# Norfolk NATURAL CAPITAL ATLAS: MAPPING INDICATORS

Using the Natural Capital Indicators to explore the distribution and condition of natural assets in Norfolk and the benefits they provide to society

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## **Project Overview**

England's varied natural environment, its ecosystems, geodiversity and landscapes, provides people with a wide range of benefits, upon which human wellbeing depends. These benefits include thriving wildlife, cultural and spiritual enrichment, food, clean water and air and reduced risks from environmental hazards, such as flooding and drought. All of our natural assets are needed for the provision of the full suite of benefits, from ancient woodlands, to city parks.

This atlas takes an in-depth look at the distribution and condition of these valuable natural assets in your place. Using Natural England's Natural Capital Indicators it illustrates, through maps and tables, the state of the natural capital in this area and highlights how it provides benefits to people. It is important to remember that the natural assets in your place are part of a complex natural and cultural system. This atlas is a great starting point upon which to build up a comprehensive natural capital evidence base to support decision making.

## 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.

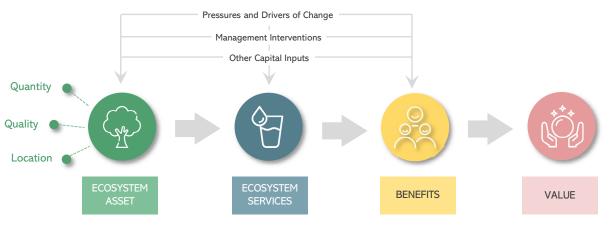


Figure 1: Generalised natural capital logic chain.

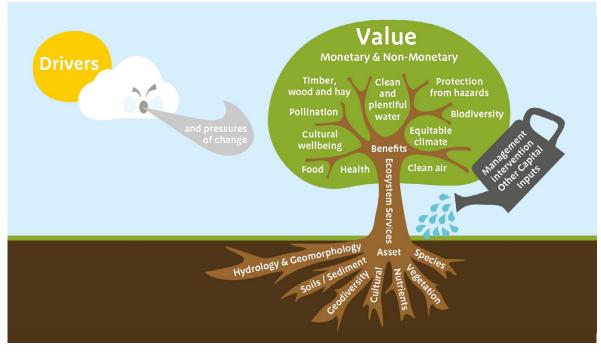


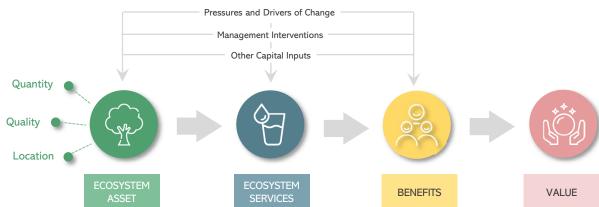
Figure 2: Natural Capital attributes: Sunderland et al. (2019). Image created by Countryscape 2019.

## 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 guality 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
- Broadleaved, mixed and vew woodland
- Individual trees/veteran trees

#### Location:

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

#### 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)
- Leaf surface area and duration across year
- 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.
С	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.
6	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.
C	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.
С	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 5km<sup>2</sup>.

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

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

#### 2. Access and collate datasets

- ⇒ National datasets were obtained from a variety of sources
- $\Rightarrow$  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 5km<sup>2</sup> 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

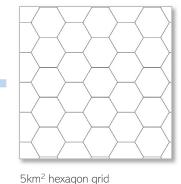
⇒ Datasets were processed and indicator values were calculated and assigned to each spatial unit (e.g. area of habitat per hexagon)

### 5. Create indicator maps and summary tables

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

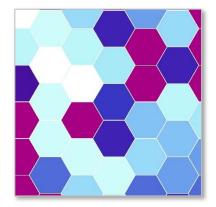


Raw spatial data





Calculate indicator value per hexagon



Symbolise based on range of values across the country

## 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 5km<sup>2</sup> 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

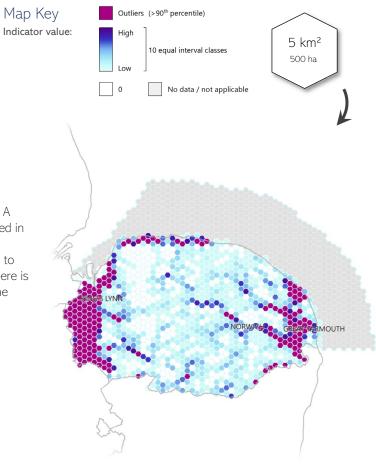
In the maps, white represents a value of 0 for the indicator for that hexagon. This could mean several things:

- 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 Om<sup>2</sup> 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 Norfolk

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

## **Report Structure**

This report illustrates the state of natural capital in Norfolk. It maps a series of indicators of the quantity, quality and location of natural assets and the ecosystem services they support. The report structure follows this process. The quantity chapter is divided into broad habitat categories; freshwater; farmland; grassland; mountains, moors and heaths; urban; woodland; coastal; and marine. The remaining chapters cover the quality, location and, where possible, the ecosystem services from all habitats combined.

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## 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)

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

### Included in this atlas

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### 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 Key

## 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 0
- 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 0
- 55 Chemical status of water bodies
- **56** Nutrient status of water bodies
- pH
- 57 Nutrient status of soil
- Dissolved oxygen

### Soil/Sediment Processes (p.59)

- Sediment supply/availability (inc. type, grain size) 0
- 58 Peat depth
- 59 Soil/sediment carbon/organic matter content
- 60 Soil/sediment biota

### Species Composition (p.62)

- Invasive non-native species
- $\bigcirc$ - Net productivity by species
- Naturalness of biological assemblage no. of trophic 61 levels and community composition in each level
- $\bigcirc$ - Plant species diversity

### Vegetation (p. 65)

- Extent and condition of linear vegetation features and pockets of semi natural vegetation
- O Plant growth rate
- Presence and frequency of pollinator (larval and 62 adult) food plants
- Proportion of peat mass actively forming peat -

#### Extent of permanent vegetation cover 63

- Vegetation next to water bodies  $\bigcirc$ -
- Vegetation structure/structural diversity
- Indicator Key Included in this atlas Not included in this atlas 12 Map ID

### 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.

### Cultural (p.68)

- Visibility of wildlife
- Presence of flagship species
- Presence of rare (red list) species
- Species diversity
- 64 Naturalness of watercourses
- **65** Favourable condition of SSSIs/geosites/MPAs
- Size of environmental space 0
- Boundary features: type, length and condition  $\bigcirc$
- 66 Designated historic environment assets
- 67 Tranquility
- Perimeter access points
- 68 Public Rights of Way
- Presence of paths accessible to all Ο
  - No. of organised events
  - Presence of clubs, schools, training centres
- Active geomorphological processes

## **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)

- O 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
   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
- O Transition and connectivity of aquatic, terrestrial and marine habitats
- O 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
- O Wood-based fuel harvested
- 72 Amount of water available for abstraction
- Amount of fish and other marine products
- O Abundance of pollinators
- 73 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
- Air quality
- 74 Water quality (chemical & biological, including viral & bacterial)
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### Cultural

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

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- Indicator Key In
  - Included in this atlas
  - 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

Woodland

- Farmland
- Grassland

- Urban
- Coastal
- Mountains, moors and heaths
- 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.



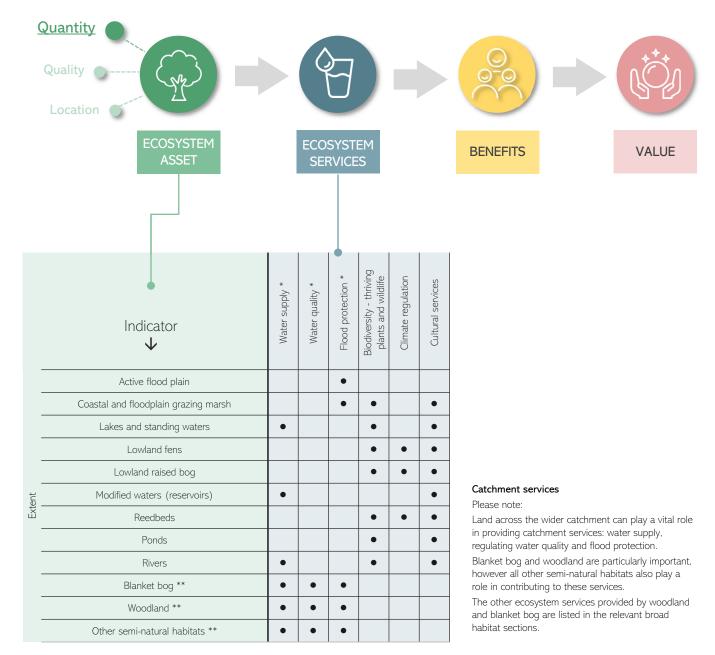
### Cultural Services

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.



\* Ecosystem service that relates to the entire hydrological catchment

The Environment Agency (EA)'s Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea dataset can be used to highlight the

Note that coastal flood areas are also included.

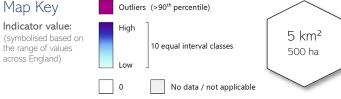
distribution of river flood plains. This map shows areas at

Active Flood Plain (ID: 1)

high or medium risk.

Indicators showing freshwater habitat quantity in Norfolk

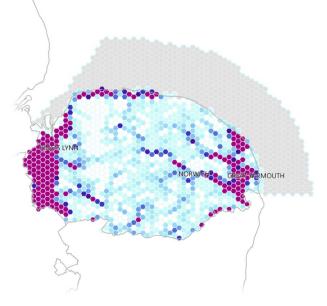
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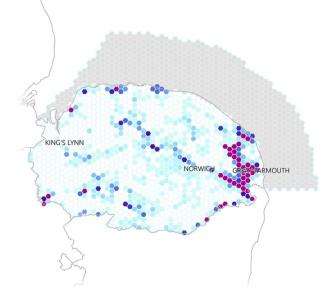
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### S H Lakes and Standing Waters (ID: 3)

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



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

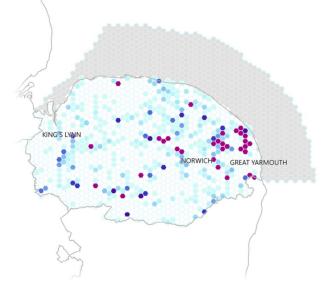


**General Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh** (ID: 2)

using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory.

Area of coastal floodplain and grazing marsh mapped

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:

Plant-based energy

M Timber, hay and other materials Fish and other marine products from wild sources

S Water su R Livestock

C	Cultivated crops
S	Water supply
R	Livestock



Regulating:

Erosion control M B Flood protection P Pollination

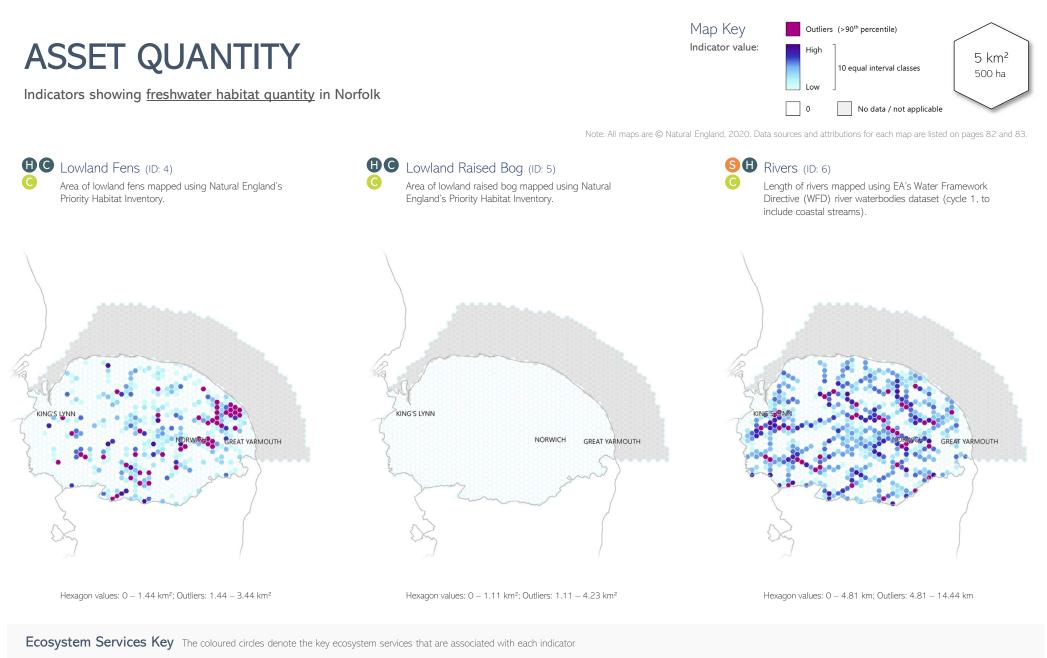
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Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife Climate regulation

Cultural services Geodiversity:

Cultural:





Provisioning:

- Timber, hay and other materials
   Fish and other marine products from wild counter
- wild sources
   Plant-based energy

C Cultivated crops S Water supply R Livestock



Erosion controlFlood protectionPollination

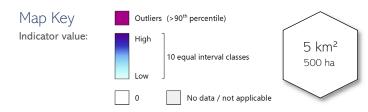
Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlifeClimate regulation

## Cultural:

Geodiversity:

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Indicators showing freshwater habitat quantity in Norfolk



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S 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).



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



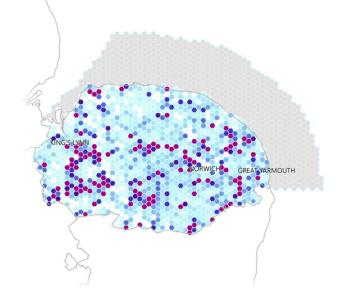
Area of ponds mapped by selecting surface waterbodies (from OS VectorMap District) that do not intersect rivers, are smaller than 2ha in size and are non-linear.



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

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Hexagon values: 0 - 0.1 km²; Outliers: 0.1 - 1.52 km²



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:

Plant-based energy

M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

C	Cultivated crop
S	Water supply
R	Livestock

Regulating:

Water quality

A Air quality



M Erosion control **F**lood protection P Pollination

#### Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife C Climate regulation





G Geodiversity services

SW Blanket Bog (ID: 10)

Priority Habitat Inventory.

Indicators showing <u>freshwater habitat quantity</u> in Norfolk

Area of blanket bog mapped using Natural England's

#### **River Catchments**

The indicators shown on this page refer to the whole 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: High Low 0 No data / not applicable

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### SW Woodland (ID: 11)

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



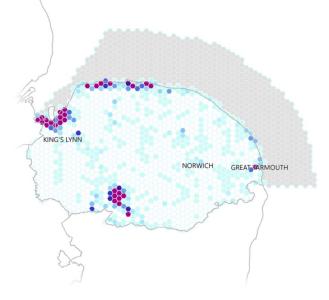
Area of other semi-natural habitat mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory (including upland and lowland grasslands, heathland and saltmarsh).



Hexagon values: 0 - 4.01 km<sup>2</sup>; Outliers: 4.01 - 5 km<sup>2</sup>

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



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

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

#### Provisioning:

Plant-based energy

- Timber, hay and other materials
   Fish and other marine products from wild sources
  - oducts from S Wate

tivated crops
ter supply
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Regulating:



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### Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

### Geodiversity:

Cultural:

G Geodiversity services

Cultural services



## 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.



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



Livestock

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

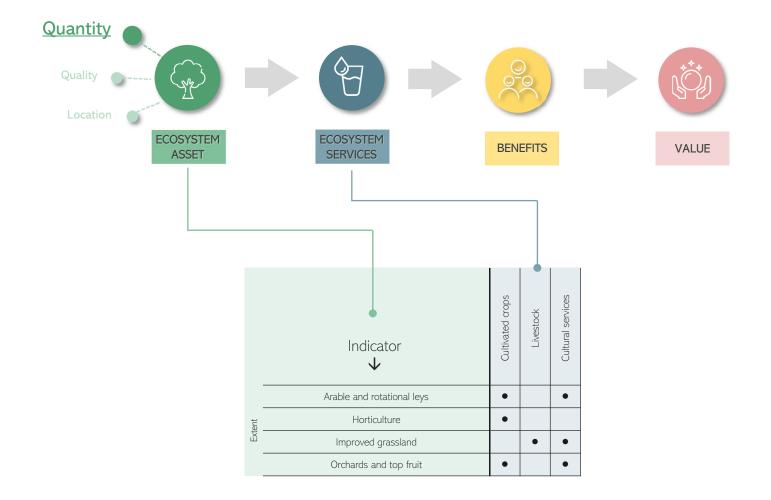


### Cultural Services

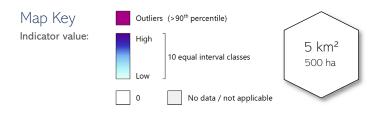
Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

## 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 Norfolk



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### (C) Arable and Horticulture (ID: 13)

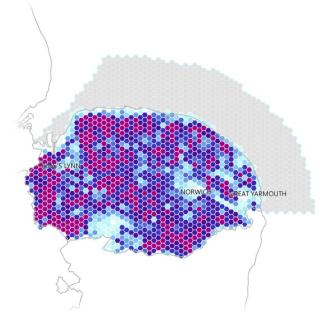
The indicators 'Arable and Rotational Leys' and 'Horticulture' have been combined to be shown together on this map. The area of farmland used for arable and horticulture has been mapped using CEH's Land Cover Map 2015 (LCM2015).

### **R**C Improved Grassland (ID: 14)

Area of improved grassland mapped using CEH's LCM2015.

### **C C** Orchards and Top Fruit (ID: 15)

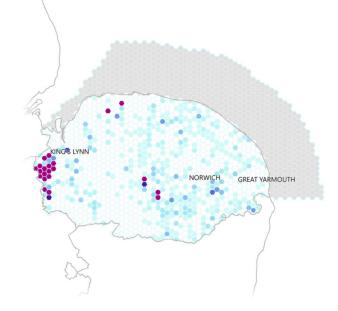
Area of orchards and top fruit mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('traditional orchards').



Hexagon values: 0 - 4.14 km<sup>2</sup>; Outliers: 4.14 - 5 km<sup>2</sup>

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



Hexagon values: 0 - 0.04 km<sup>2</sup>; Outliers: 0.04 - 0.82 km<sup>2</sup>

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

#### Provisioning:

Plant-based energy

M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

11	5	Water sup
	R	Livestock

Cultivated crops supply



Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife C Climate regulation

#### Cultural: Cultural services





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# 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.

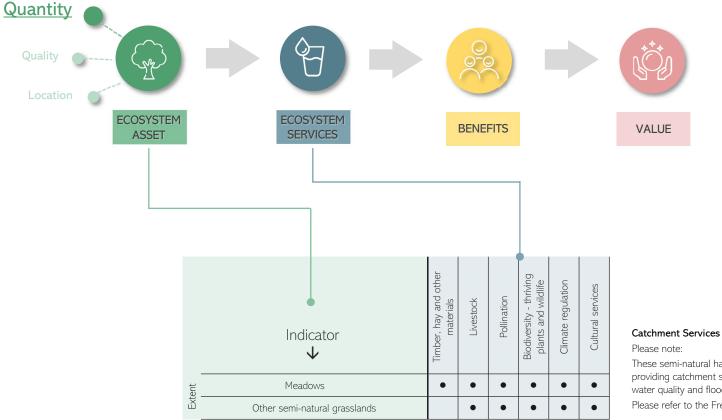


### Cultural Services

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

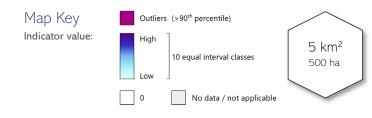
## Asset Quantity Indicators - Grassland

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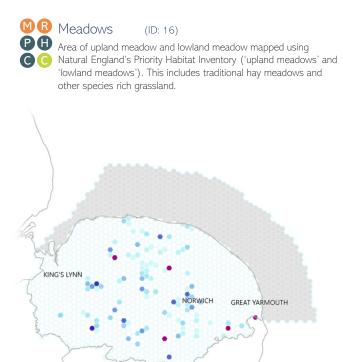


These semi-natural habitats also contribute to providing catchment services: water supply, water guality and flood protection. Please refer to the Freshwater section.

### Indicators showing grassland habitat guantity in Norfolk



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BP Other Semi-Natural Grassland (ID: 17)

HC Area of other semi-natural grassland, mapped using Natural

moorland' and 'purple moor grass and rush pasture').

England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('upland calcareous', 'lowland

calcareous', 'lowland dry acid', 'good quality semi-improved', 'grass

Hexagon values: 0 - 0.59 km<sup>2</sup>; Outliers: 0.59 - 4.98 km<sup>2</sup>

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

С	Cultivated crops
S	Water supply
R	Livesteck



Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife C Climate regulation

Geodiversity:

Cultural:

G Geodiversity services

Cultural services



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

## 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, health 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.



Livestock 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

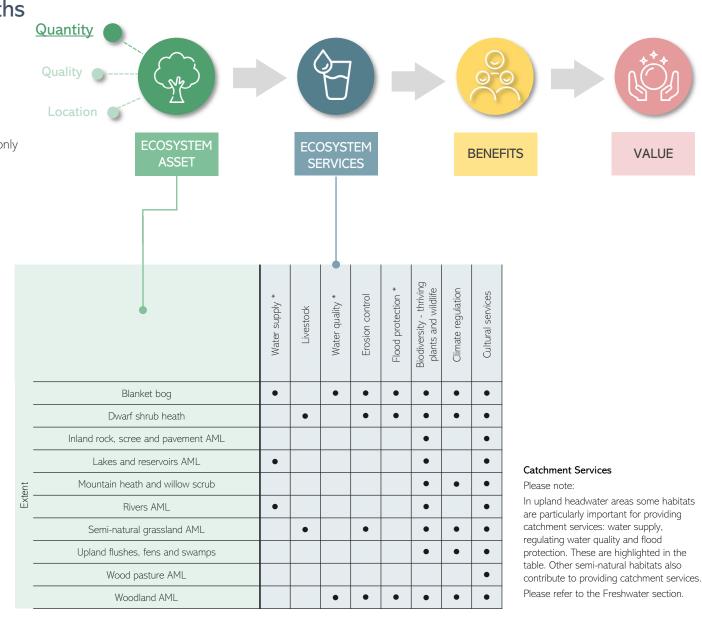
Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.



## 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

SW Blanket Bog (ID: 18)

**H**C Priority Habitat Inventory.

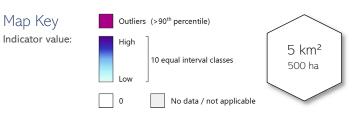
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Indicators showing mountains, moors and heaths habitat quantity in Norfolk

Area of blanket bog mapped using Natural England's

### Duplication

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.



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### **R** Dwarf Shrub Heath (ID: 19)

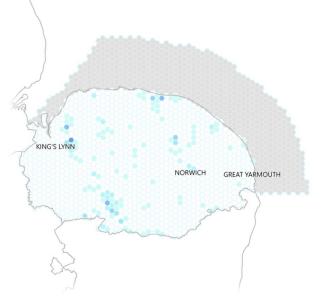
**BB** Area of dwarf shrub heath mapped using Natural England's C C Priority Habitat Inventory ('fragmented heath', 'lowland heathland' and 'upland heathland').

## (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.



Hexagon values: 0 - 4.01 km<sup>2</sup>; Outliers: 4.01 - 5 km<sup>2</sup>



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



N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white =  $0 \text{ km}^2$ 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:

Plant-based energy

M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

C	Cultivated crop
S	Water supply
R	Livestock





Regulating:

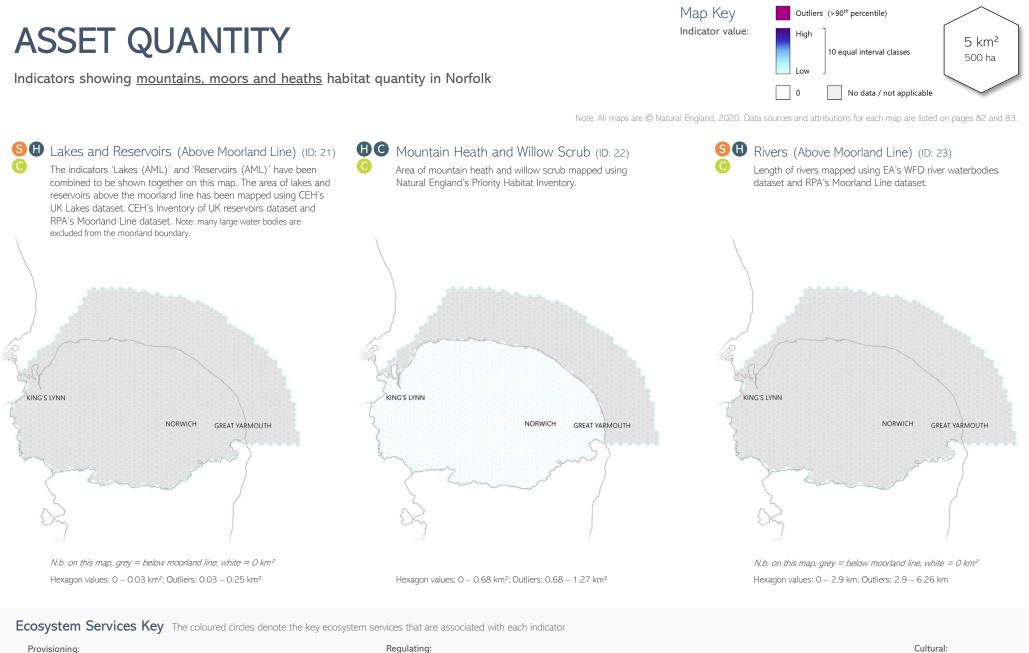


 $\mathbf{C}$ Climate regulation

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife



Geodiversity: G Geodiversity services



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



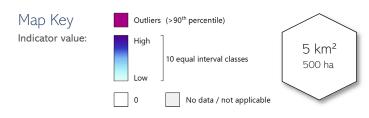


Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife  $\mathbf{C}$ Climate regulation

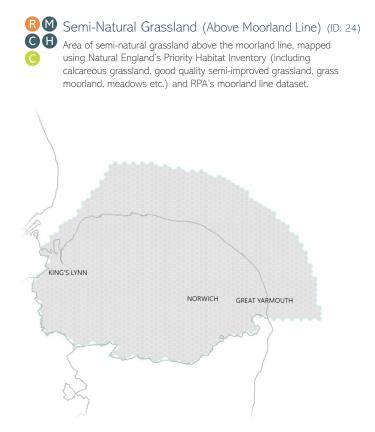
## Cultural services

Geodiversity: G Geodiversity services

Indicators showing mountains, moors and heaths habitat quantity in Norfolk



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N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white =  $0 \text{ km}^2$ Hexagon values: 0 - 1.94 km²; Outliers: 1.94 - 4.97 km²



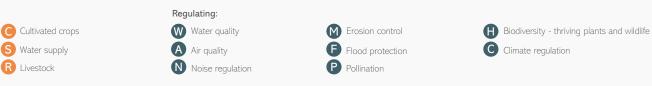
**HC** Upland Flushes, Fens & Swamps (ID: 25)

England's Priority Habitat Inventory.

Area of upland flushes, fens and swamps, mapped using Natural

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

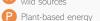




Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

Provisioning:

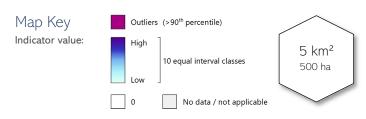


M Timber, hay and other materials

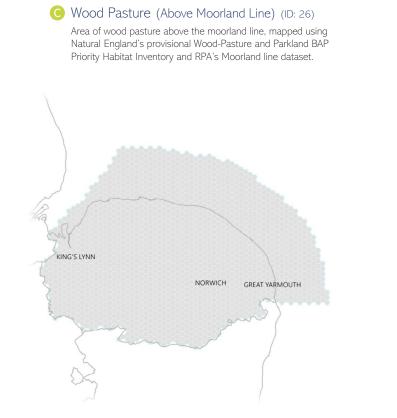
S Water supply R Livestock

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Indicators showing mountains, moors and heaths habitat quantity in Norfolk



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





N.b. on this map, grey = below moorland line, white =  $0 \text{ km}^2$ Hexagon values: 0 – 0.15 km²; Outliers: 0.15 – 1.44 km²

C Climate regulation

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

#### Provisioning:

Plant-based energy

- M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Cultivated crops
Water supply
Livestock



Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Geodiversity:

Cultural services

Cultural:

G Geodiversity services



# 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.

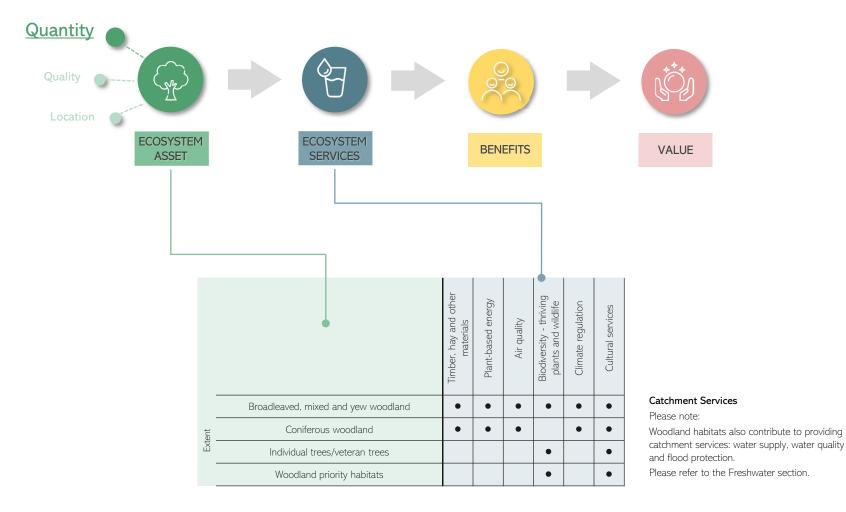


### Cultural Services

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

## Asset Quantity Indicators - Woodland

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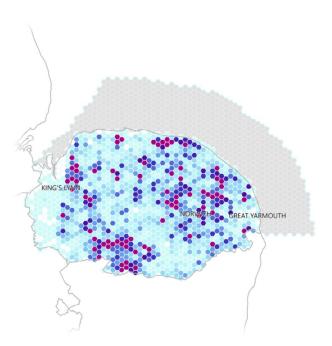
Indicators showing woodland habitat quantity in Norfolk

Map Key	Outliers	5 (>90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
Indicator value:	High	] 10 equal interval classes	5 km² 500 ha
	0	No data / not applicable	

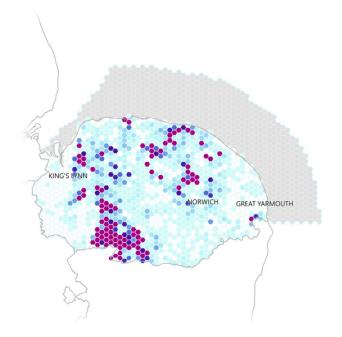
**P** Broadleaved, Mixed and Yew Woodland (ID: 28) Area of broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland mapped using FC's National Forest Inventory.

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M● Coniferous Woodland (ID: 29) AC Area of coniferous woodland mapped using FC's National Forest Inventory.



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:

Plant-based energy

M Timber, hay and other materials Fish and other marine products from wild sources

R Livestock



Water quality Air quality Noise regulation

Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Cultural: Cultural services



G Geodiversity services

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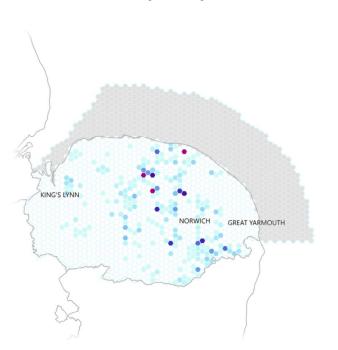
Indicators showing woodland habitat quantity in Norfolk

Map Key	Outliers	(>90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	$\frown$
Indicator value:	High -	10 equal interval classes	5 km² 500 ha
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### (ID: 30) HO Ancient Woodland (Individual/veteran trees)

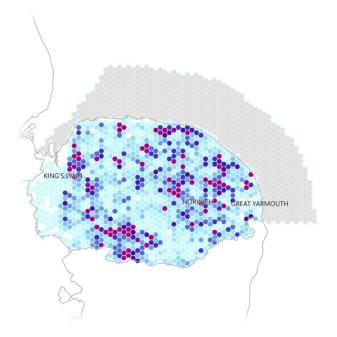
The natural capital indicator is individual/veteran trees, but it was unfeasible to map this at a national scale, so instead mapped here is ancient woodland using Natural England's Ancient Woodland dataset.



Hexagon values: 0 – 0.76 km²; Outliers: 0.76 – 4.8 km²

### B C Priority Woodland Habitats (ID: 31)

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



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

C	Cultivated crops
S	Water supply
R	Livestock



Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

### Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

Cultural services

Cultural:

## 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

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.

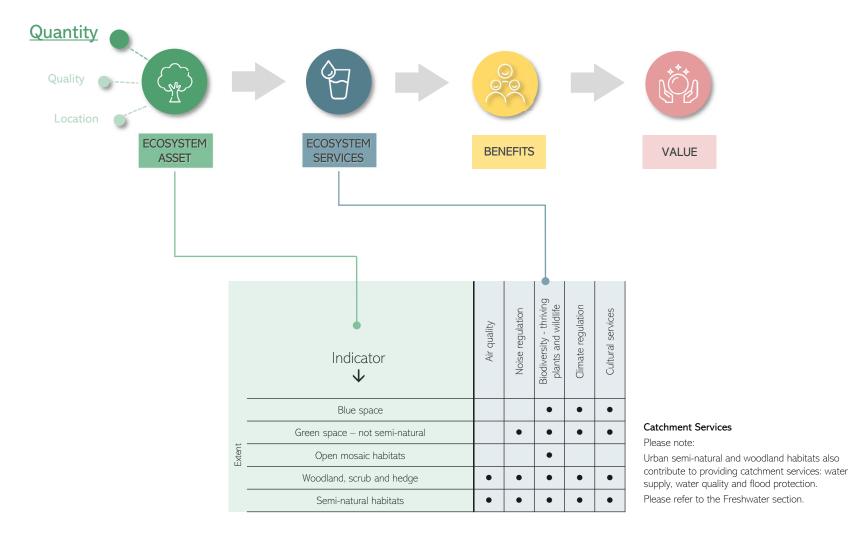


### Climate Regulation

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.

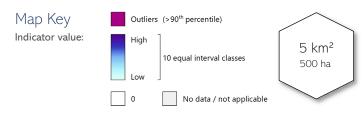
### Asset Quantity Indicators - Urban

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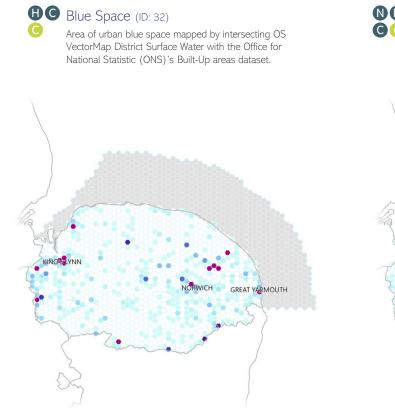


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Indicators showing urban habitat quantity in Norfolk



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

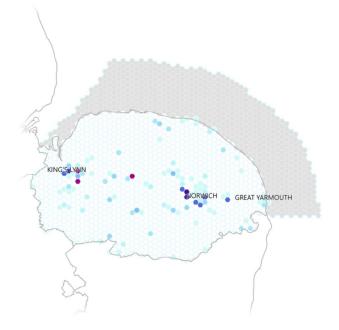
**NG** Green Space (ID: 33)

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

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

#### Open Mosaic Habitats (ID: 34)

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



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:

Plant-based energy

M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

S Water supply R Livestock

C Cultivated crops



Regulating:

M Erosion control **F**lood protection P Pollination

GREAT YARMOUTH

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife C Climate regulation

Cultural: Cultural services

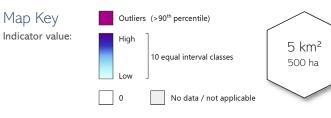


G Geodiversity services

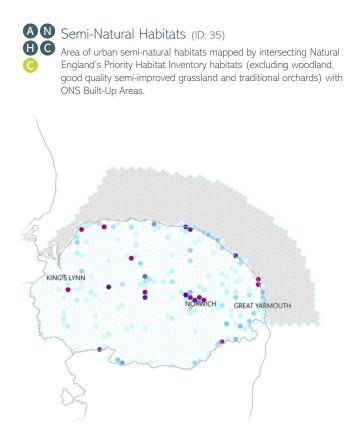
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## **ASSET QUANTITY**

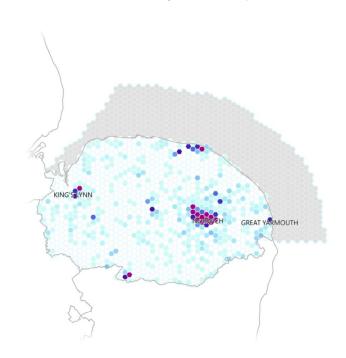
Indicators showing urban habitat quantity in Norfolk



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



**AN** Woodland, Scrub and Hedge (ID: 36)

**HC** While urban scrub and hedge are difficult to map at a national scale,

National Forest Inventory with ONS Built-Up Areas.

the area of urban woodland is mapped here by intersecting FC's

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

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Prov	IS	10	n	n	g	:

wild sources

- M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from
- Plant-based energy

S	Water sup
R	Livestock

C Cultivated crops

- supply



Regulating:

M Erosion control **F**lood protection P Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife C Climate regulation



Cultural:

Cultural services



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## 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.

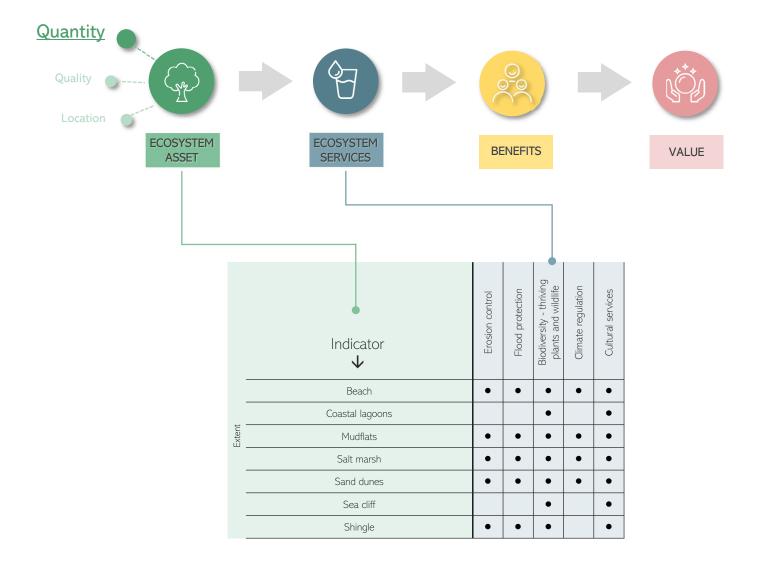


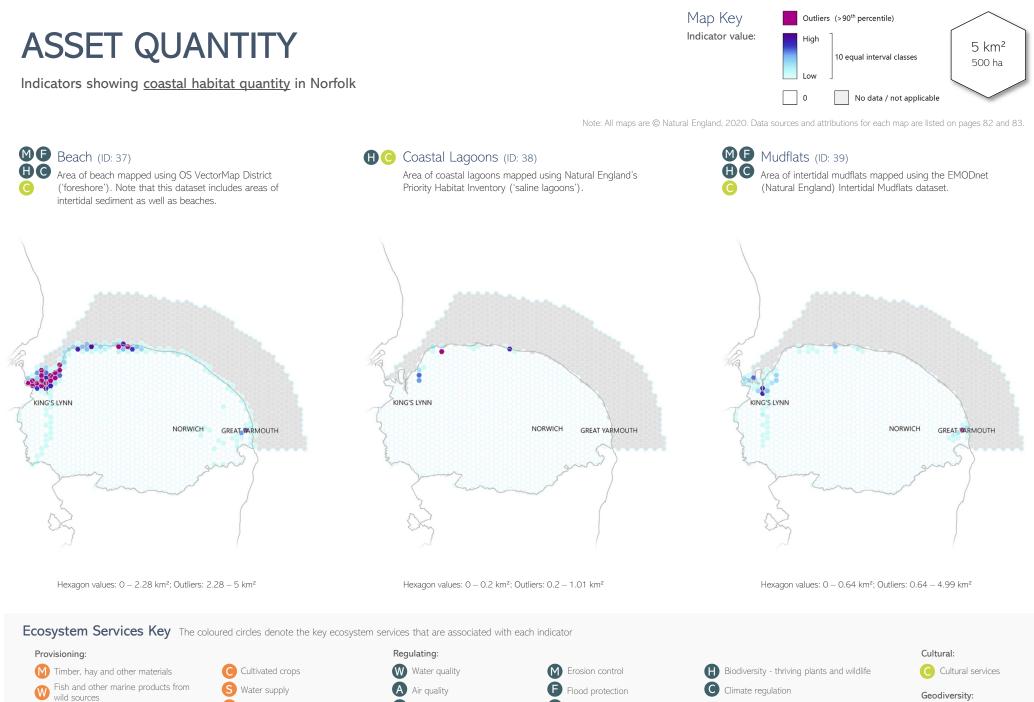
### Climate Regulation

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.





R Livestock



P Pollination

Climate regulation

Geodiversity:

Plant-based energy

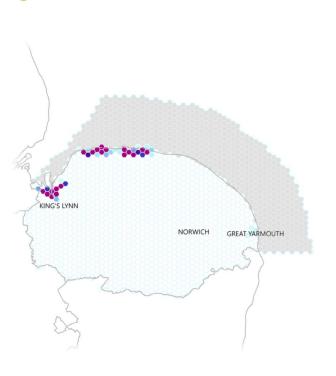
## **ASSET QUANTITY**

Indicators showing coastal habitat quantity in Norfolk

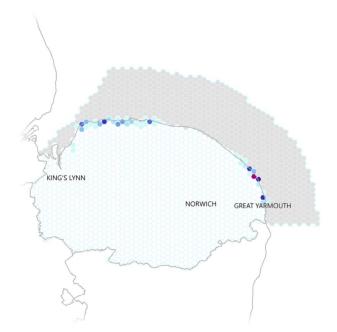
Map Key	Outliers	; (>90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
Indicator value:	High Low	] 10 equal interval classes	5 km² 500 ha
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ME Salt Marsh (ID: 40) HC Area of saltmarsh mapped using EA's Saltmarsh Extent dataset. Note: All maps are © Natural England, 2020. Data sources and attributions for each map are listed on pages 82 and 83.

Area of sand dunes mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat



Hexagon values: 0 - 0.87 km²; Outliers: 0.87 - 4.54 km²



Sand Dunes (ID: 41)

Inventory ('coastal dunes').

HC

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

C Climate regulation

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

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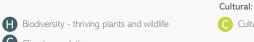
- M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from wild sources
- Plant-based energy

С	Cultivated crops
S	Water supply
R	Livestock



Regulating:

M Erosion control **F**lood protection P Pollination



Cultural services

Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

#### Map Key Outliers (>90<sup>th</sup> percentile) **ASSET QUANTITY** Indicator value: 5 km<sup>2</sup> 10 equal interval classes 500 ha Low Indicators showing coastal habitat quantity in Norfolk 0 No data / not applicable

**B C** Sea Cliff (ID: 42) Area of sea cliff habitat mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('maritime cliff and slopes').

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Shingle (ID: 43) Area of shingle mapped using Natural England's Priority Habitat Inventory ('coastal vegetated shingle').

KING'S LYNN NORWICH GREAT YARMOUTH

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

KING'S LYNN NORWICH GREAT YARMOUTH

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

Cultural: Regulating: C Cultivated crops Water quality M Erosion control Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife Cultural services M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from Air quality **F**lood protection C Climate regulation S Water supply Geodiversity: R Livestock Noise regulation P Pollination Plant-based energy G Geodiversity services

Provisioning:

wild sources



## 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

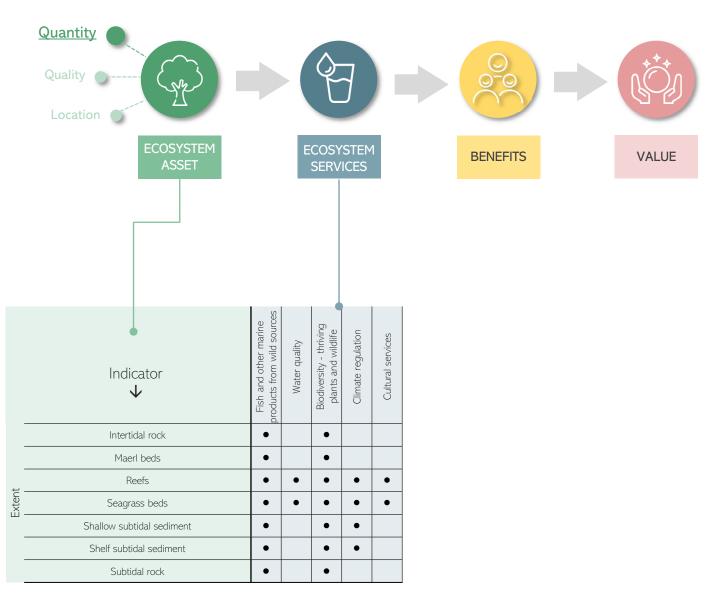
Health and wellbeing benefits, including sense of place, spirituality, inspiration, physical and mental wellbeing.

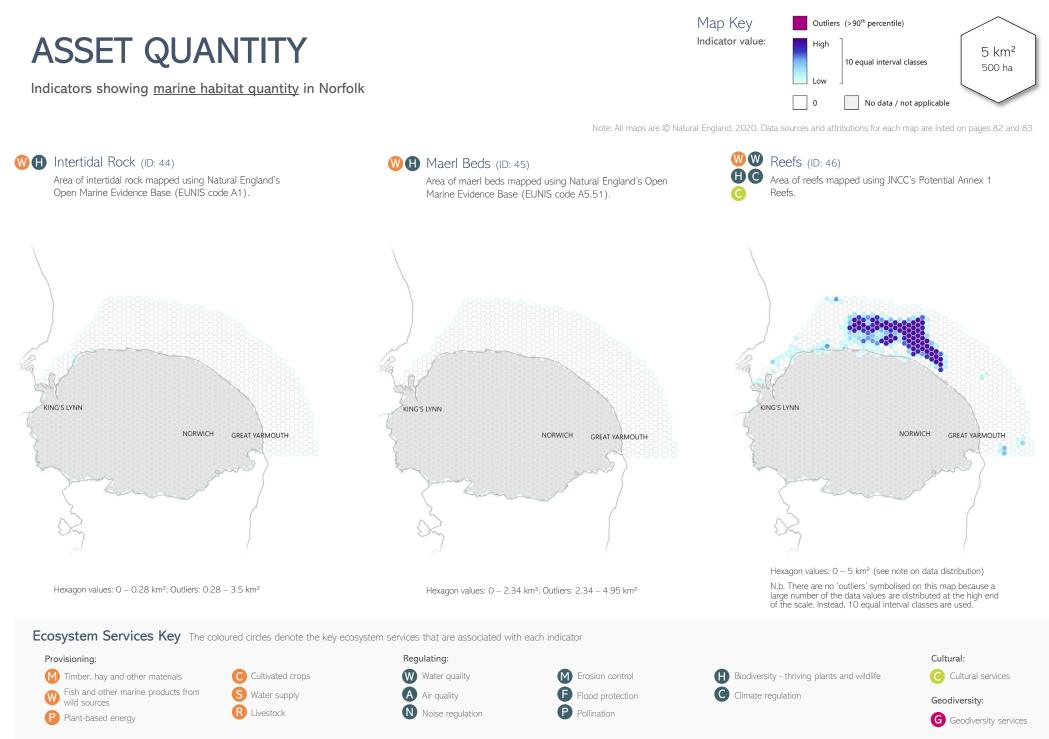
### Asset Quantity Indicators -Marine

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

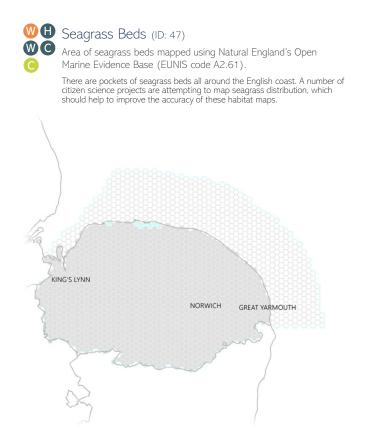
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Note: these indicators include the seabed and the water column.

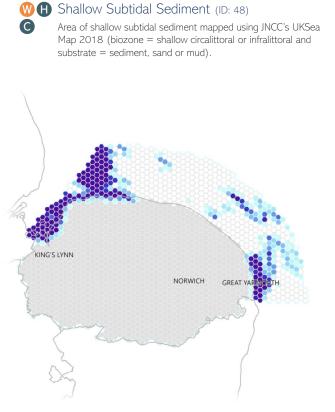




#### Map Key Outliers (>90<sup>th</sup> percentile) **ASSET QUANTITY** Indicator value: $5 \text{ km}^2$ 10 equal interval classes 500 ha Low Indicators showing marine habitat guantity in Norfolk 0 No data / not applicable Note: All maps are © Natural England, 2020. Data sources and attributions for each map are listed on pages 82 and 83.



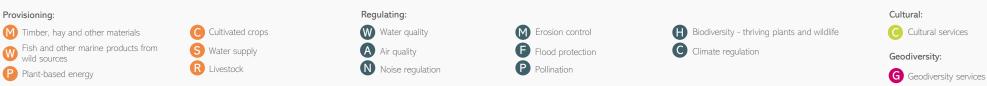
Hexagon values: 0 - 0.62 km²; Outliers: 0.62 - 1.68 km²



Hexagon values: 0 - 5 km<sup>2</sup> (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.

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



Provisioning:

wild sources

Plant-based energy

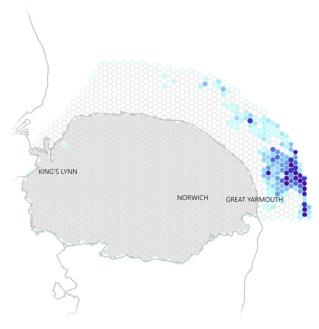
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#### M B Shelf Subtidal Sediment (ID: 49) (C)Area of shelf subtidal sediment mapped using JNCC's UKSea Map 2018 (biozone = deep circalittoral and substrate = sediment, sand or mud).

#### W B Subtidal Rock (ID: 50)

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



Hexagon values: 0 - 5 km<sup>2</sup> (see note on data distribution)

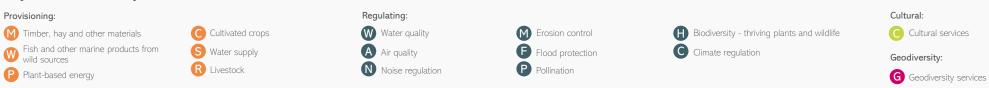
Provisioning:

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KING'S LYNN NORWICH GREAT YARMOUTH

Hexagon values: 0 - 3.14 km<sup>2</sup>; Outliers: 3.14 - 5 km<sup>2</sup>

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



## ASSET QUANTITY

Summary statistics for habitat quantity in Norfolk

ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Area (km²)	Percentage of total land area		ID
1	Fr	Active flood plain	816.8	14.9		22
2	Fr	Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh	170.1	3.1		24
3	Fr	Lakes & standing waters	17.1	0.3		25
4	Fr	Lowland fens	34.2	0.6		26
5	Fr	Lowland raised bog	0.0	0.0		27
7	Fr	Modified waters (reservoirs)	0.0	0.0		28
8	Fr	Reedbeds	8.6	0.2	ſ	29
9	Fr	Ponds	9.2	0.2	ſ	30
10	Fr	Blanket bog	0.0	0.0	ſ	31
11	Fr	Woodland	546.5	9.9	ſ	32
12	Fr	Other semi-natural habitats	169.1	3.1	ſ	33
13	Fa	Arable & horticulture	3436.0	62.5	ſ	34
14	Fa	Improved grassland	847.0	15.4	ſ	35
15	Fa	Orchards & top fruit	3.5	0.1	ſ	36
16	Gr	Meadows	4.8	0.1	ſ	37
17	Gr	Other semi-natural grasslands	68.5	1.2	ſ	38
18	ММН	Blanket bog	0.0	0.0	ſ	39
19	ММН	Dwarf shrub heath	19.8	0.4	ſ	40
20	ММН	Inland rock, scree and pavement AML	0.0	0.0		41
21	ММН	Lakes and reservoirs AML	0.0	0.0		42
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ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Area (km²)	Percentage of total land area
22	MMH	Mountain heath & willow scrub	0.0	0.0
24	ММН	Semi-natural grassland AML	0.0	0.0
25	MMH	Upland flushes fens & swamps	0.0	0.0
26	ММН	Wood pasture AML	0.0	0.0
27	MMH	Woodland AML	0.0	0.0
28	Wo	Broadleaved, mixed & yew woodland	318.0	5.8
29	Wo	Coniferous woodland	169.5	3.1
30	Wo	Ancient woodland	28.0	0.5
31	Wo	Woodland Priority Habitats	277.3	5.0
32	Ur	Blue space	1.3	0.0
33	Ur	Green space: not semi-natural	72.8	1.3
34	Ur	Open mosaic habitats	5.9	0.1
35	Ur	Semi-natural habitats	2.1	0.0
36	Ur	Woodland, scrub and hedge	9.8	0.2
37	Со	Beach	108.0	2.0
38	Со	Coastal lagoons	0.8	0.0
39	Со	Mudflats	5.5	0.1
40	Со	Salt marsh	37.4	0.7
41	Со	Sand dunes	10.0	0.2
42	Со	Sea cliff	1.9	0.0
43	Со	Shingle	0.9	0.0

ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Area (km²)	Percentage of total marine area
44	Ma	Intertidal rock	0.1	0.0
45	Ma	Maerl beds	0.0	0.0
46	Ma	Reefs	459.1	14.6
47	Ma	Sea grass beds	0.0	0.0
48	Ma	Shallow subtidal sediment	853.9	27.2
49	Ma	Shelf subtidal sediment	255.4	8.1
50	Ma	Subtidal rock	0.2	0.0

ID	Туре	Indicator of habitat extent	Length (km)
6	Fr	Rivers	1316.4
23	MMH	Rivers (above moorland line)	0.0

#### Habitat type codes:

Fr – Freshwater

- Fa Farmland
- Gr Grassland
- MMH Mountains, Moors and Heaths
- $\mathsf{Wo}-\mathsf{Woodland}$
- Ur Urban
- Co Coastal
- Ma Marine

AML = Above moorland line

In addition to habitat asset quantity, it is important to consider the quality of habitats. This chapter explores how the condition of habitats influences the ecosystem services they provide. Indicators describing asset quality are mapped for all habitat types combined, using the following themes:

- Hydrology and geomorphology
- Nutrient and chemical status
- Soil/sediment processes
- Species composition
- Vegetation
- Cultural

In this section, some of the indicators are mapped using the spatial properties of the original dataset, rather than summarising by hexagon. This is to ensure that darker shades represent a higher quality of the indicator, rather than simply a larger amount, and thus avoid conflating quality with quantity.

## 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.

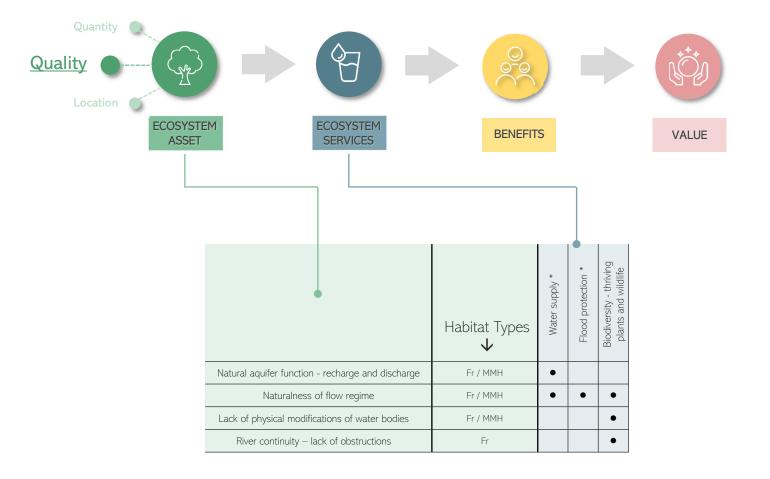


## Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

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.

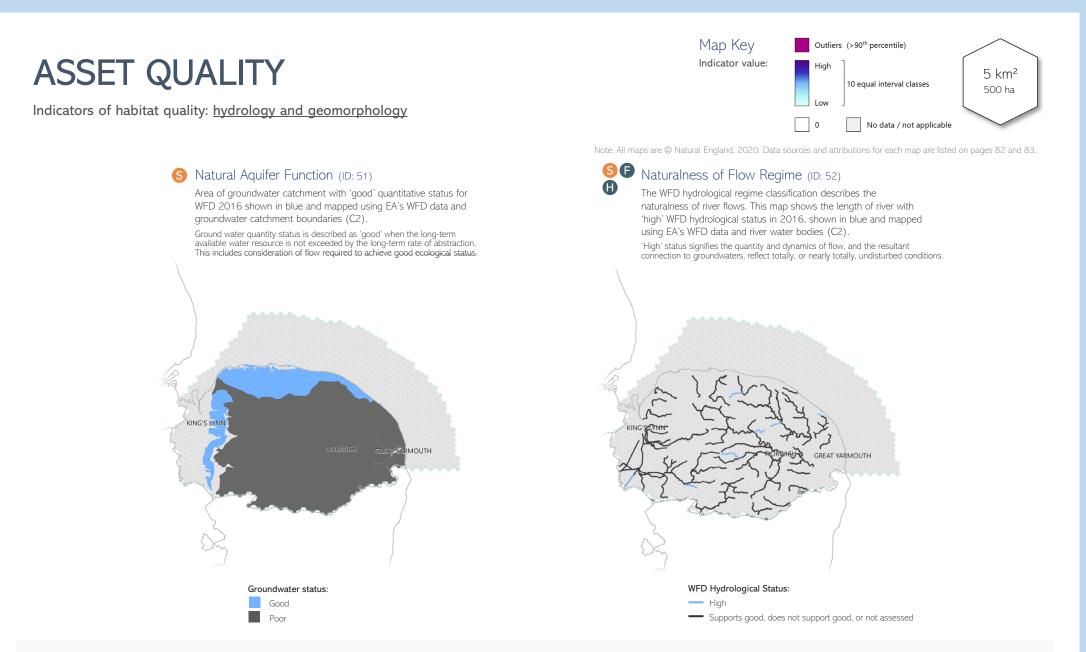
### Asset Quality Indicators - Hydrology & Geomorphology

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



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

C	Cultivated crop
S	Water supply
R	Livestock

Water quality A Air quality Noise regulation

Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife



Cultural: Cultural services



Indicators of habitat quality: hydrology and geomorphology

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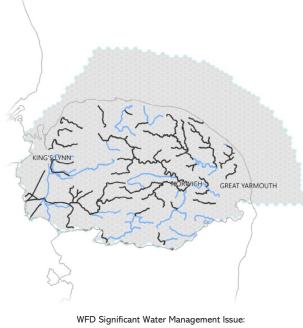
#### H Lack of Physical Modifications of Water Bodies (ID: 53)

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').

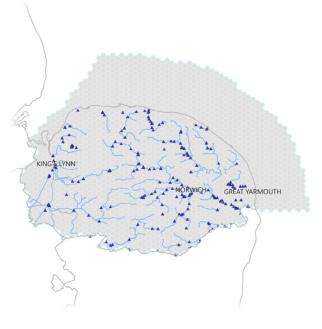


#### H River Continuity – Lack of Obstructions (ID: 54)

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.



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



Potential sites of hydropower opportunity (obstruction)
 WFD river

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

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

# Provisioning: Regulating: M Timber, hay and other materials C Cultivated crops W Water quality M Erosion control Fish and other marine products from wild sources S Water supply A Air quality F Flood protection P Plant-based energy R Livestock N Noise regulation P Pollination



Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

## 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**

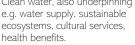
The following are key ecosystem services that can be assessed using the nutrient and chemical status indicators which are mapped in this atlas (shown on the following page).



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



Water Quality



Clean water, also underpinning



#### 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.

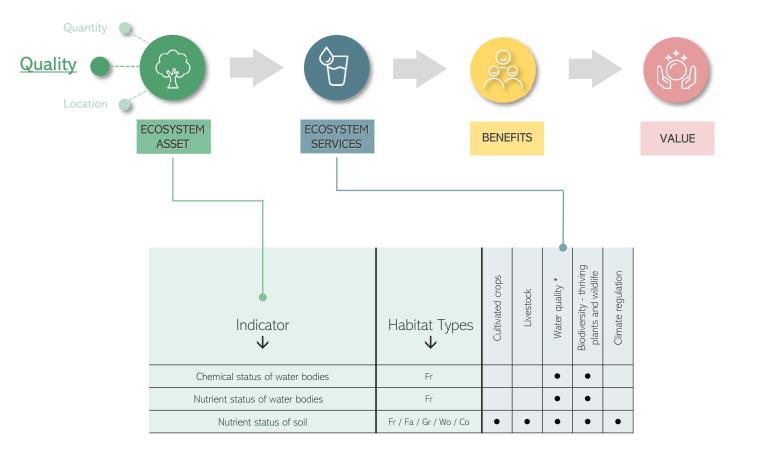


#### Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

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

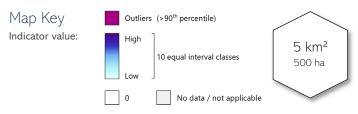
This page illustrates how the indicators for habitat quality (nutrient and chemical status) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each 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



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## **W** (ID: 55) Chemical Status of Water Bodies (ID: 55) River chemical status for WFD 2016, mapped using EA's WFD data and river water bodies (C2). NORWICH GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH WFD Phosphate Levels Status: - High or Good Moderate, Poor or Bad

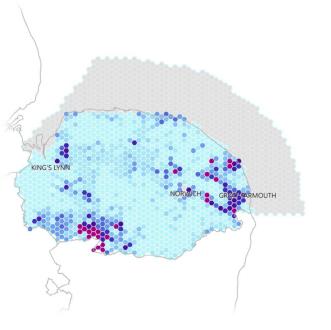
WH Nutrient Status of Water Bodies (ID: 56)

Length of river with 'good' or 'high' status for phosphate levels for

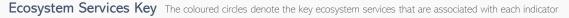
WFD 2016, mapped using EA's WFD data and river water bodies (C2).

### **(R** Nutrient Status of Soil (ID: 57)

WH 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).



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%



#### Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials Fish and other marine products from wild sources Plant-based energy

WFD Chemical Status:

- Good

- Fail

C	Cultivated crops
S	Water supply
R	Livesteck



Regulating:



C Climate regulation

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife



Geodiversity:

Cultural:



## 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).



#### 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.



#### Water Quality

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



#### Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

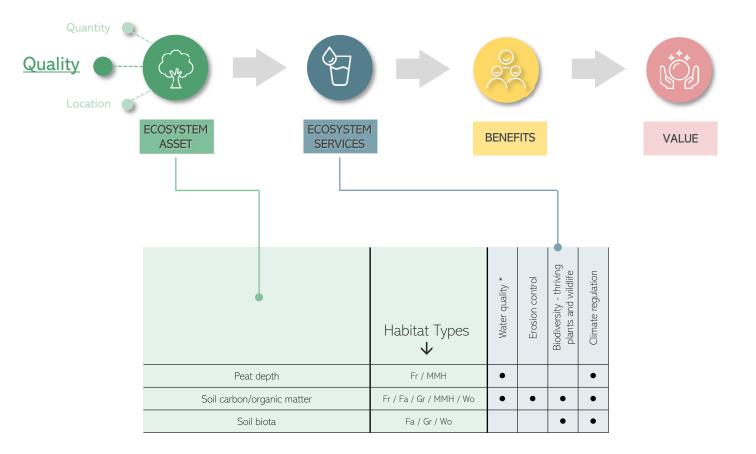
Biodiversity, in and of itself, and underpinning all other services such as recreation (including wildlife watching), tourism, research and education, food from wild populations & aquaculture, flood protection (salt marsh, dunes), climate regulation.

#### 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.

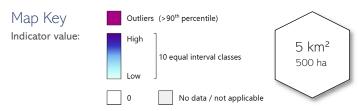
### Asset Quality Indicators - Soil/Sediment Processes

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.

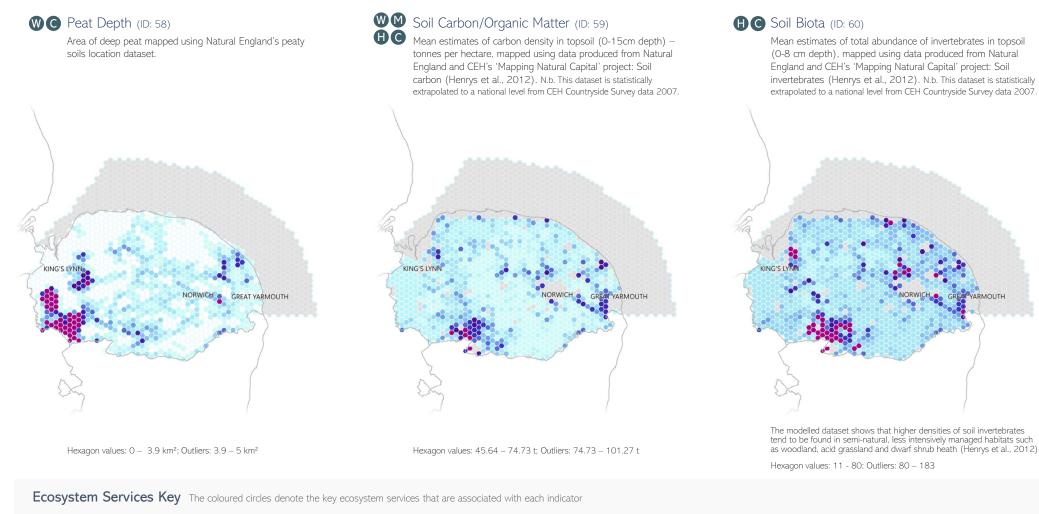


Habitat types: Fr – Freshwater, Fa – Farmland, Gr – Grassland, MMH – Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo – Woodland, Ur – Urban, Co – Coastal, Ma - Marine \* Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

Indicators of habitat quality: soil/sediment processes



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#### Provisionina:

Plant-based energy

- M Timber, hay and other materials Fish and other marine products from wild sources

C	Cultivated crops
S	Water supply
R	Livestock



Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

#### C Cultural services

Cultural:

Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

## 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.

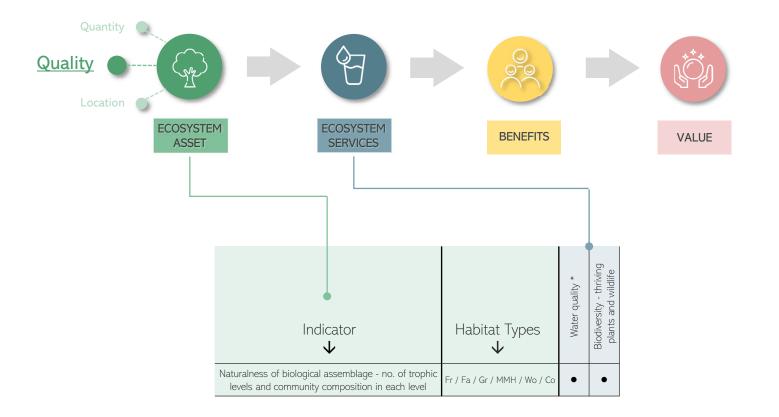


#### Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

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.

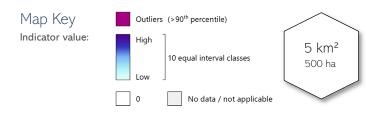
### Asset Quality Indicators - Species Composition

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.

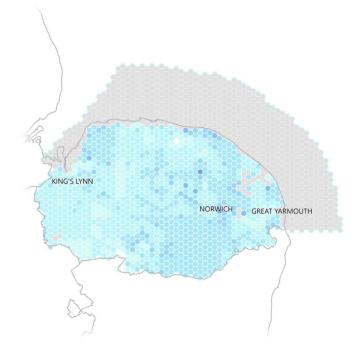


Habitat types: Fr – Freshwater, Fa – Farmland, Gr – Grassland, MMH – Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo – Woodland, Ur – Urban, Co – Coastal, Ma - Marine \* Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

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:

Plant-based energy

M Timber, hay and other materials W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

S Water supply R Livestock



Water quality Air quality Noise regulation

Regulating:



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation



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.

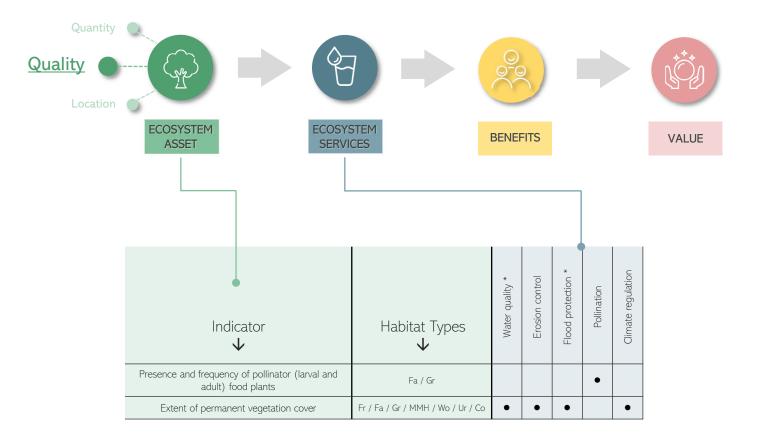


#### Flood Protection

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

### Asset Quality Indicators - Vegetation

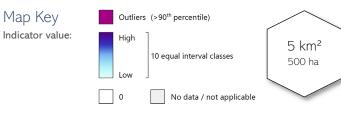
This page illustrates how the indicators for habitat quality (vegetation) are connected to ecosystem services, benefits and value, as shown in the logic chain below. The Natural England Natural Capital Indicators report only produced logic chains for key ecosystem services from each broad habitat type,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

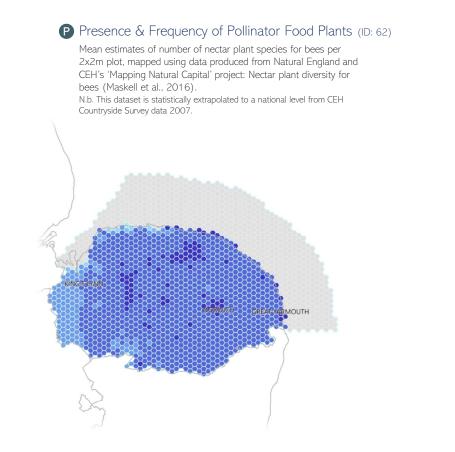


Habitat types: Fr – Freshwater, Fa – Farmland, Gr – Grassland, MMH – Mountains, Moors and Heaths, Wo – Woodland, Ur – Urban, Co – Coastal, Ma - Marine

\* Ecosystem service that was considered for freshwater catchments

Indicators of habitat quality: Vegetation



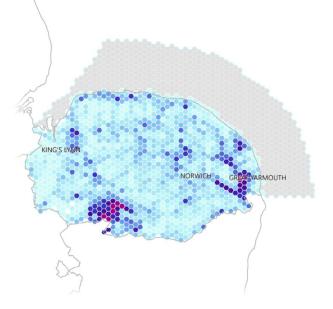


Hexagon values: 0.55 - 6.12; Outliers: 6.12 - 10.69

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#### ₩ Extent of permanent vegetation cover (ID: 63)

**E C** 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 - 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 W Fish and other marine products from
- wild sources Plant-based energy

C	Cultivated c
S	Water suppl
R	Livestock



Regulating:



Flood protection

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife C Climate regulation

#### Cultural services

Cultural:

Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services



## 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.



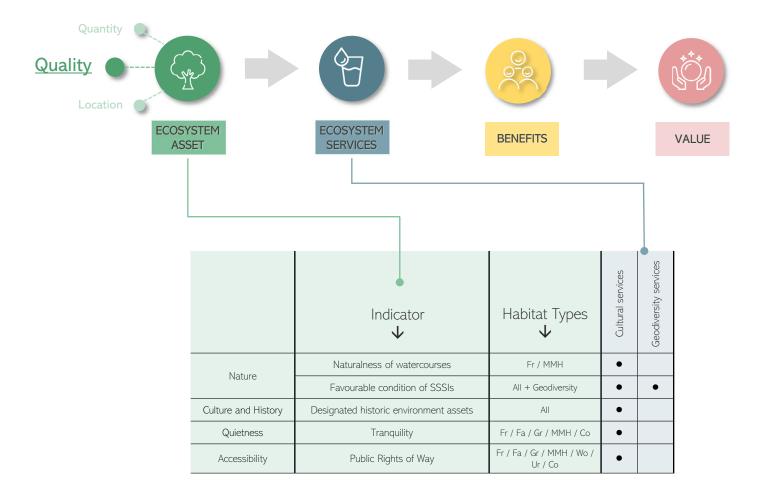
#### Geodiversity services

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

Map Key	Outlier	rs (>90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	$\frown$
Indicator value:	High	10 equal interval classes	5 km² 500 ha
	0	No data / not applicable	$\checkmark$

Naturalness of Watercourses (ID: 64)

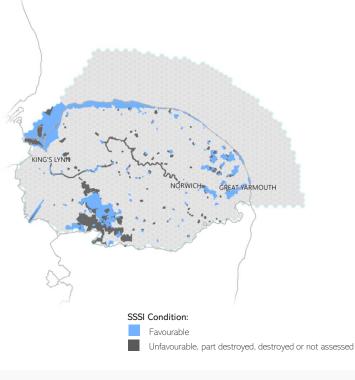
WFD river 'ecological status' describes how the quality of a river compares to its natural 'reference' condition. It is based on biological quality elements, supported by physico-chemical and hydromorphological quality elements. The map shows length of river with 'good' or 'high' WFD Ecological Status in 2016. Note: All maps are © Natural England, 2020. Data sources and attributions for each map are listed on pages 82 and 83.

#### G G Favourable Condition of SSSIs (ID: 65)

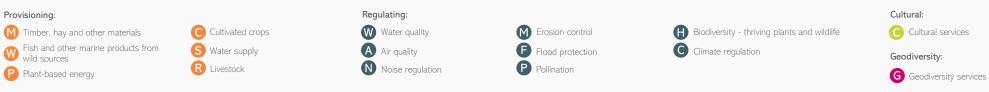
Area of SSSIs with 'favourable' condition status mapped using Natural England's SSSI Units dataset. All SSSIs have been mapped below, including those designated for geological features.

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.





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



C Designated Historic Environment Assets (ID: 66)

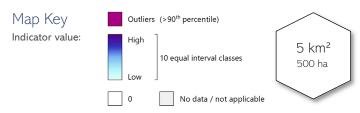
Heritage Sites, scheduled monuments, parks and gardens,

battlefields) mapped using Historic England's designated

Area of designated historic environment assets (World

Indicators of habitat quality: Cultural

sites datasets.



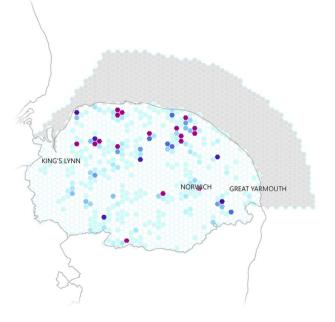
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#### C Tranquillity (ID: 67)

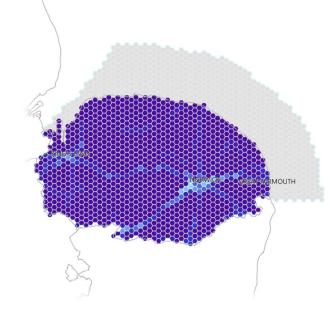
This map indicates areas where roads or rail impact on tranquillity using Defra's 2012 modelled noise map (combined road and rail, 24hr annual average). There will be other factors which contribute to tranquillity which should be considered locally.

#### C Public Rights of Way (ID: 68)

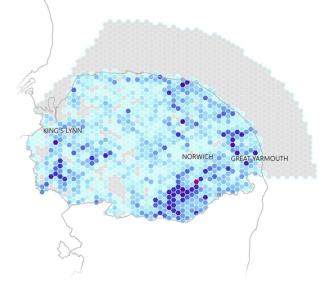
Length of Public Right of Way mapped by combining open Local Authority datasets. N.b. for small areas it is difficult to differentiate between no data and absence of PROW, therefore all gaps are being treated as no data (grey).



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



Hexagon values:  $0 - 5 \text{ km}^2$  (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.



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:

Plant-based energy

- M Timber, hay and other materials
   W Fish and other marine products from wild sources
  - .

С	Cultivated crops
S	Water supply
R	Livestock



Regulating:



 $\mathbf{C}$ 



### Cultural:

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Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services



# ASSET LOCATION

In addition to quantity and quality of natural assets, it is important to consider how the size and location of these assets affects ecosystem service provision.

## **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.

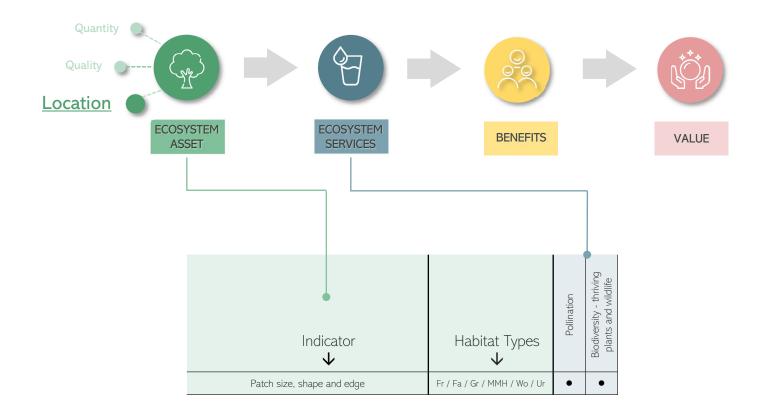


### Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

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**

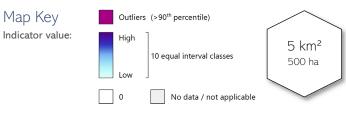
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## **ASSET LOCATION**

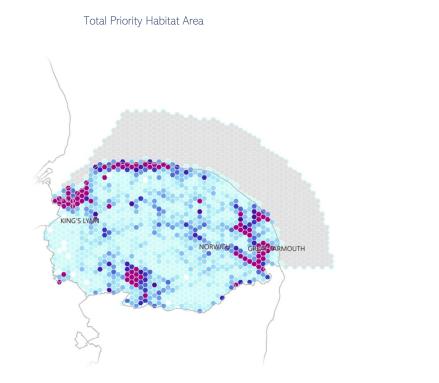
Indicators describing the location of habitats



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

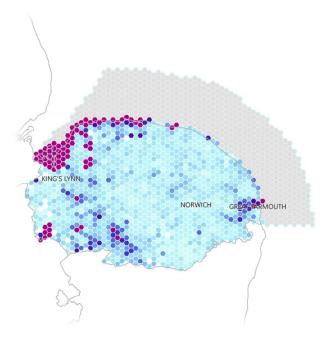
This is a difficult indicator to map for all habitat types combined and at a national scale. Factors such as habitat type, area, patch size and proximity should be considered. A combination of maps are included here to show average patch size and total habitat area for each spatial unit, using Natural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





#### 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:  $0-0.05\ \text{km}^2$ ; Outliers:  $0.05-89.67\ \text{km}^2$ 

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

#### Provisioning:

M Timber, hay and other materials
 W Fish and other marine products from wild sources

Wild sources
 Plant-based energy

C	Cultivated crops
3	Water supply
R	Livestock



Regulating:

Erosion controlFlood protectionPollination

protection

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

C Climate regulation

Geodiversity:

Cultural:

G Geodiversity services

Cultural services

Through the previous sections in this atlas, the quantity, quality and location of natural capital assets have been investigated and mapped. This section starts to look at the next step of the natural capital logic chain: the flow of ecosystem services from a natural asset through to the people who benefit.

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.



## 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.



## Cultivated Crops

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

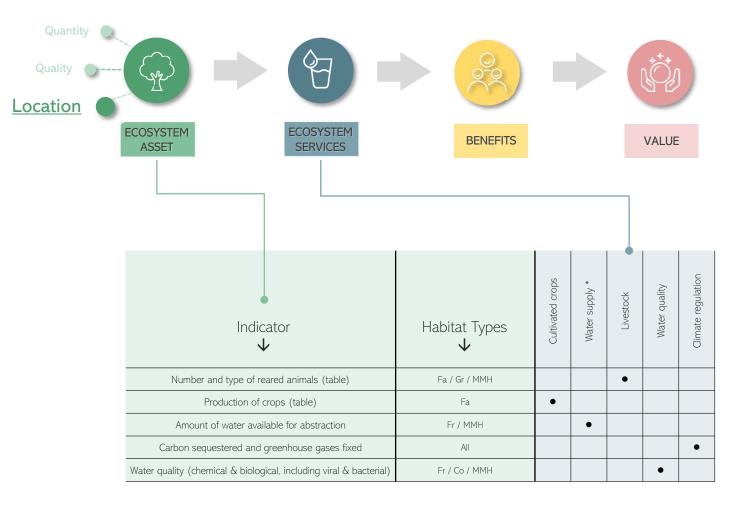


### Livestock

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

## **Ecosystem Service Flow Indicators**

This page illustrates how the indicators for ecosystem service flow 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 and tabulated 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 describing the flow of ecosystem services from habitats

#### C 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
BRECKLAND	96,384	37,276	22,917	60,193	62
BROADLAND	38,956	15,675	9,758	25,433	65
GREAT YARMOUTH	11,668	5,027	2,469	7,496	64
KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK	112,092	50,023	29,589	79,612	71
NORTH NORFOLK	77,699	32,896	20,156	53,052	68
NORWICH & SOUTH NORFOLK	78,420	37,046	16,657	53,702	68

#### **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
BRECKLAND	14,078	42,039	258,785	7,591,960	7,906,862
BROADLAND	13,749	13,726	40,715	1,447,500	1,515,690
GREAT YARMOUTH	2,575	1,438	0	786,817	790,830
KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK	8,811	25,720	107,194	491,018	632,743
NORTH NORFOLK	10,685	17,837	64,222	1,669,571	1,762,316
NORWICH & SOUTH NORFOLK	24,232	15,954	68,259	3,528,692	3,637,137

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



Regulating:

Water quality Air quality Noise regulation

M Erosion control **F**lood protection P Pollination

Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife C Climate regulation

Cultural:

Cultural services

Geodiversity:

G Geodiversity services

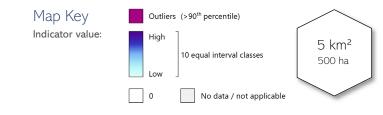
Indicators describing the flow of ecosystem services from habitats

Amount of Water Available for Abstraction (ID: 72)

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.



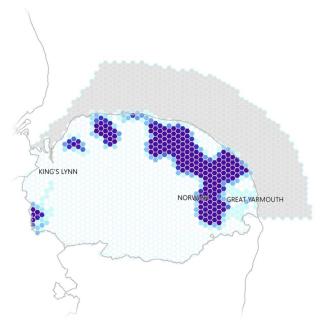
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#### С Carbon Sequestered & Greenhouse Gases Fixed (ID: 73)

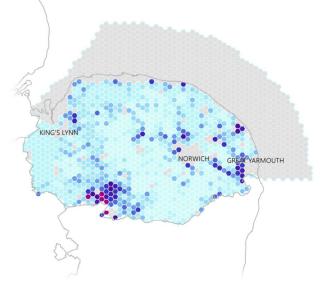
Mean estimates of carbon density in topsoil (0-15cm depth) tonnes per hectare, mapped using data produced from Natural England and CEH's 'Mapping Natural Capital' project (2016). N.b. This dataset is statistically extrapolated to a national level from CEH Countryside Survey data 2007.

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

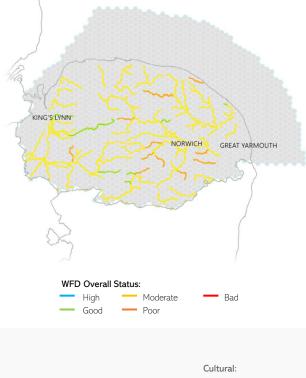
Overall status of rivers, canals and surface water under the Water Framework Directive mapped using Environment Agency WFD Cycle 2 2016 data.



Hexagon values: 0 - 5 km<sup>2</sup> (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



Biodiversity - thriving plants and wildlife

Climate regulation

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

C Cultural services

Geodiversity:



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

#### Provisionina:

wild sources

S

M Timber, hay and other materials Fish and other marine products from



S Water supply R Livestock



A Air quality Noise regulation

Water quality

Regulating:



Flood protection

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## DATA SOURCES, ABBREVIATIONS & ATTRIBUTIONS

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## **Dataset Sources**

#### Numbers in pink show which maps/indicators the dataset was used to create.

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EA	Environment Agency
CEH	Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
WFD	Water Framework Directive
OS	Ordnance Survey
FC	Forestry Commission
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BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
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