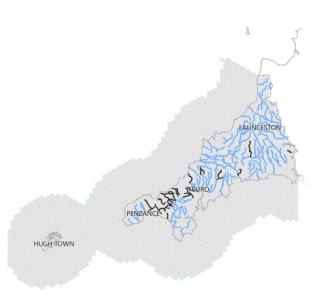
River chemical status for WFD 2016, mapped using EA's WFD data and river water bodies (C2).

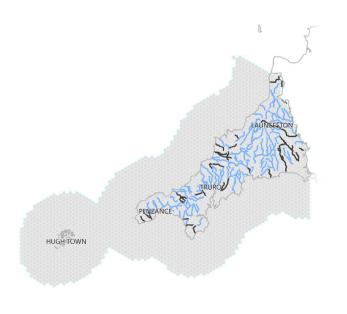
WH Nutrient Status of Water Bodies (ID: 56)

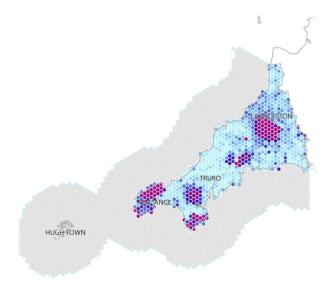
Length of river with 'good' or 'high' status for phosphate levels for WFD 2016, mapped using EA's WFD data and river water bodies (C2).

R Nutrient Status of Soil (ID: 57)

Mean estimates of total nitrogen concentration in topsoil (0-15cm depth) - % dry weight of soil, mapped using data produced from Natural England and CEH's 'Mapping Natural Capital' project: Soil nitrogen (Henrys et al., 2012).







WFD Chemical Status:
Good
Fail

WFD Phosphate Levels Status:

High or Good

Moderate, Poor or Bad

N.b. This dataset is statistically extrapolated to a national level from CEH Countryside Survey data 2007.

Hexagon values: 0.17 - 0.68%; Outliers: 0.68 - 1.7%

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

M Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

H Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUALITY: SOIL/SEDIMENT PROCESSES

The soil/sediment processes that occur in habitats influence their ability to provide ecosystem services and subsequently impacts the benefits received by society. Soil/sediment processes influence factors such as peat depth, organic matter content and soil structure.

Density of carbon/organic matter in topsoil is of vital importance to the production of both cultivated crops and natural vegetation, due to its role as the primary energy source in soils. As soil carbon is the biosphere's largest carbon reservoir, soils also play a vital role in climate regulation. Peatlands store approximately twice the carbon that is stored in all the world's forests (UN Environment, 2019), making them irreplaceable in climate regulation. Additionally, peatland supports numerous cultural services, from the preservation of ancient human artefacts to the unique and cherished 'wilderness' landscapes it underpins. Soil biota are easily overlooked, yet are crucial in nutrient cycling, soil aeration and the maintenance of healthy soil structure.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the soil/sediment processes indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Frosion control

Erosion control e.g. soil/land retention, lack of transport disruption, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, reduced health & safety risk, reduced flood risk



Water Quality

Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services, health benefits.



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

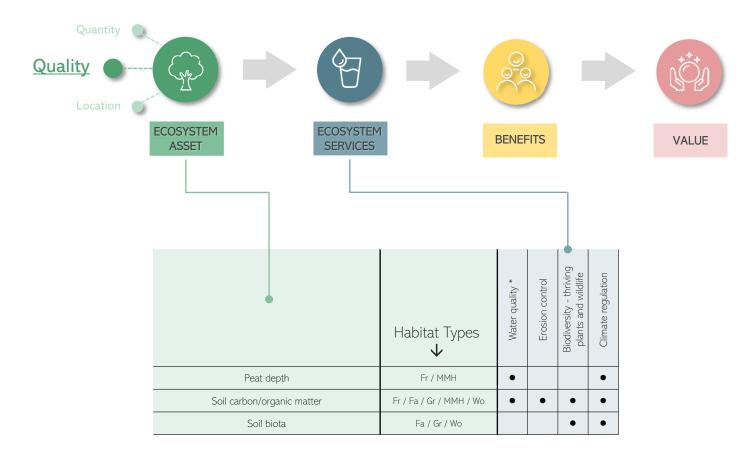


Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.

Asset Quality Indicators - Soil/Sediment Processes

This page illustrates how the indicators for habitat quality (soil/sediment processes) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.

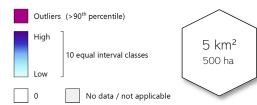


Habitat types: Fr - Freshwater, Fa - Farmland, Gr - Grassland, MMH - Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo - Woodland, Ur - Urban, Co - Coastal, Ma - Marine

^{*} Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

Indicators of habitat quality: soil/sediment processes

Map Key Indicator value:



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Area of deep peat mapped using Natural England's peaty soils location dataset.

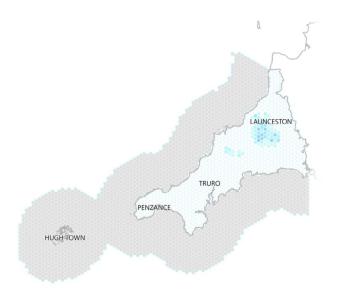


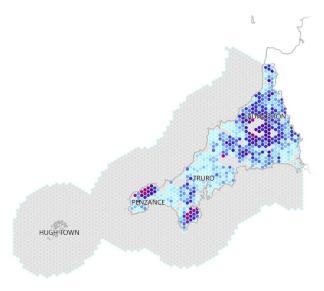
WM Soil Carbon/Organic Matter (ID: 59)

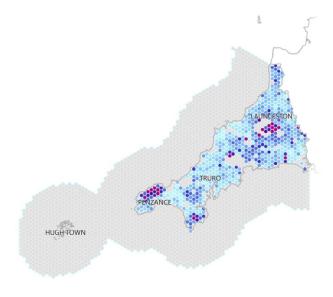
Mean estimates of carbon density in topsoil (0-15cm depth) tonnes per hectare, mapped using data produced from Natural England and CEH's 'Mapping Natural Capital' project: Soil carbon (Henrys et al., 2012). N.b. This dataset is statistically extrapolated to a national level from CEH Countryside Survey data 2007.



Mean estimates of total abundance of invertebrates in topsoil (0-8 cm depth), mapped using data produced from Natural England and CEH's 'Mapping Natural Capital' project: Soil invertebrates (Henrys et al., 2012). N.b. This dataset is statistically extrapolated to a national level from CEH Countryside Survey data 2007.







Hexagon values: 0 - 3.9 km²; Outliers: 3.9 - 5 km²

Hexagon values: 45.64 - 74.73 t; Outliers: 74.73 - 101.27 t

The modelled dataset shows that higher densities of soil invertebrates tend to be found in semi-natural, less intensively managed habitats such as woodland, acid grassland and dwarf shrub heath (Henrys et al., 2012)

Hexagon values: 11 - 80; Outliers: 80 - 183

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisionina:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops



R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality



Noise regulation



Erosion control



Flood protection



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife



Cultural:



Geodiversity:



ASSET QUALITY: SPECIES COMPOSITION

The species composition of habitats influence their ability to provide ecosystem services and subsequently impacts the benefits received by society. The composition of plant and animal species present within a habitat reflects the degree of naturalness of that habitat.

Habitats with a more natural species assemblage often have greater aesthetic and cultural value, with associated benefits for tourism, education and recreation. Species composition also impacts on provisioning services, for example, increased species richness has been shown to increase biomass production in natural and plantation forests, bolstering timber provision (Piotto, 2008). Invasive species may impair the delivery of ecosystem services due to out competing species in the natural biological assemblage.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the species composition indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Water Quality

Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services, health benefits.

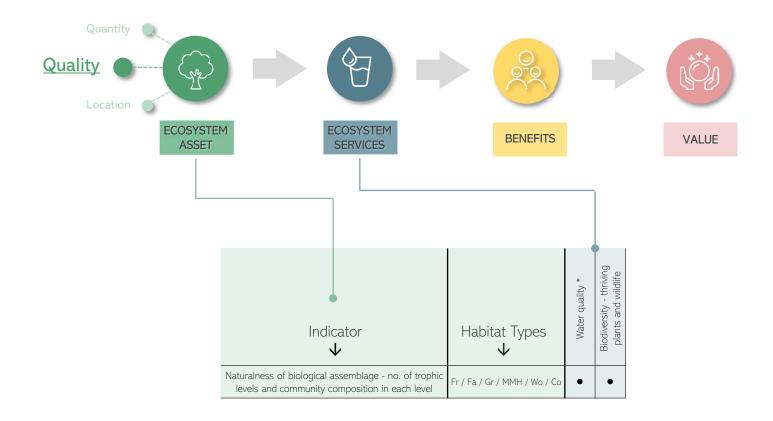


Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

Asset Quality Indicators - Species Composition

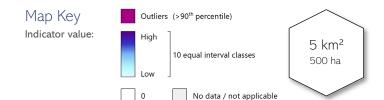
This page illustrates how the indicators for habitat quality (species composition) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.



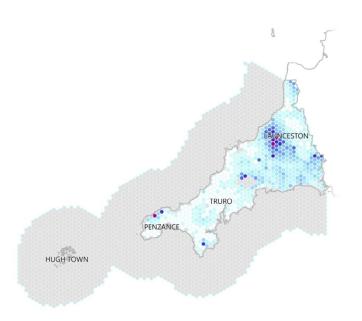
Habitat types: Fr - Freshwater, Fa - Farmland, Gr - Grassland, MMH - Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo - Woodland, Ur - Urban, Co - Coastal, Ma - Marine

^{*} Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

Indicators of habitat quality: species composition



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WH Naturalness of Biological Assemblage (ID: 61)

Naturalness of biological assemblage is a difficult indicator to map as there are a number of factors to consider. The presence of certain plant species can be indicative of good quality, natural habitats. This map shows the mean estimates of expected plant habitat indicators (% of plant habitat indicators present), mapped using data produced from Natural England and CEH's 'Mapping Natural Capital' project: Plant indicators for habitats in good condition (Maskell et al., 2016). N.b. This dataset is statistically extrapolated to a national level from CEH Countryside Survey data 2007.

Indicator plants were identified in the Common Standards Monitoring Guidance for SSSIs, so represent habitats of high conservation value.

Hexagon values: 0 - 2.81%; Outliers: 2.81 - 12.09%

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality Noise regulation Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUALITY: VEGETATION

The vegetation characteristics of habitats influence their ability to provide ecosystem services and subsequently impacts the benefits received by society. Vegetation cover, structure and the presence of nectar plants are important factors influencing the provision of ecosystem service provision. Furthermore, linear vegetation features, such as hedgerows and wooded strips, are important features of the English rural mosaic for habitat connectivity and aesthetic appreciation.

Vegetation stabilises soils and reduces flood risk by regulating the hydrological cycle. Additionally, vegetation can buffer noise pollution from roadways and scrubs gaseous pollutants like nitrogen oxides and particulates from the air. Vegetation promotes pollination of cultivated crops through the provision of nectar to pollinators.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the vegetation indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Water Quality

Clean water, also underpinning e.g. water supply, sustainable ecosystems, cultural services, health benefits.



Erosion control

Erosion control e.g. soil/land retention, lack of transport disruption, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, reduced health & safety risk, reduced flood risk.



Pollination

Pollination underpinning cultivated crops dependent on insect pollination e.g. field beans, apples, plums, pears, cucumbers, strawberries, oil seed rape.



Climate Regulation

Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.

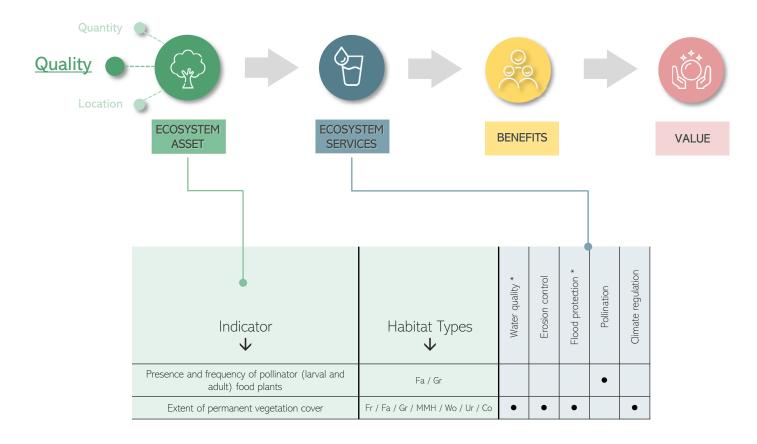


Flood Protection

Reduced flood risk, affecting e.g. reduced health & safety risk, protection of housing, businesses & infrastructure, lack of transport disruption.

Asset Quality Indicators - Vegetation

This page illustrates how the indicators for habitat quality (vegetation) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.



Habitat types: Fr – Freshwater, Fa – Farmland, Gr – Grassland, MMH – Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo – Woodland, Ur – Urban, Co – Coastal, Ma - Marine

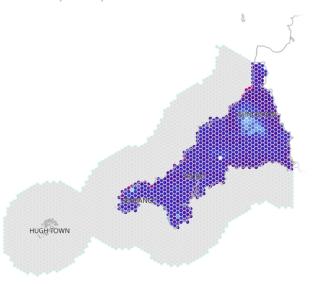
^{*} Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

Indicators of habitat quality: Vegetation

P Presence & Frequency of Pollinator Food Plants (ID: 62)

Mean estimates of number of nectar plant species for bees per 2x2m plot, mapped using data produced from Natural England and CEH's 'Mapping Natural Capital' project: Nectar plant diversity for bees (Maskell et al., 2016).

N.b. This dataset is statistically extrapolated to a national level from CEH Countryside Survey data 2007.

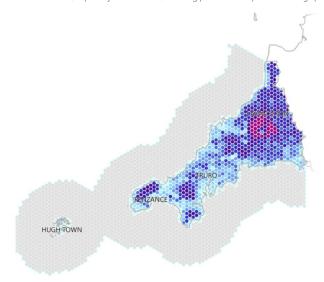


Map Key Outliers (>90th percentile) Indicator value: 5 km^2 10 equal interval classes 500 ha No data / not applicable

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WM Extent of permanent vegetation cover (ID: 63)

The ratio of vegetated to non-vegetated surfaces is illustrated here using CEH's Land Cover Map 2015. The values indicate the percentage area of each spatial unit that is vegetated (n.b. non-vegetated = urban, water, rock, sediment and arable using LCM2015 - in the absence of bare soil data, arable land is treated as bare). Please note that this map does not show small scale patches of bare soil which can be vital for wildlife, especially invertebrates, including pollinator and pest controlling species.



Hexagon values: 0.55 - 6.12; Outliers: 6.12 - 10.69

Hexagon values: 0 - 97.73%; Outliers: 97.73 - 100%

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality

A Air quality

Noise regulation

Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

ASSET QUALITY: CULTURAL

There are a number of characteristics that influence the cultural value that the natural environment provides to society. If accessible, well managed habitats can significantly enhance the mental and physical health of visitors and residents. Landscapes, and the habitats and biodiversity they support have an intrinsic value, beyond the services they deliver to human beings. They can hold an emotional or spiritual value to individuals or communities. Cultural benefits are often difficult to measure as they are less tangible than other benefits provided by nature.

Biodiversity is an important factor influencing the delivery of cultural services. A natural habitat with high species richness has the potential to offer valuable aesthetic, recreational or educational services. The presence of rare or flagship species (such as wetland bitterns and the grey seals of England's coasts) is also important and may generate revenue for the local economy through tourism. Landscapes often contain designated heritage assets and boundary features that have remained in place for centuries and accrue tremendous historical value. Public Rights of Way facilitate the delivery of cultural services in habitats that would otherwise be inaccessible to most.

Ecosystem Services

The indicators on the following page have been selected to measure how the quality of habitat influences the cultural ecosystem services they provide.



Cultural Services

Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.



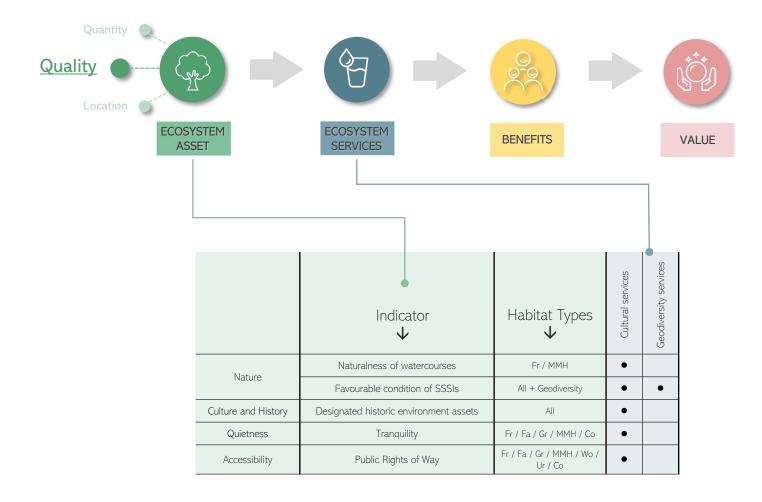
Geodiversity services

Geodiversity, in and of itself, products, such as minerals, materials, fossil fuels and renewable energy, fossils, and underpinning other services (for example by providing landscape features and habitats for example, sea cliffs, reef).



Asset Quality Indicators - Cultural

This page illustrates how the indicators for quality (cultural) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in the atlas.



Habitat types: Fr - Freshwater, Fa - Farmland, Gr - Grassland, MMH - Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo - Woodland, Ur - Urban, Co - Coastal, Ma - Marine

Indicators of habitat quality: Cultural

Naturalness of Watercourses (ID: 64)

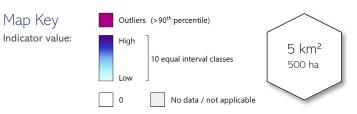
WFD river 'ecological status' describes how the quality of a river compares to its natural 'reference' condition. It is based on biological quality elements, supported by physico-chemical and hydromorphological quality elements. The map shows length of river with 'good' or 'high' WFD Ecological Status in 2016.



WFD Ecological Status:

'High' or 'Good'

"Moderate", 'Poor' or 'Bad'

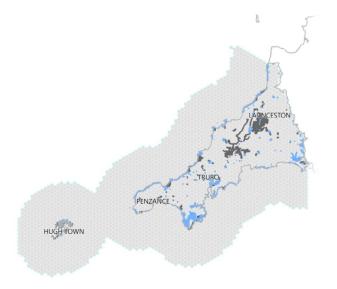


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G G Favourable Condition of SSSIs (ID: 65)

Area of SSSIs with 'favourable' condition status mapped using Natural England's SSSI Units dataset. All SSSIs have been mapped below, including those designated for geological features.

Note: To make small areas of SSSI visible, all areas have been mapped with a thick border. This means areas may appear larger on this map than they are in reality.



SSSI Condition:

Favourable

Unfavourable, part destroyed, destroyed or not assessed

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality



Noise regulation

M Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

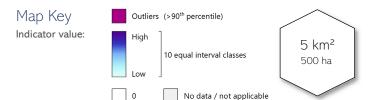
C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

Indicators of habitat quality: Cultural



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O Designated Historic Environment Assets (ID: 66)

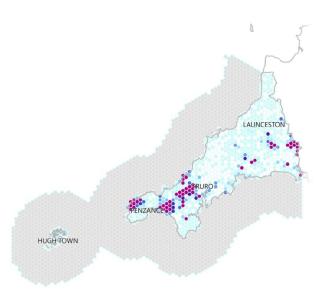
Area of designated historic environment assets (World Heritage Sites, scheduled monuments, parks and gardens, battlefields) mapped using Historic England's designated sites datasets.

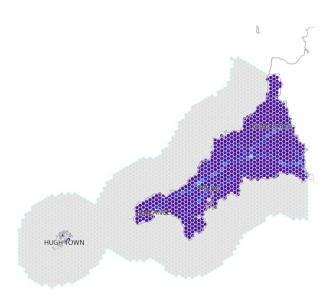
Tranquillity (ID: 67)

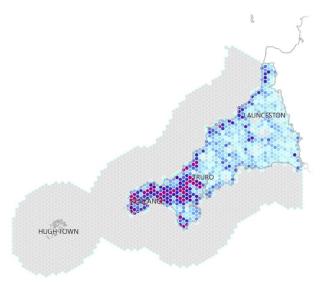
This map indicates areas where roads or rail impact on tranquillity using Defra's 2012 modelled noise map (combined road and rail, 24hr annual average). There will be other factors which contribute to tranquillity which should be considered locally.

Public Rights of Way (ID: 68)

Length of Public Right of Way mapped by combining open Local Authority datasets. N.b. for small areas it is difficult to differentiate between no data and absence of PROW, therefore all gaps are being treated as no data (grey).







Hexagon values: 0 - 1.38 km2; Outliers: 1.38 - 5 km2

Hexagon values: 0 - 5 km² (see note on data distribution) N.b. There are no 'outliers' symbolised on this map because a large number of the data values are distributed at the high end of the scale. Instead, 10 equal interval classes are used.

Hexagon values: 0 - 13.61 km; Outliers: 13.61 - 46.31 km

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

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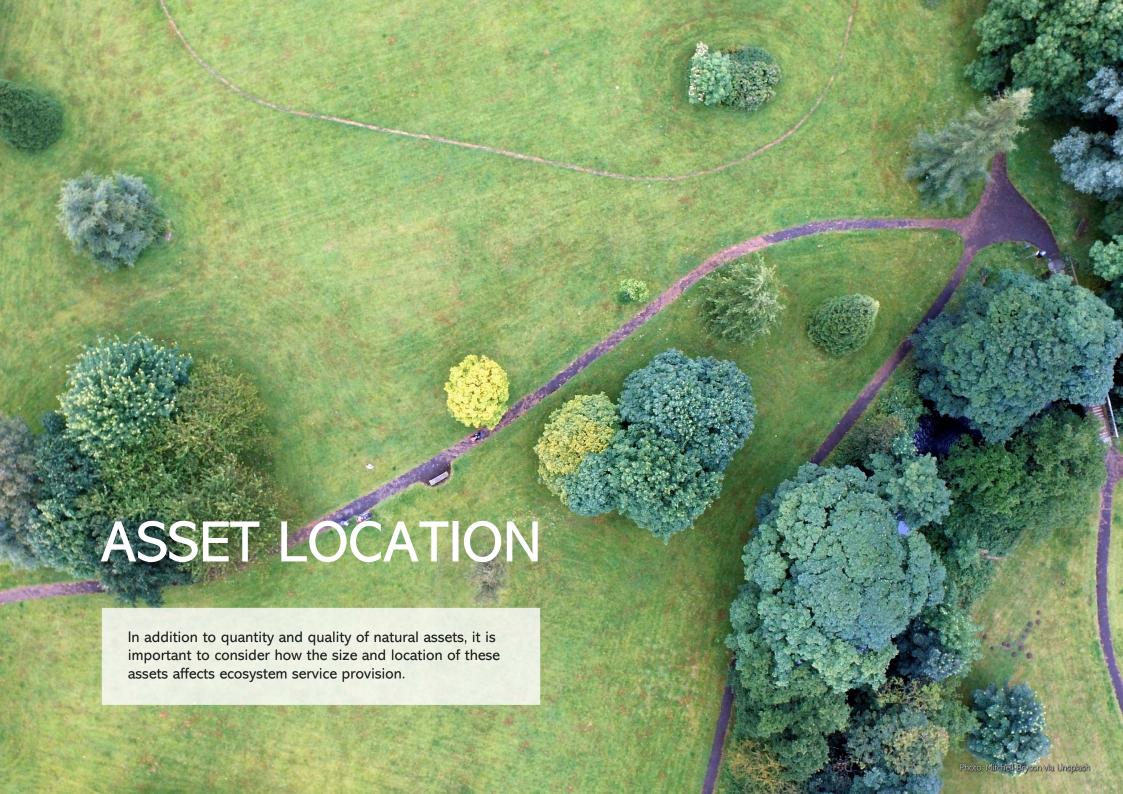
Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

Cultural:



Geodiversity:



ASSET LOCATION

Previous chapters have described how the quantity and the quality of habitats influence the level of ecosystem services that those habitats provide, and subsequently the benefits received by society. This chapter describes how the location of habitats can also have a significant impact on ecosystem service provision. It is important to understand how the location of habitats in relation to other features in the landscape or beneficiaries, influences the level of service provision and also the number of people that benefit.

Habitats can reduce pollution of rivers and lakes by intercepting and filtering surface water runoff, but only if they are positioned along the transfer pathway between the pollution source and the receiving water bodies. Located in the right place, they can also reduce downstream flood risk by storing or slowing the flow of water and improve air quality by filtering the air.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the asset location indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Pollination

Pollination underpinning cultivated crops dependent on insect pollination e.g. field beans, apples, plums, pears, cucumbers, strawberries, oil seed rape.

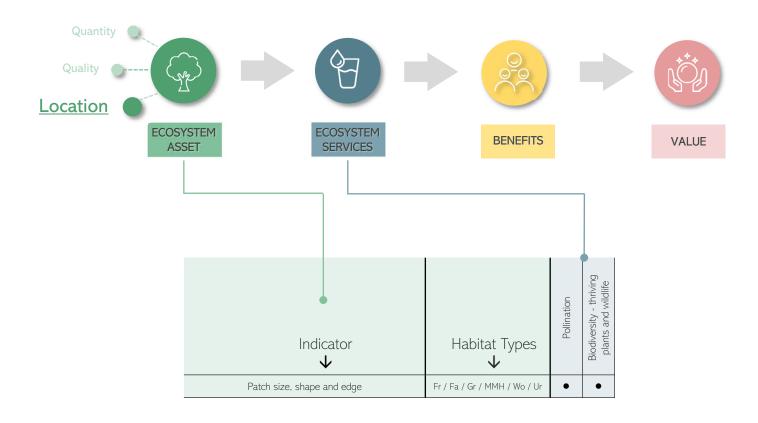


Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

Asset Location Indicators

This page illustrates how the indicators for asset location are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type, therefore the matrix below shows the short-list indicators for the key ecosystem services which are mapped in this atlas.



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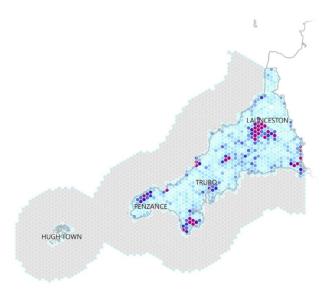
ASSET LOCATION

Indicators describing the location of habitats

PH Patch size, shape and edge (ID: 69)

This is a difficult indicator to map for all habitat types combined and at a national scale. Factors such as habitat type, area, patch size and proximity should be considered. A combination of maps are included here to show average patch size and total habitat area for each spatial unit, using Natural England's Priority Habitats Inventory.

Total Priority Habitat Area



Hexagon values: 0 - 2.16 km²; Outliers: 2.16 - 5 km²

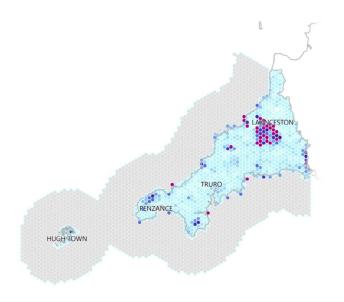
Map Key Outliers (>90th percentile) Indicator value: 5 km^2 10 equal interval classes 500 ha

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Average Patch Size

Note: this indicator can have hexagon values that are larger than the size of each hexagon because it uses the total size of patches that intersect each hexagon.



Hexagon values: 0 - 0.05 km²; Outliers: 0.05 - 89.67 km²

Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources wild sources

Plant-based energy

Cultivated crops



R Livestock

Regulating:

W Water quality



Noise regulation





Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:



Geodiversity:





ECOSYSTEM SERVICE FLOW

Thus far, this atlas has focused on the state of natural capital assets. The final part of the assessment looks at the flow of ecosystem services from habitats to humans and attempts to measure and map this process, for specific services.

The flow of ecosystem services is often difficult to measure as there are usually numerous factors that influence the service in question. For example, for water quality it is difficult to separate out improvements produced by riparian woodland from other factors, especially pollution inputs. Natural England's Natural Capital Indicators Project (2018) identified a number of indicators and datasets for ecosystem service flow, though many of these were not feasible to map at a national scale. The following pages show maps and tables that attempt to describe a selection of these ecosystem services, including water available for abstraction and carbon storage.



Ecosystem Services

The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



Water Quality
Clean water, also underpinning e.g.
water supply, sustainable ecosystems,
cultural services, health benefits.



Water Supply

Plentiful water e.g. water for drinking,
domestic use, irrigation, livestock, industrial
use including cooling, wildlife.



Equitable climate e.g. reduced risk of drought, flood & extreme weather events, lower summer temperatures, reduced health & safety risks, protection of infrastructure/lack of transport disruption.

Climate Regulation



Cultivated Crops
Food from crops e.g. cereals, vegetables, fruit.

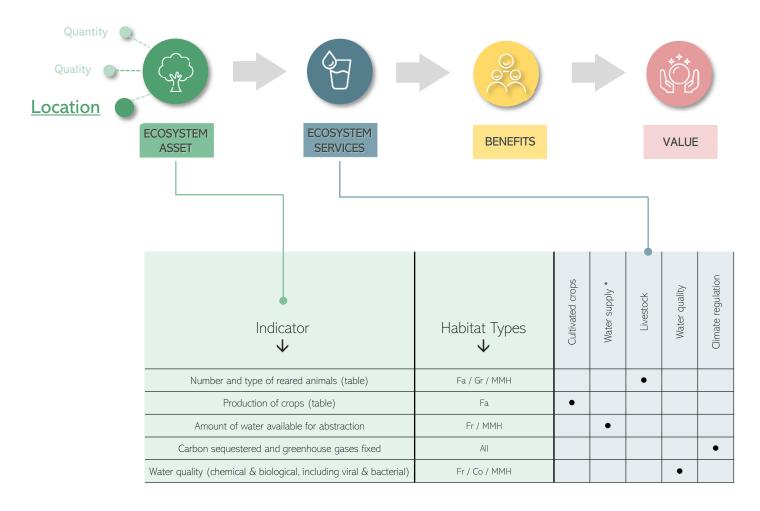


Products from animals e.g. meat, dairy products, honey.

ivestock

Ecosystem Service Flow Indicators

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Habitat types: Fr - Freshwater, Fa - Farmland, Gr - Grassland, MMH - Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo - Woodland, Ur - Urban, Co - Coastal, Ma - Marine

^{*} Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

ECOSYSTEM SERVICE FLOW

Indicators describing the <u>flow of ecosystem services</u> from habitats

© Production of Crops (ID: 70)
Summary of crop data from DEFRA June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture 2016 by local authority.

Local Authority	Total Farmed Area (ha)	Cereals (ha)	Other arable crops (ha)	Total crops (ha)	Percentage of farmed area used for crops
CORNWALL	262,110	35,851	16,641	52,492	20
ISLES OF SCILLY	1,143	5	9	14	1

R Number and Type of Reared Animals (ID: 71)
Summary by local authority of number of reared animals (total livestock and individual types of reared animal), from DEFRA June Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture 2016.

Local Authority	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Poultry	Total livestock
CORNWALL	323,146	506,588	53,243	1,131,335	2,014,313
ISLES OF SCILLY	294	0	0	0	294

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Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

C Cultivated crops

S Water supply

R Livestock

Regulating:

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A Air quality

Noise regulation

M Erosion control

Flood protection

Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

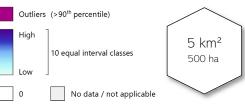
Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

ECOSYSTEM SERVICE FLOW

Indicators describing the flow of ecosystem services from habitats





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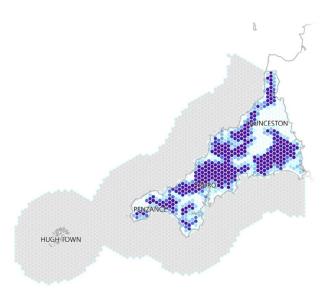
Area of land where surface water is available for abstraction at least 70% of the time, mapped using EA's Water Resource Availability and Abstraction Reliability Cycle 2 dataset.

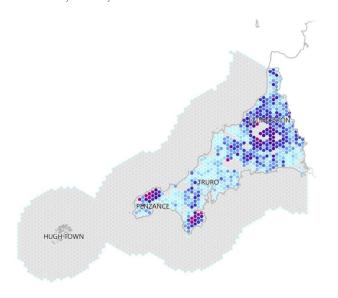


Mean estimates of carbon density in topsoil (0-15cm depth) — tonnes per hectare, mapped using data produced from Natural England and CEH's 'Mapping Natural Capital' project (2016). N.b. This dataset is statistically extrapolated to a national level from CEH Countryside Survey data 2007.

Water quality (chemical & biological, including viral & bacterial) (ID: 74)

Overall status of rivers, canals and surface water under the Water Framework Directive mapped using Environment Agency WFD Cycle 2 2016 data.







Hexagon values: $0-5~\rm km^2$ (see note on data distribution) N.b. There are no 'outliers' symbolised on this map because a large number of the data values are distributed at the high end of the scale. Instead, 10 equal interval classes are used

Hexagon values: 45.64 - 74.73 t; Outliers: 74.73 - 101.27 t



Ecosystem Services Key The coloured circles denote the key ecosystem services that are associated with each indicator

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M Timber, hay and other materials

Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Plant-based energy

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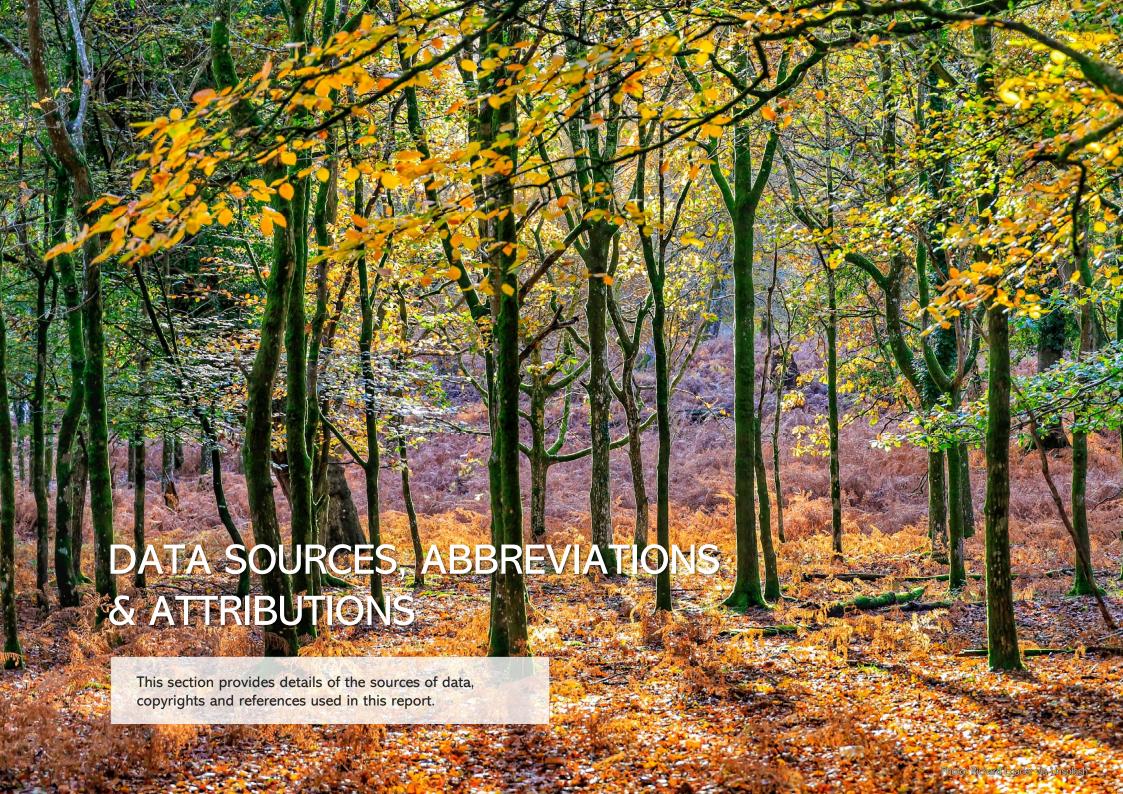
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- Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea (1)
- Potential Sites of Hydropower Opportunity (54)
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- Active flood plain
- 2 Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh
- 3 Lakes & standing waters
- 4 Lowland fens
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- 6 Rivers
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- 9 Ponds
- 10 Blanket bog 11 Woodland
- 12 Other semi-natural habitats
- 13 Arable & horticulture
- 14 Improved grassland
- 15 Orchards & top fruit
- 16 Meadows
- 17 Other semi-natural grasslands
- 18 Blanket bog
- 19 Dwarf shrub heath
- Inland rock, scree and pavement (above moorland line)
- 21 Lakes and reservoirs (above moorland line)
- 22 Mountain heath and willow scrub
- 23 Rivers (above moorland line)
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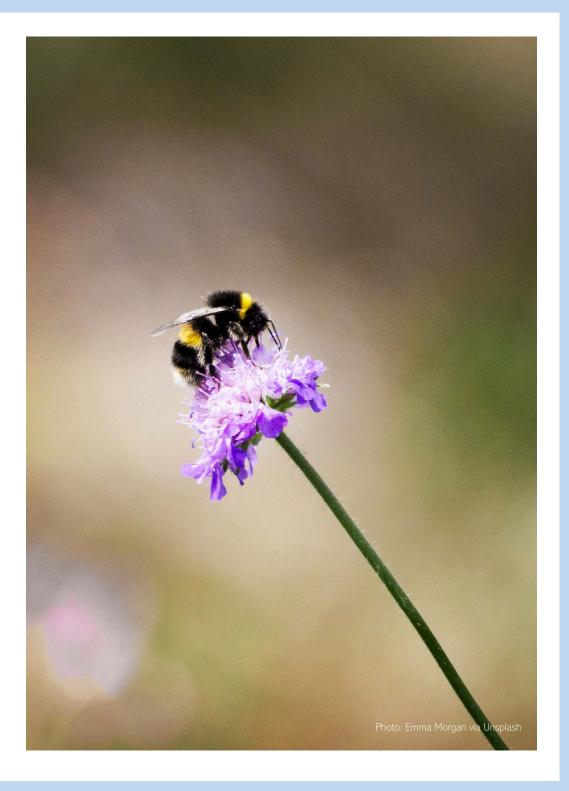


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CEH	Centre for Ecology & Hydrology	RPA	Rural Payments Agency
WFD	Water Framework Directive	ONS	Office for National Statistics
OS	Ordnance Survey	JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
FC	Forestry Commission	EUNIS	European University Information Systems
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	SWMI	Significant Water Management Issue
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan	INNS	Invasive Non-Native Species
UK NEA	UK National Ecosystem Assessment	SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
LCM2015	Land Cover map 2015	PROW	Public Right of Way