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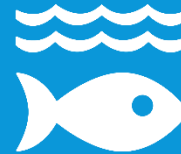
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Paving the way to net-zero

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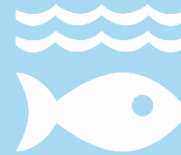
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What is Critical?



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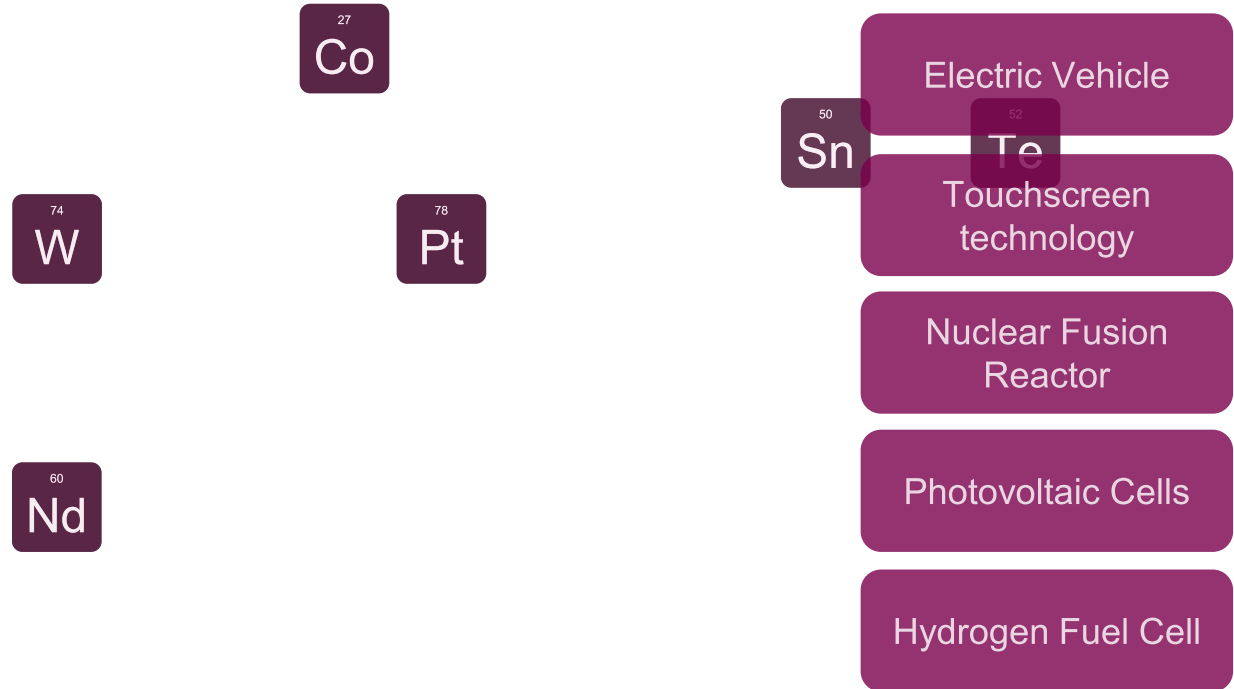
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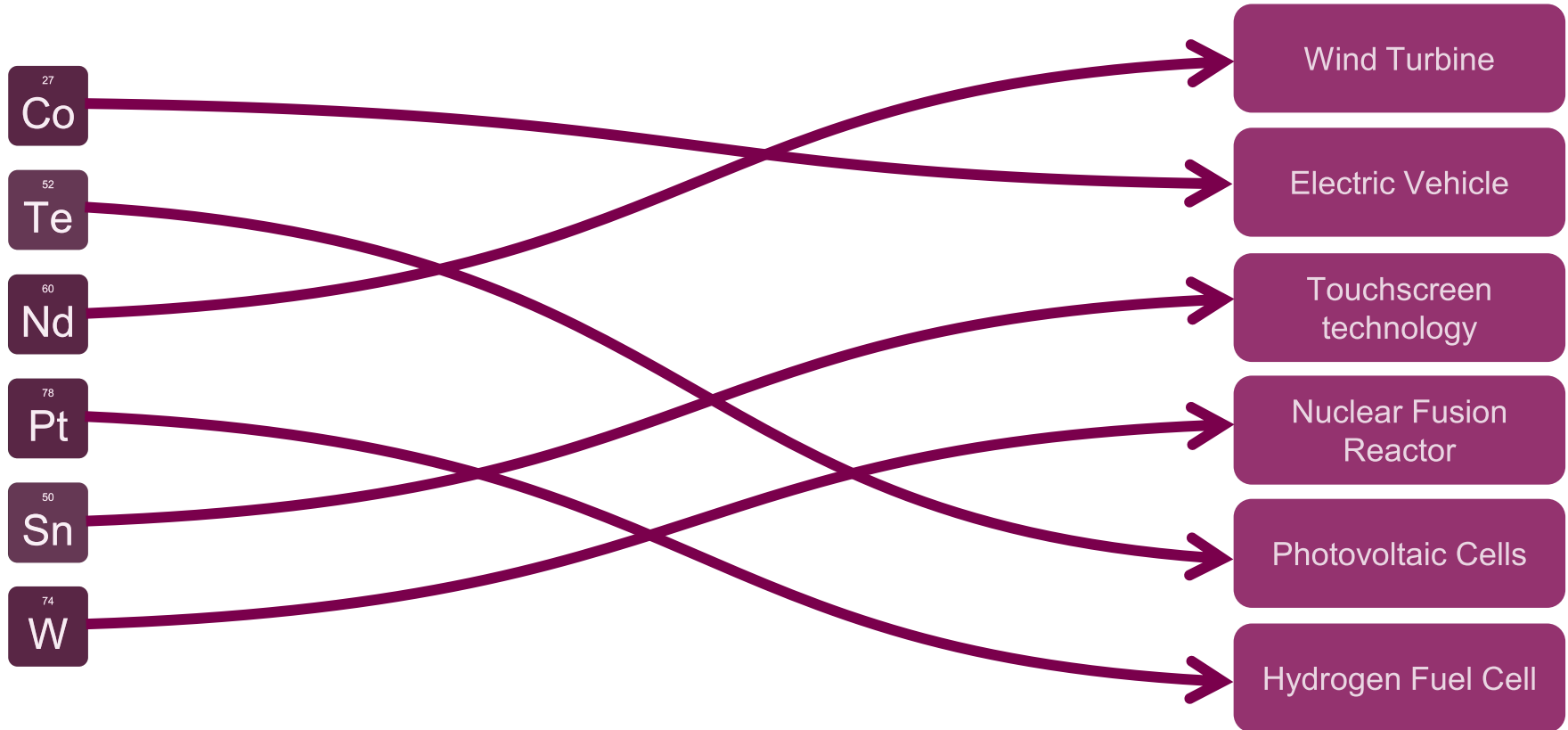
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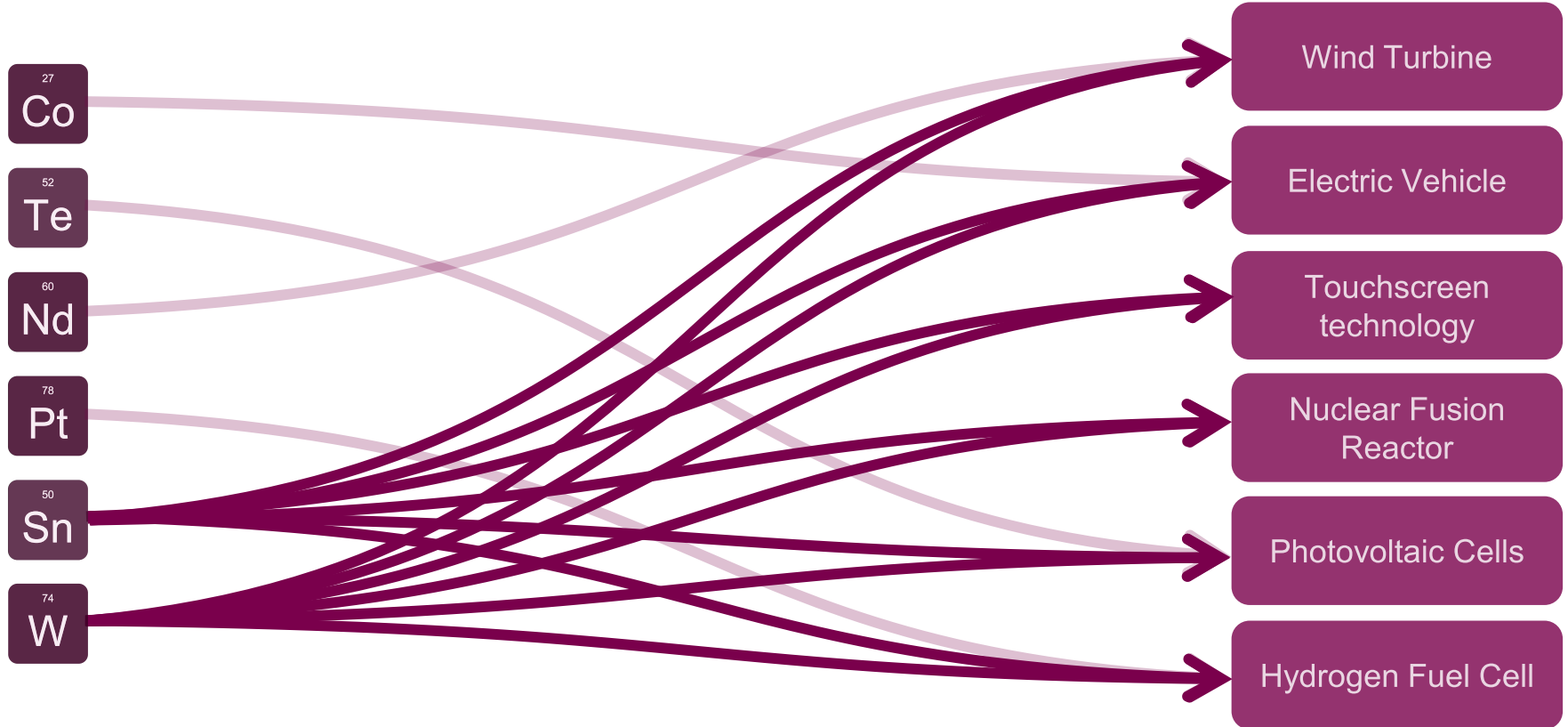
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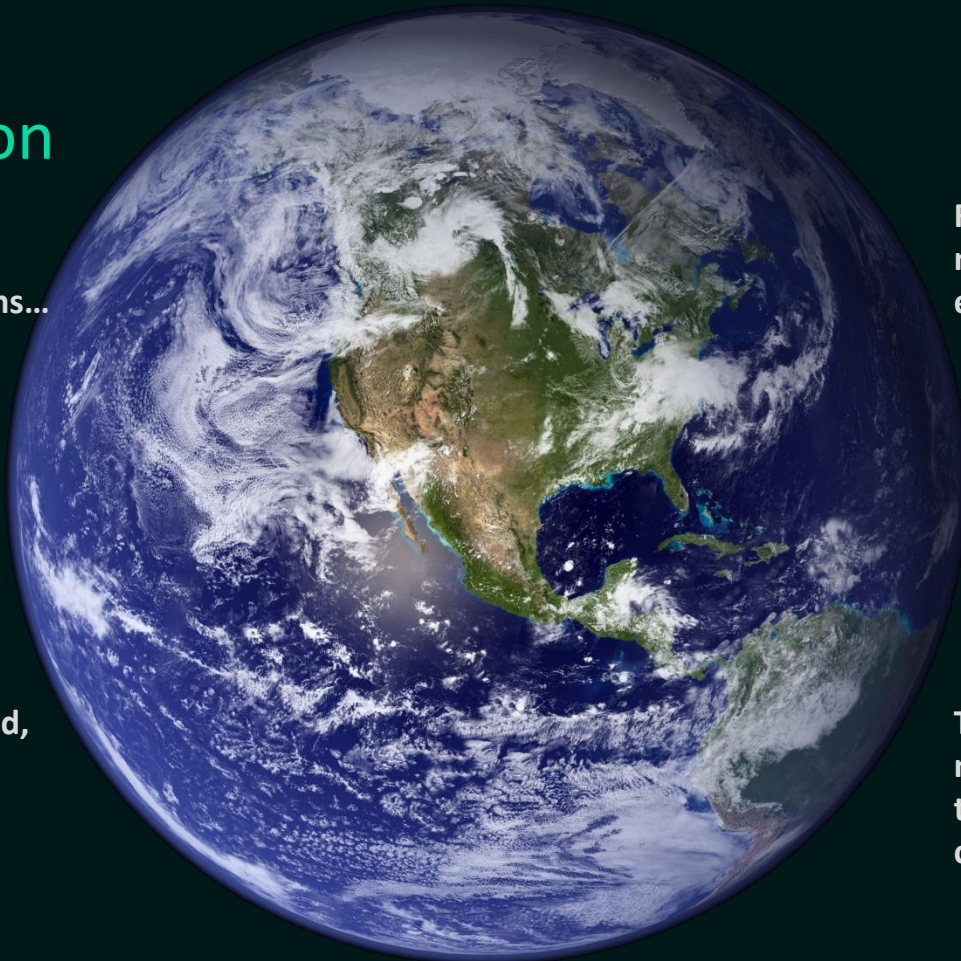
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Climate Action

Control, reduce and prevent anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions...

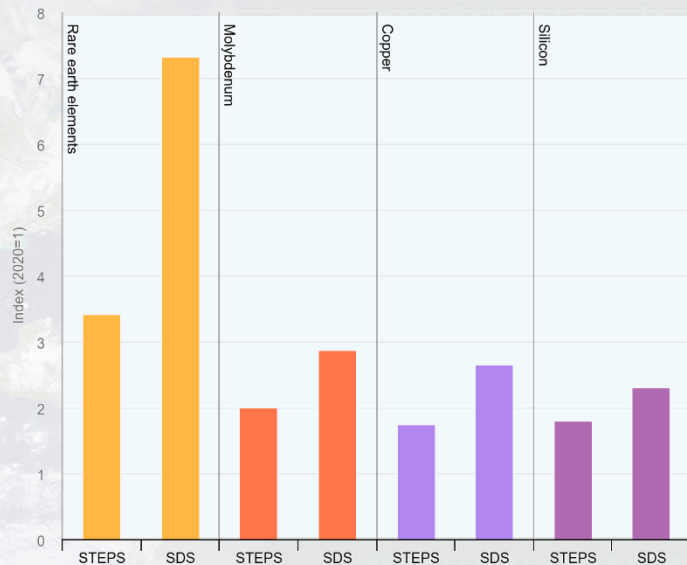
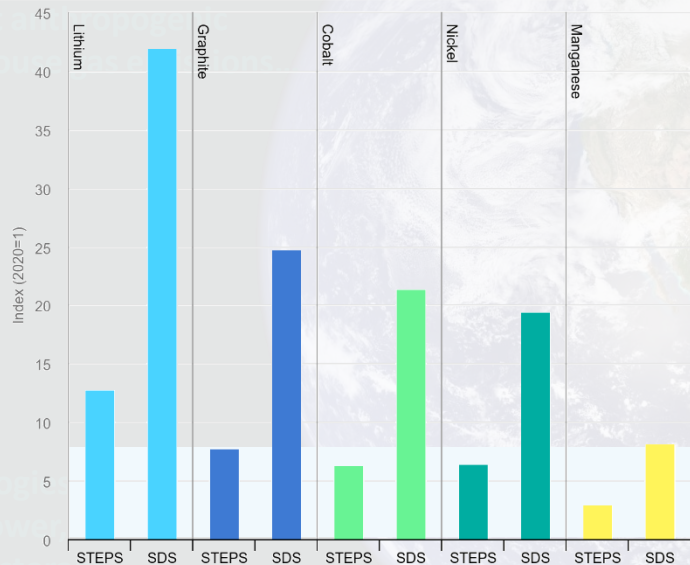
Technologies include wind, hydropower, solar and battery-storage...



Requires metals and materials not previously used or extracted at scale...

These metals and materials need to be sourced before they can be used and circulated

Climate Action



STEPS: IEA Stated Policies Scenario
SDS: IEA Sustainable Development Scenario

IEA (2021), The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions, IEA, Paris <https://www.iea.org/reports/the-role-of-critical-minerals-in-clean-energy-transitions>, Licence: CC BY 4.0



What is Critical?



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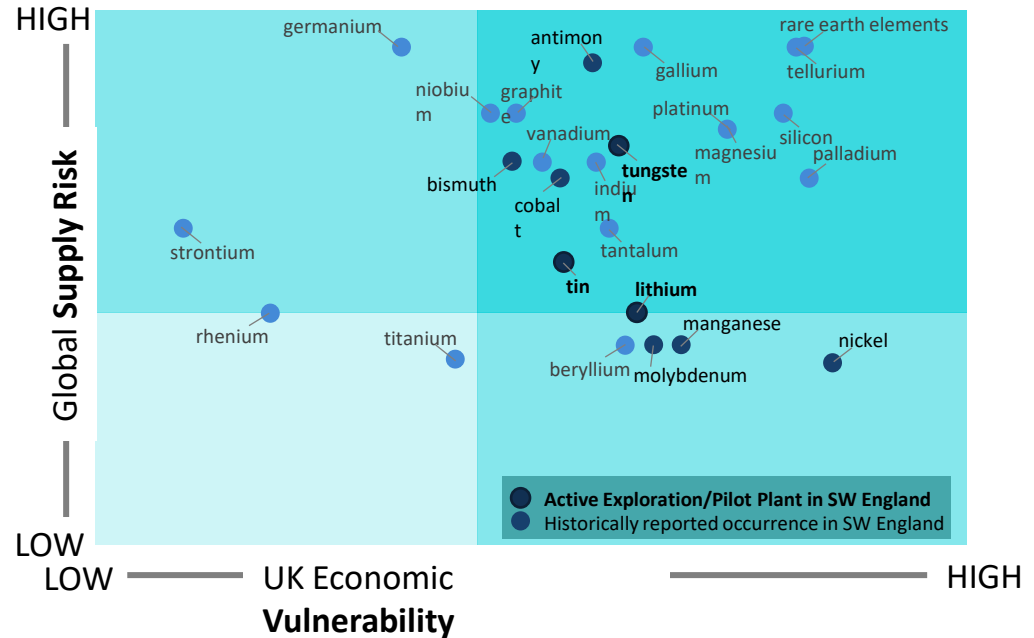


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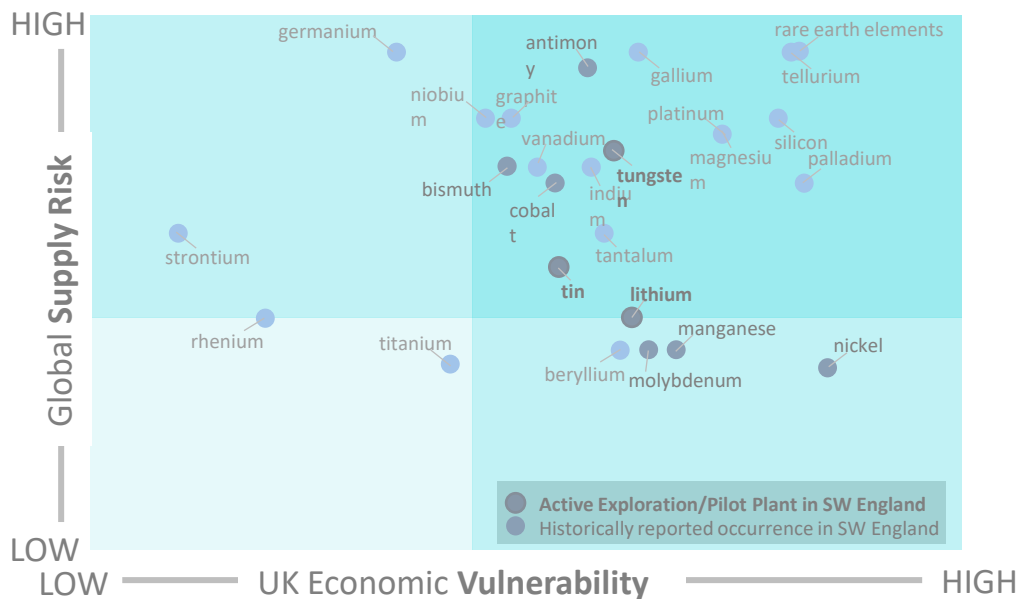
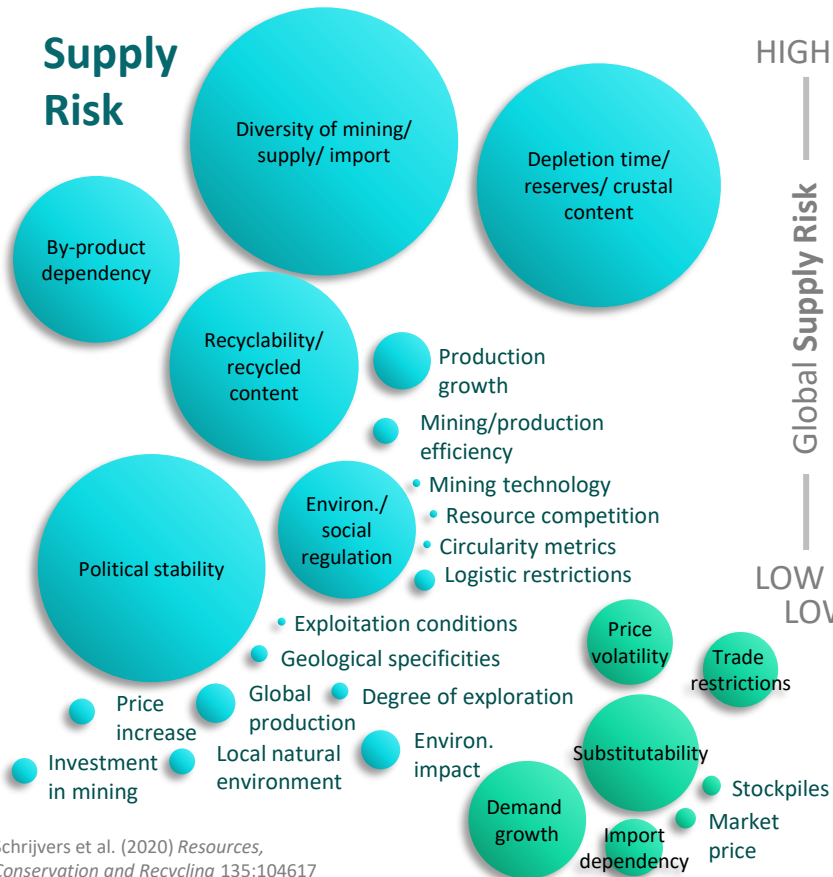
Critical Raw Materials are generally defined as being of **high economic importance** and **having high supply risk**.



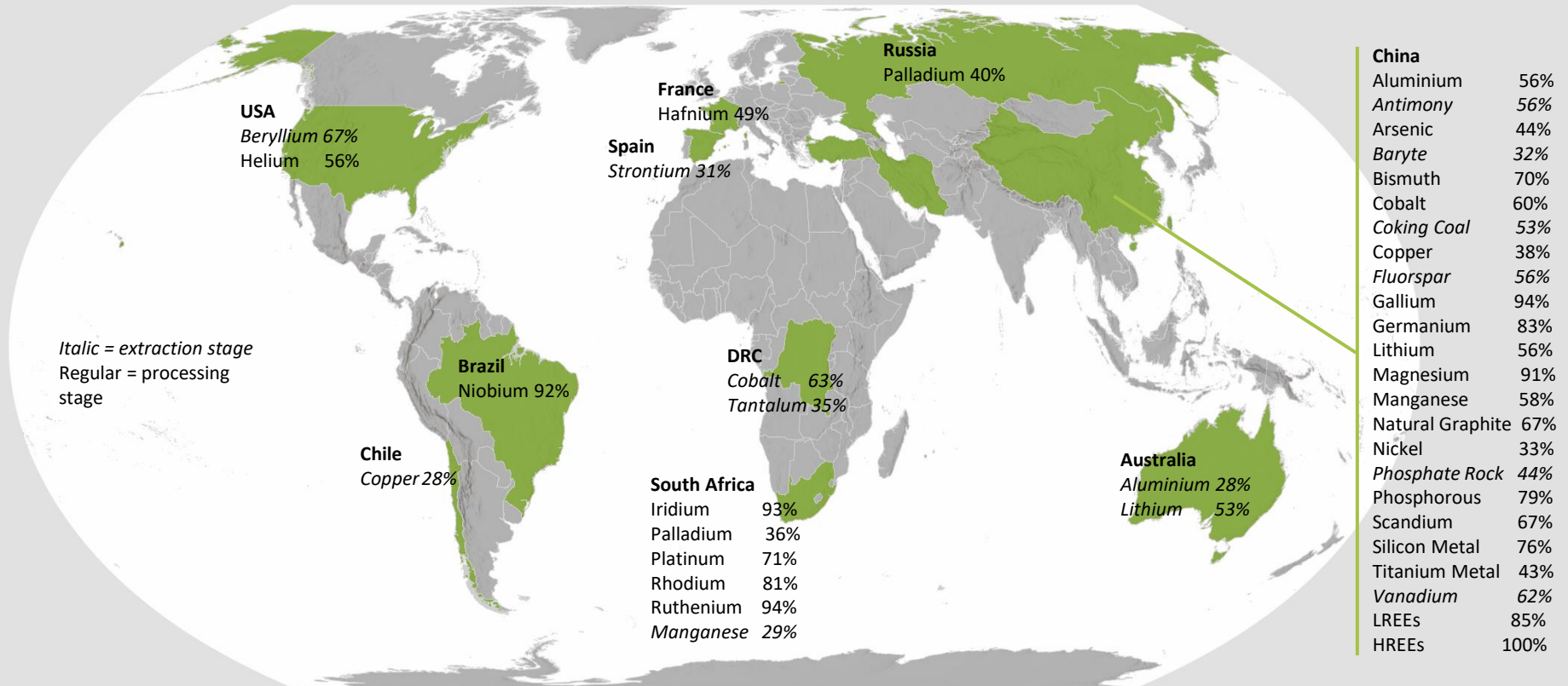


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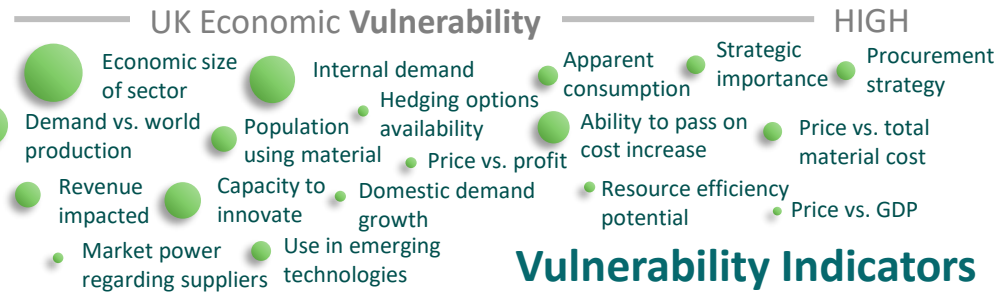
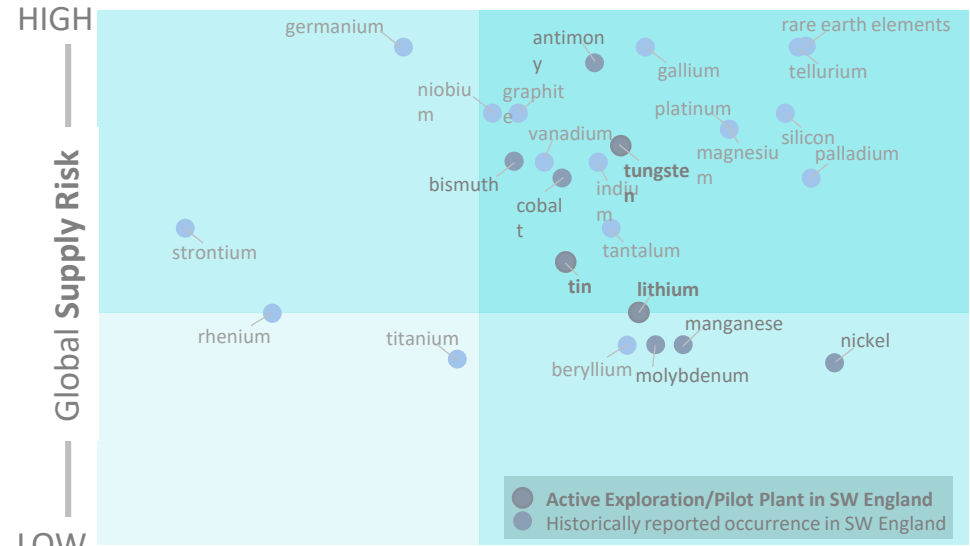
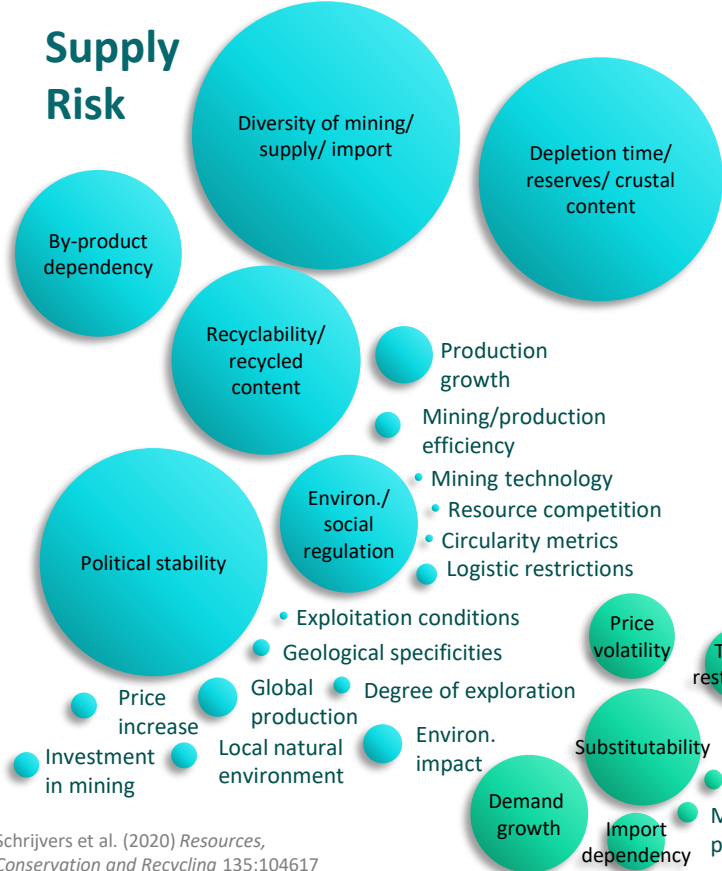
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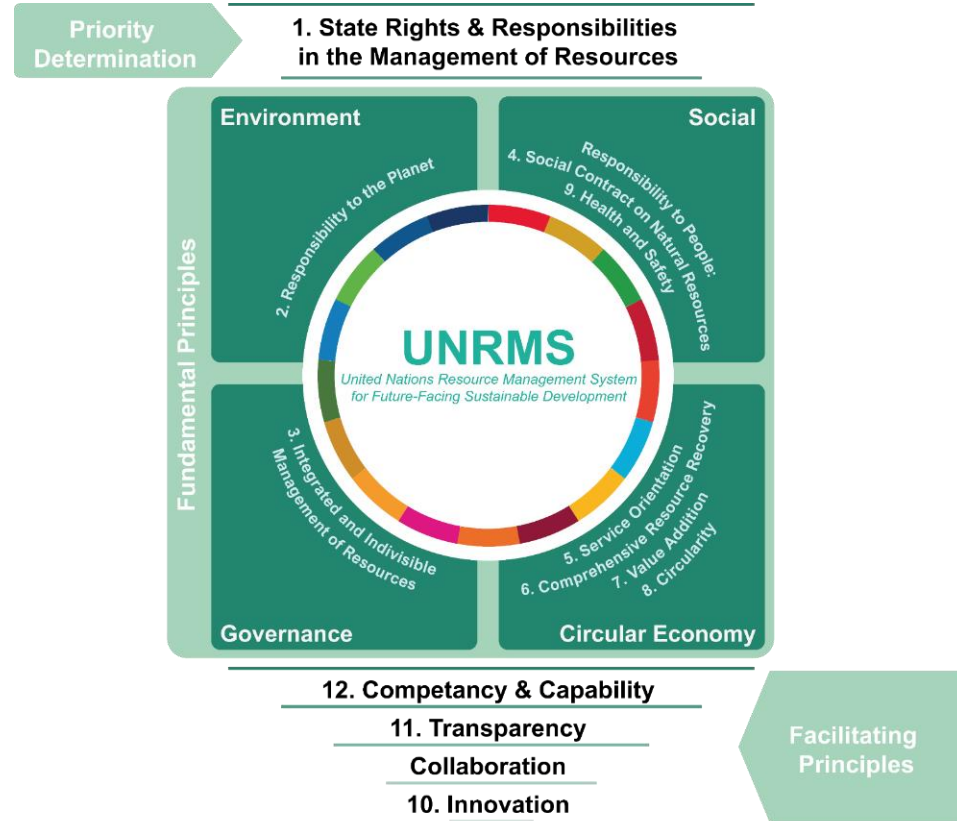


What can be
done to alleviate
Criticality?



Sustainable Resource Management

- **United Nations Resource Management System**
 - 12 fundamental principles and 54 underlying requirements

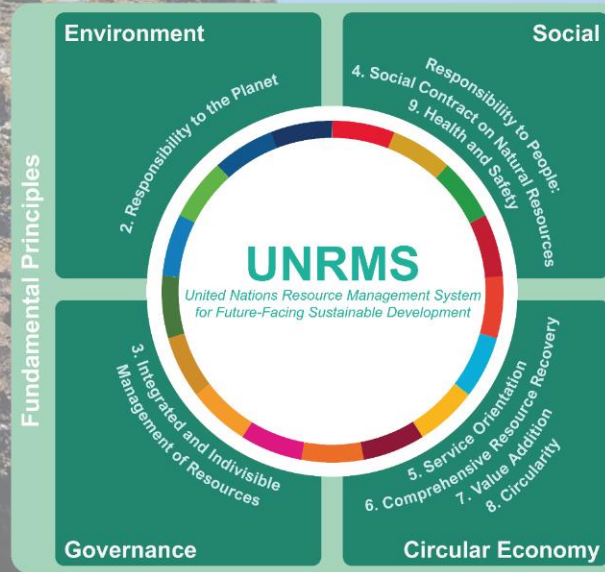


UNRMS: Cornwall Case Study



Priority Determination

1. State Rights & Responsibilities in the Management of Resources



12. Competency & Capability

11. Transparency

Collaboration

10. Innovation

Facilitating Principles

UNRMS: Cornwall Case Study

Diverse set of “**Geo-Resources**” spanning natural and social capital...

...how can these be balanced?

Local Skills and Expertise: Sustainability, Circular Economy, Responsible Mining and Exploration, Mineral Processing, Environment, Social and Governance (ESG), Nature Regeneration, Renewable Energy, Blue and Green Economy

UNESCO World Heritage

Site: Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape

Surface Quarrying:

Kaolin, Lithium, Tungsten, Rubidium, Caesium, Potassium

Agri/Aqua-Culture:

Sustainable agriculture, aquaculture, and water resourcing practices

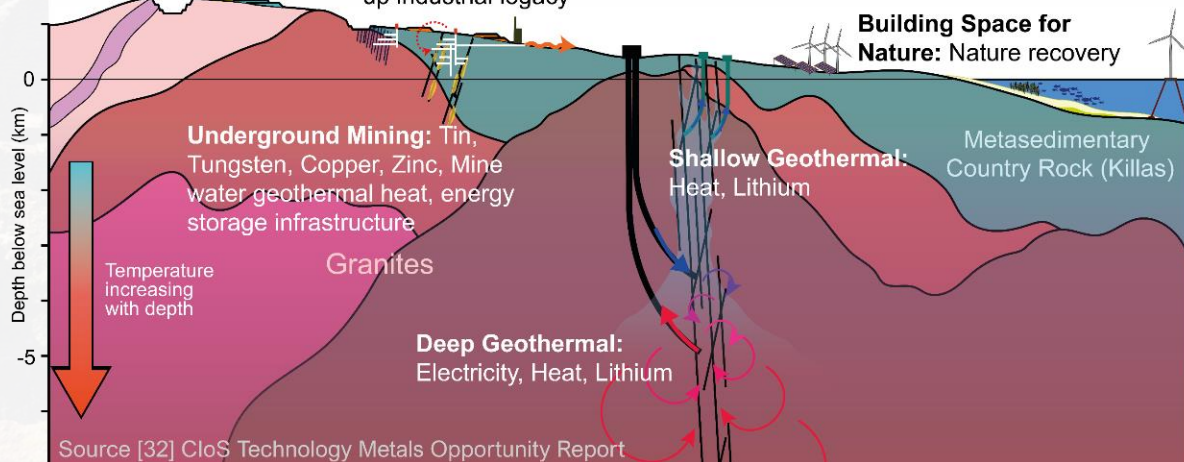
Remediation: Value-creation from cleaning up industrial legacy

Exceptional Natural Spaces: 250 km Heritage Coast, 167 SSSI, 12 Special Conservation Areas, 498 County Wildlife Sites, 9 Marine Conservation Areas, 20% UK's designated bathing beaches

Renewables & Clean Energy:

Floating Offshore Wind, Onshore Wind, Solar Photovoltaics, Bio-Methane, Geothermal

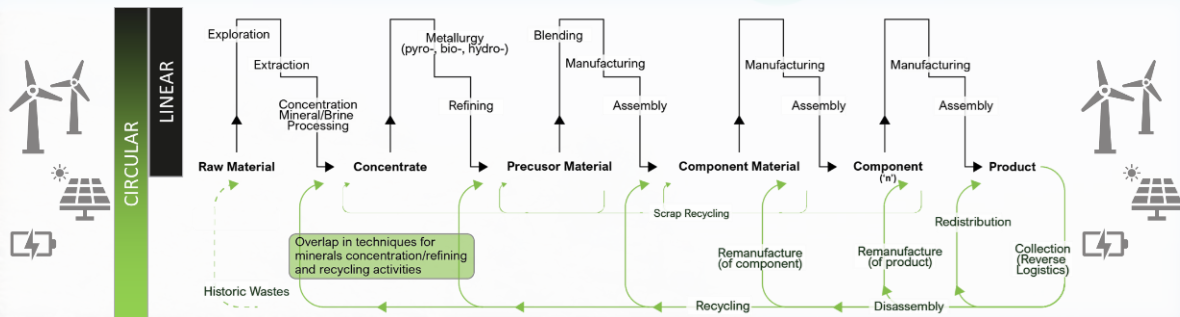
Building Space for Nature: Nature recovery



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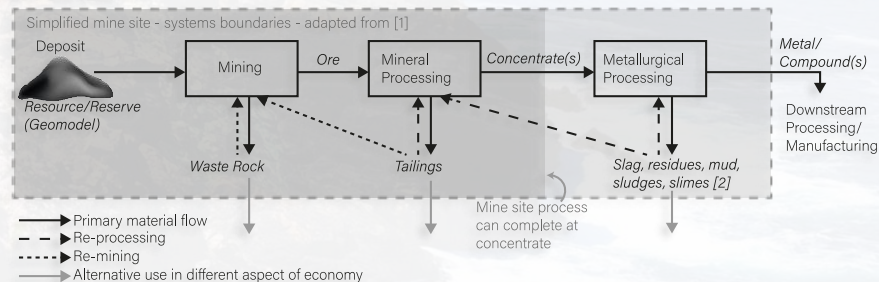
Mining in the circular economy?



Circular Economy

Increasing circularity	Smarter product use and manufacture	R0 Refuse
	Extended lifespan of product and its parts	R1 Rethink
		R2 Reduce
		R3 Reuse
	Useful application of materials	R4 Repair
		R5 Refurbish
		R6 Remanufacture
	Linear Economy ("Take-Make-Waste")	R7 Repurpose
		R8 Recycle
	R9 Recover	

Micro: Mine-Site Scale



... resource efficiency, by/co-product recovery, waste valorisation, industrial symbiosis, dematerialisation, end-of-life extension, resources-as-a-service ...

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Applicability Mapping



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Table 3
Preliminary mapping of UK Cornwall Critical Raw Materials regulatory, governance, and industry ecosystem to UNRMS principles and requirements

Principle	Requirements	Ranking	
State rights and responsibilities in the management of resources	(a) National policy and strategy: To support the implementation of sustainable resource management aligned to the 2050 Agenda for Sustainable Development.	2	
	(b) Compliance with regulations: Establish regulatory bodies which are responsible for sustainable resource management.	2	
	(c) Coordination: Coordination with different authorities responsible for regulating sustainable resource management.	2	
	(d) Provision of technical services: Providing technical services needed for sustainable resource management.	2	
Responsibility to the planet	(e) Adherence to international obligations and arrangements for international cooperation.	2	
	(f) Long-term cost-benefit analysis concerning future people/prosperity.	2	
	(g) Strategic environmental assessment: A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a systematic process for evaluating the environmental implications of a proposed policy, plan or programme and provides means for looking at cumulative effects and appropriately addressing them at the earliest stage of decision-making alongside economic and social considerations.	2	
	(h) Climate change-related activities: All activities align to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), investor and company vision, and climate change policies.	2	
	(i) Resource and energy use efficiency: Actions to reduce resource and energy inputs used to produce resources.	2	
	(j) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Intensity indicator: expressed in g CO ₂ eq/MJ.	2	
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	(l) Land use and management: Actions to minimize or optimally manage the land footprint.	2	
	(m) Management of all residues and effluents in an appropriate manner.	2	
	(n) Biodiversity conservation and enhancement activities: All activities in the area to conserve and enhance biodiversity.	2	
Integrated management of resources	(o) Periodic sustainability reporting for various purposes.	2	
	(p) Information platform, data interoperability, dashboard: Availability of accurate and complete information on the area and progress towards its key decision-making.	2	
	(q) Estimation of resources and assigning the degree of confidence in the estimated quantities according to UNFC.	2	
	(r) Opportunity and Risk management: identification, evaluation, and prioritization of opportunities and risks followed by coordinated and economical application of resources to minimize, monitor, and control the probability or impact of unfortunate events, including resource-based conflicts, and to maximize the realization of opportunities.	2	
	(s) Productivity: Ensuring required resources to enhance production efficiency. Often, a productivity measure is expressed as the ratio of aggregate output to a single input or an aggregate input used in production process, i.e., output per unit of input, typically over a specific period.	2	
	(t) Preventing illegal financial flows, Base Emission and Profit Shifting (BEPS): Illegal capital flight. Domestic tax BEPS occur due to multinational enterprises exploiting gaps, and mismatches between countries' tax systems affect all countries. Developing countries' higher reliance on corporate income tax means they suffer from BEPS disproportionately.	2	
	(u) Sustainable investment framework: A set of standards for a company's operations that socially conscious investors use to screen potential investments.	2	
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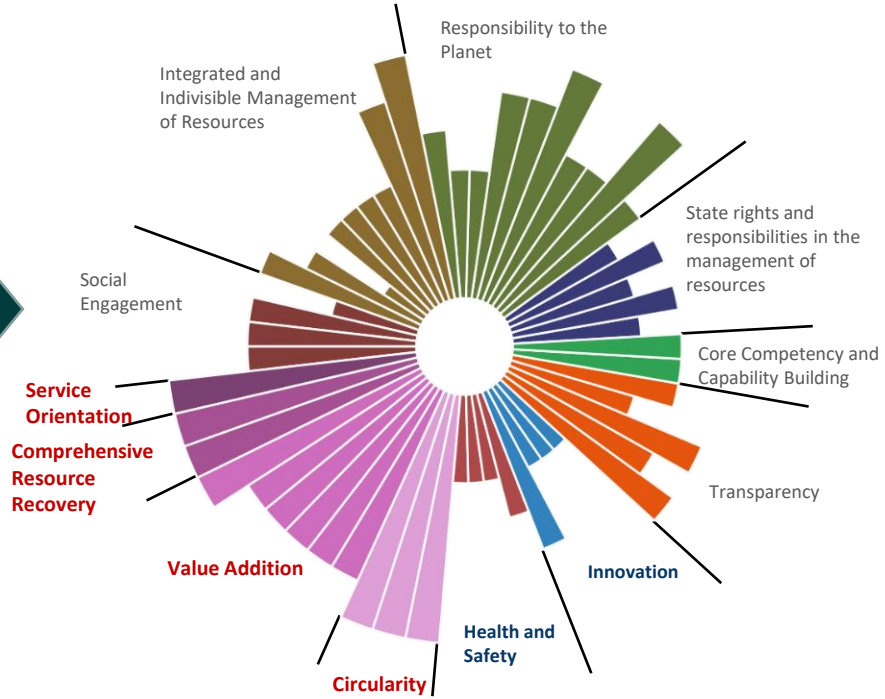
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Thank you for Listening!



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Beyond the Horizon:

The transformative
potential of offshore
wind energy

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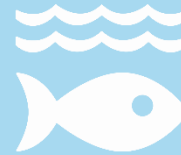
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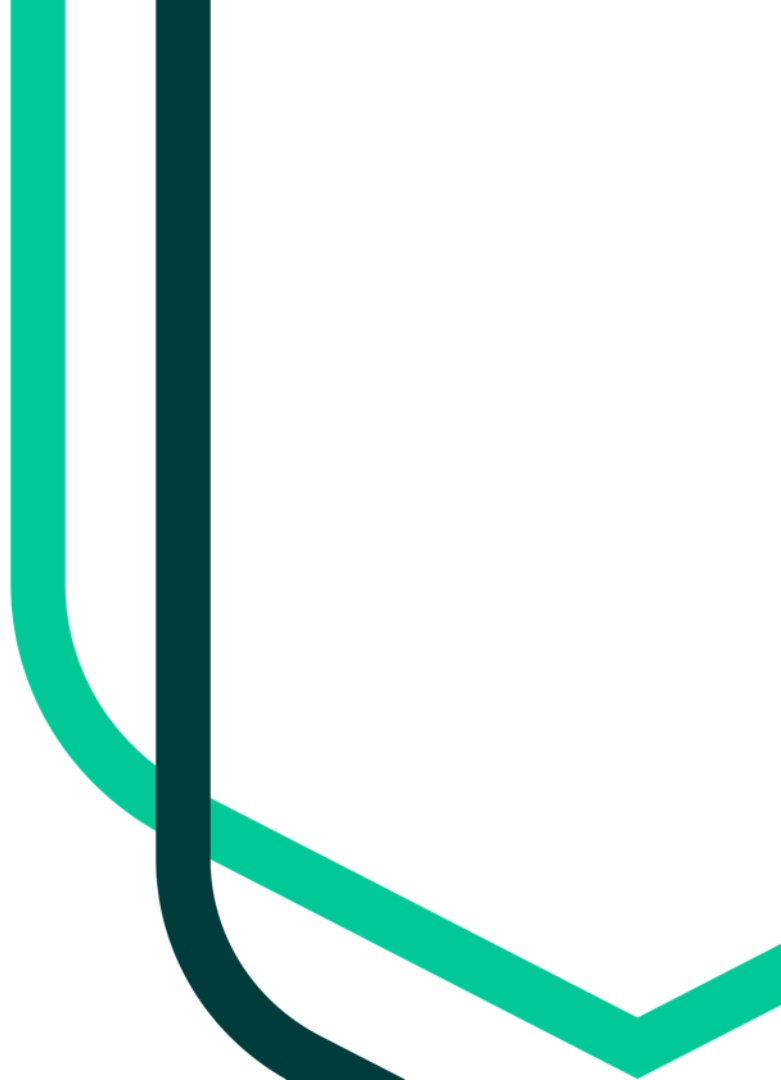
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Offshore Wind: Fixed to Floating



Fixed Offshore Wind Energy

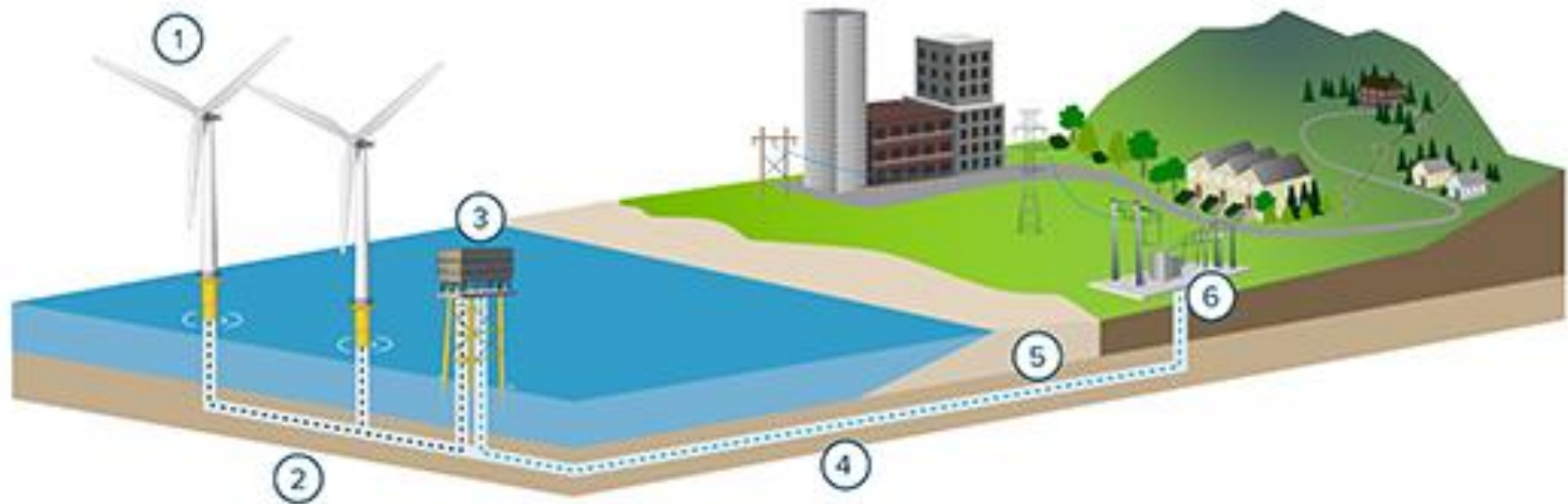


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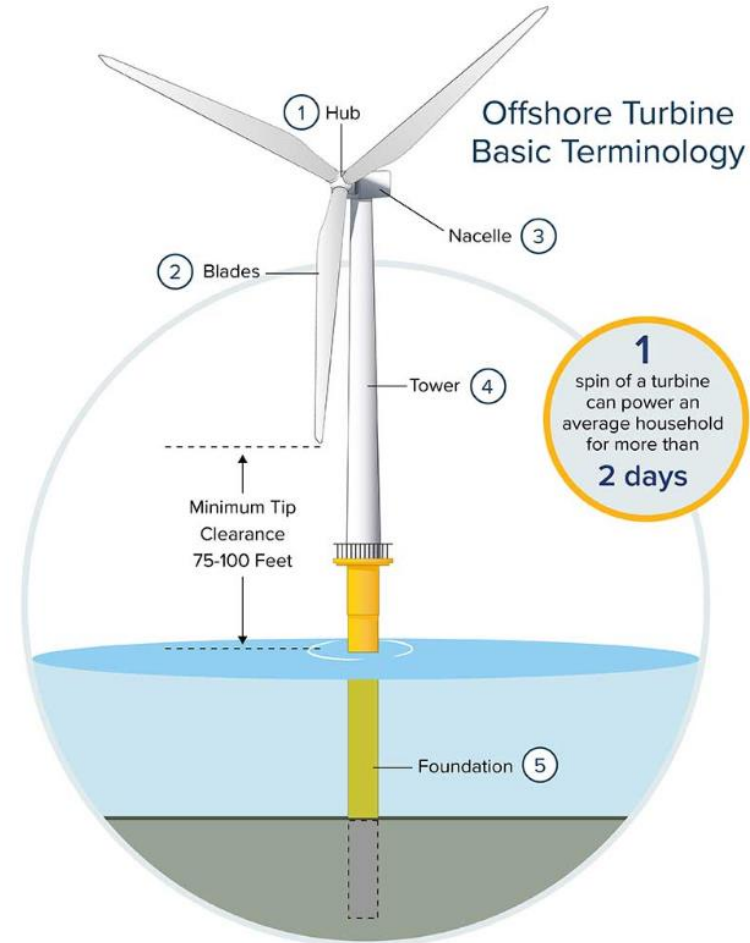
How Offshore Wind Works





Fixed Offshore Wind Energy

1. The **Hub** supports the blades & houses the pitch system, which optimizes blade angle and rotation speed.
2. **Blades** capture the wind's energy and convert it into mechanical energy.
3. The **Nacelle** houses components that convert mechanical energy to electrical energy.
4. The **Tower** supports the mass of the nacelle, hub, and blades.



Why do we want to go offshore?

- A 1MW wind turbine can generate 1MW of power at maximum output.
- At lower windspeeds, they generate less. At high speeds the blades are braked to avoid damage but this doesn't happen that often.
- All wind turbines have a load factor, basically a ratio setting out actual output against the theoretical maximum output.
- Load factors
 - onshore wind: 25.94%
 - offshore wind: 40.98%
- So an identical UK offshore WT at sea produces about 57% more electricity than a UK onshore WT. This justifies a higher spend on the offshore WT.

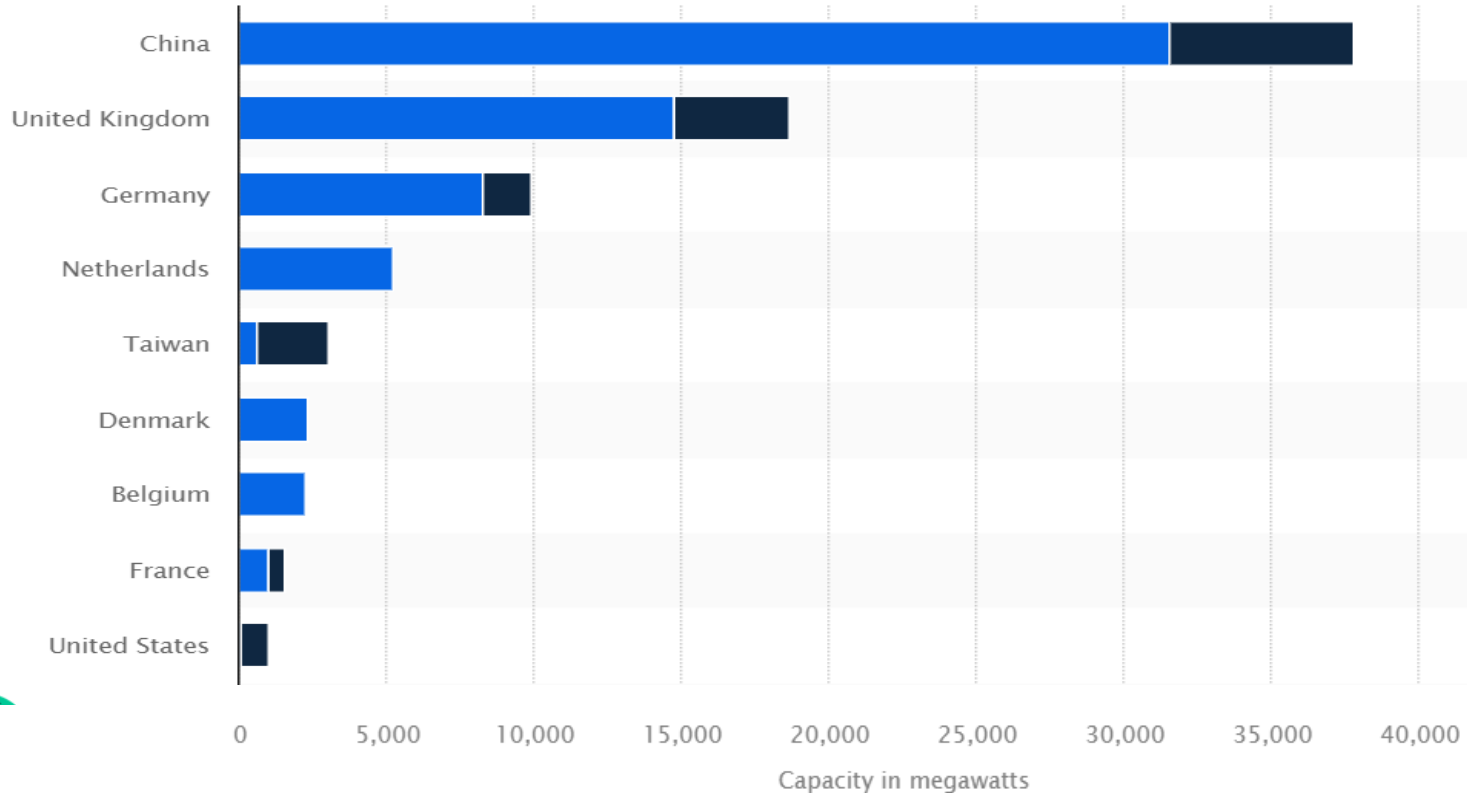


Why do we want to go offshore?

- It's really windy at sea: [New European Wind Atlas](#)
- Sea is smoother than land, giving better interaction with the WT.
- Offshore also lets us build bigger turbines without annoying the neighbours. Generally speaking, the taller the turbine, the faster the wind, and that means more power and more energy generated. But taller turbines are less welcome on land.
- Hornsea 2 has 165 x 8MW turbines, and an area of 462km² (178 sq miles). Impossible to find a site that big on land.

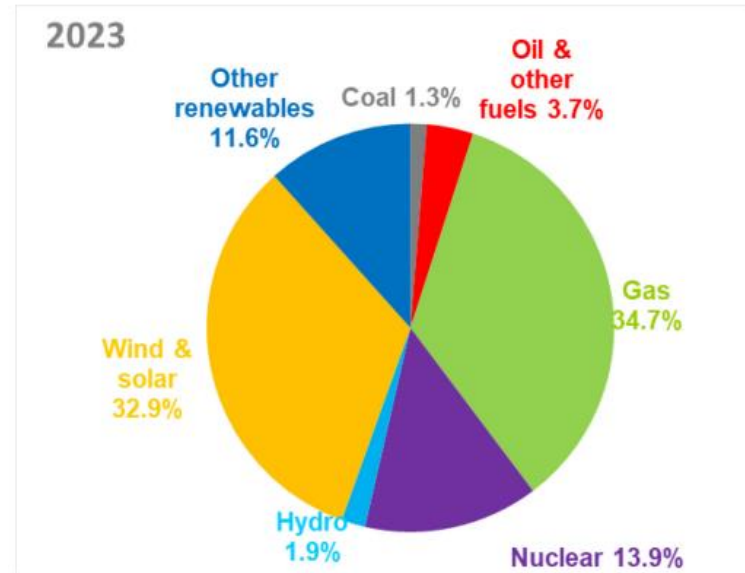


Where is Offshore Wind currently?



Where is Offshore Wind currently?

- [List of offshore wind farms – Wikipedia](#)
- Until ~2020, the UK was the global leader in offshore wind, with 40% of all the offshore wind farms in the world in UK waters.
- Around half of the UK's 28GW of wind capacity is offshore.
- Globally, offshore wind is less than 10% of all wind energy.





Fixed offshore wind potential

- This map shows water depth of 50m or less in black. This is where fixed offshore wind is viable in terms of depth.
- You need both one of these sites and a good wind regime, plus no issues with geology for siting.
- Ideally you want these close to shore, to minimize costs of connecting to the grid.
- There are a limited number of such sites.

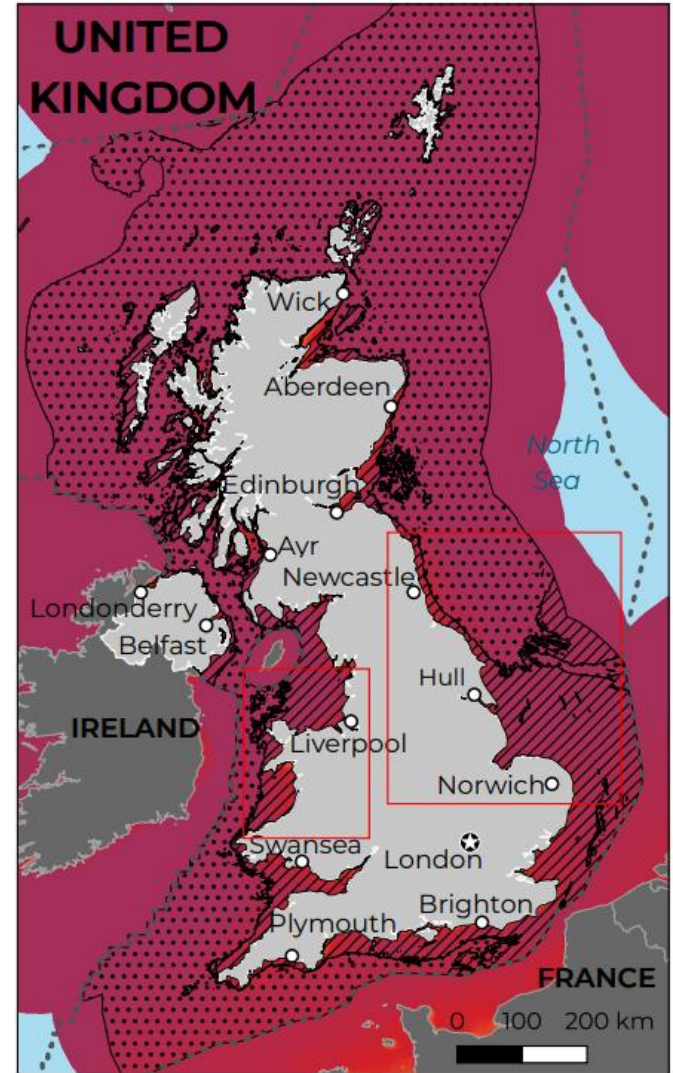




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UK Fixed & Floating Offshore Potential

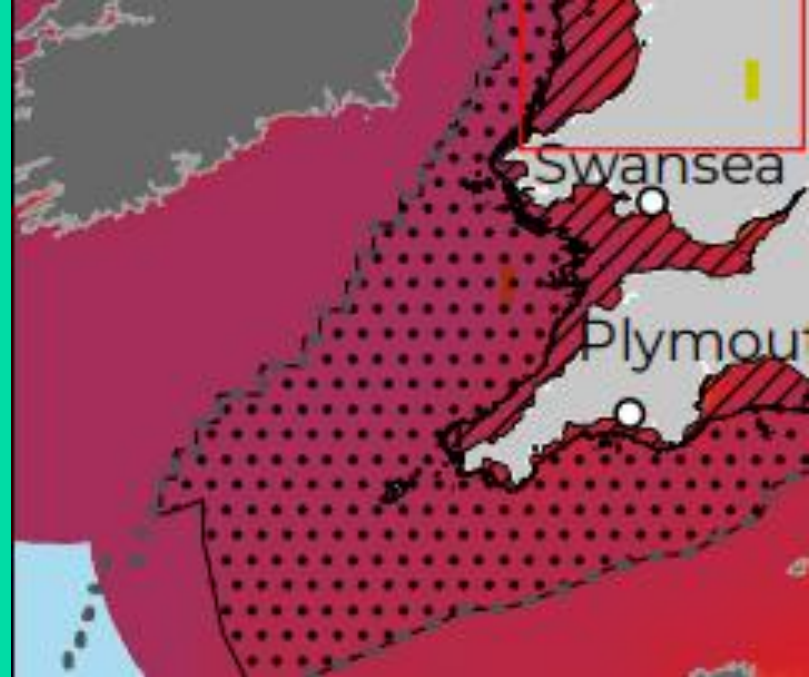
- Other factors may still shape what is exploited:
 - Distance from coast
 - Distance from grid/population centres when coming ashore
 - Planning permission is needed for onshore connection





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Celtic Sea Fixed & Floating Offshore Potential



Why do we want to float wind turbines?

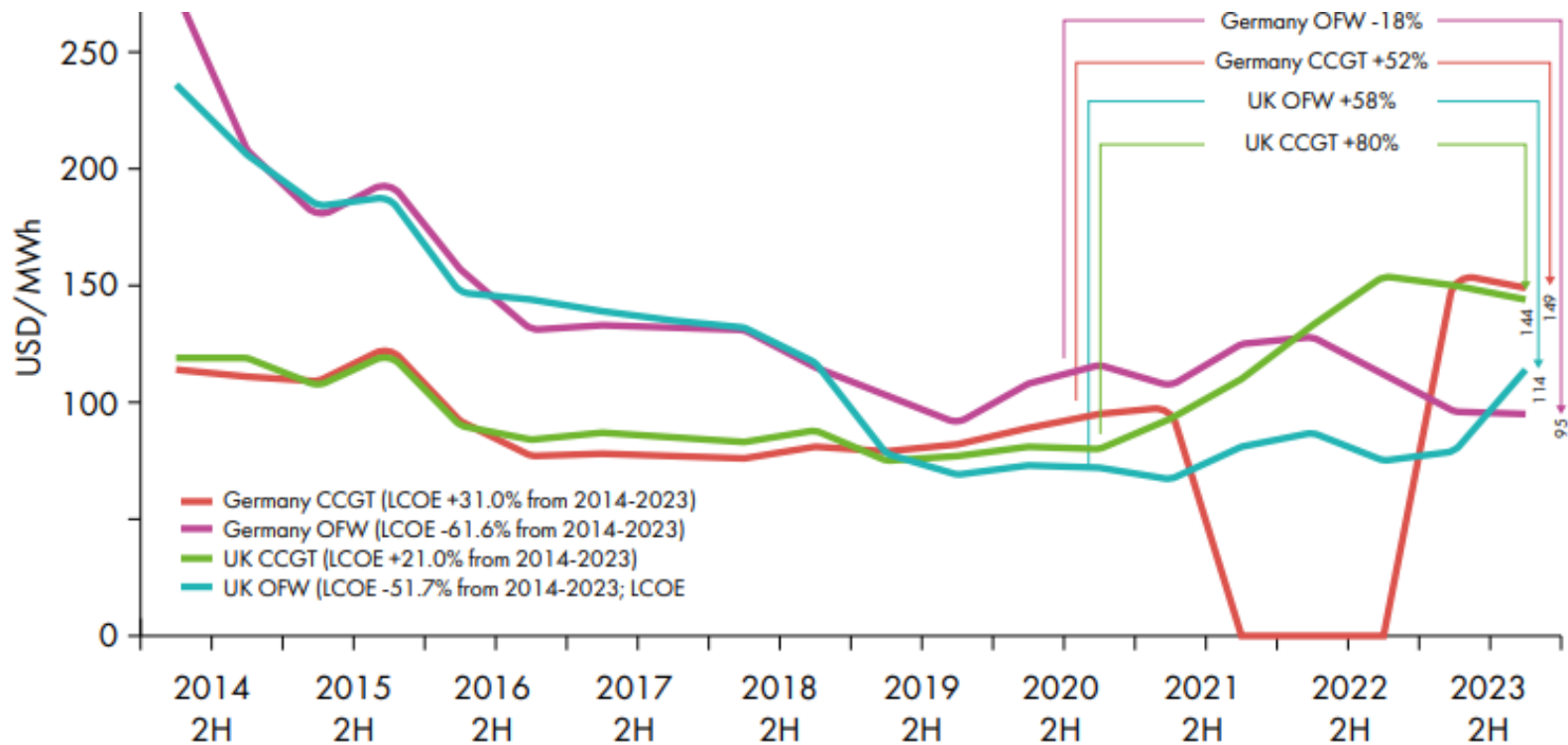
- There is huge potential for offshore wind in locations that are too deep to be exploited with fixed tower wind turbines.
- A proven route to exploitation would open up opportunities:
 - in Cornwall and the Celtic Sea
 - around huge parts of the UK
 - across the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic coast of Europe
 - In many other places worldwide including China and Japan



OW v Gas costs, UK & Germany



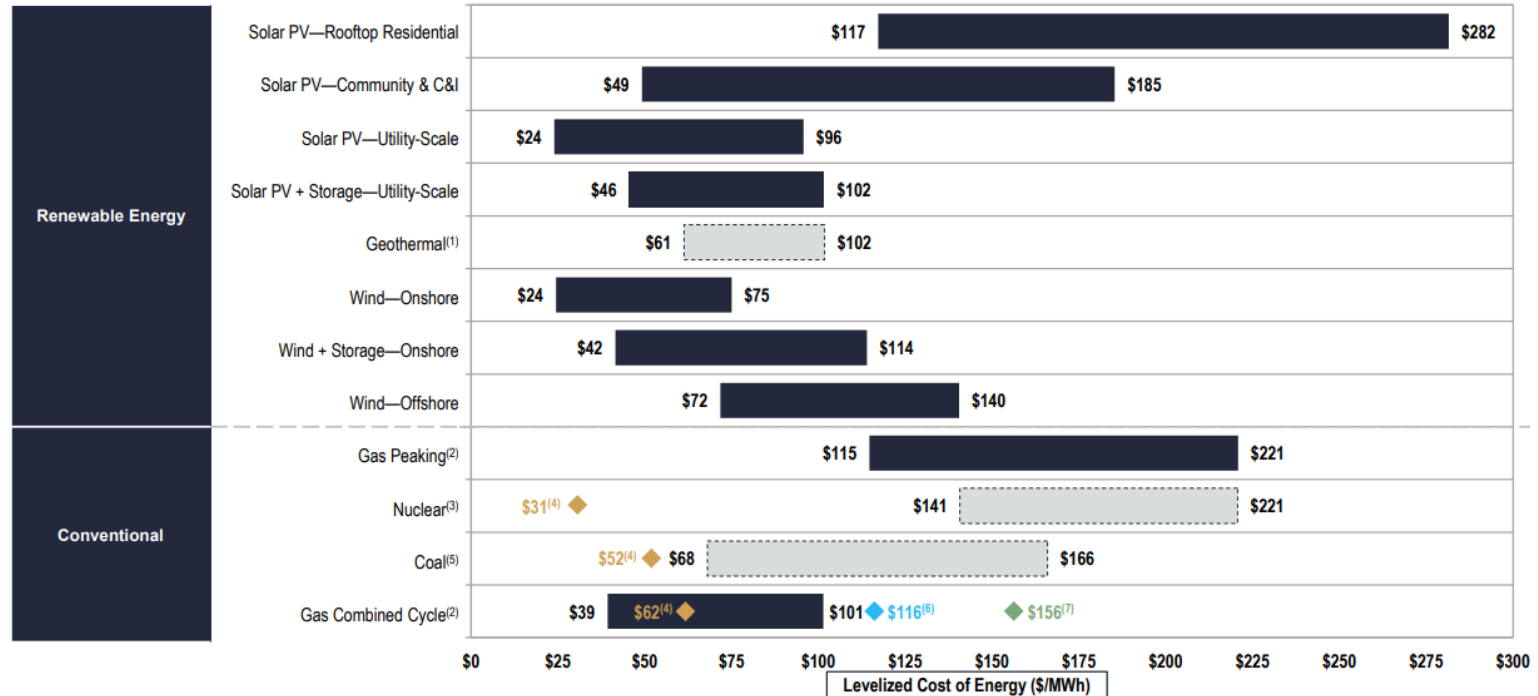
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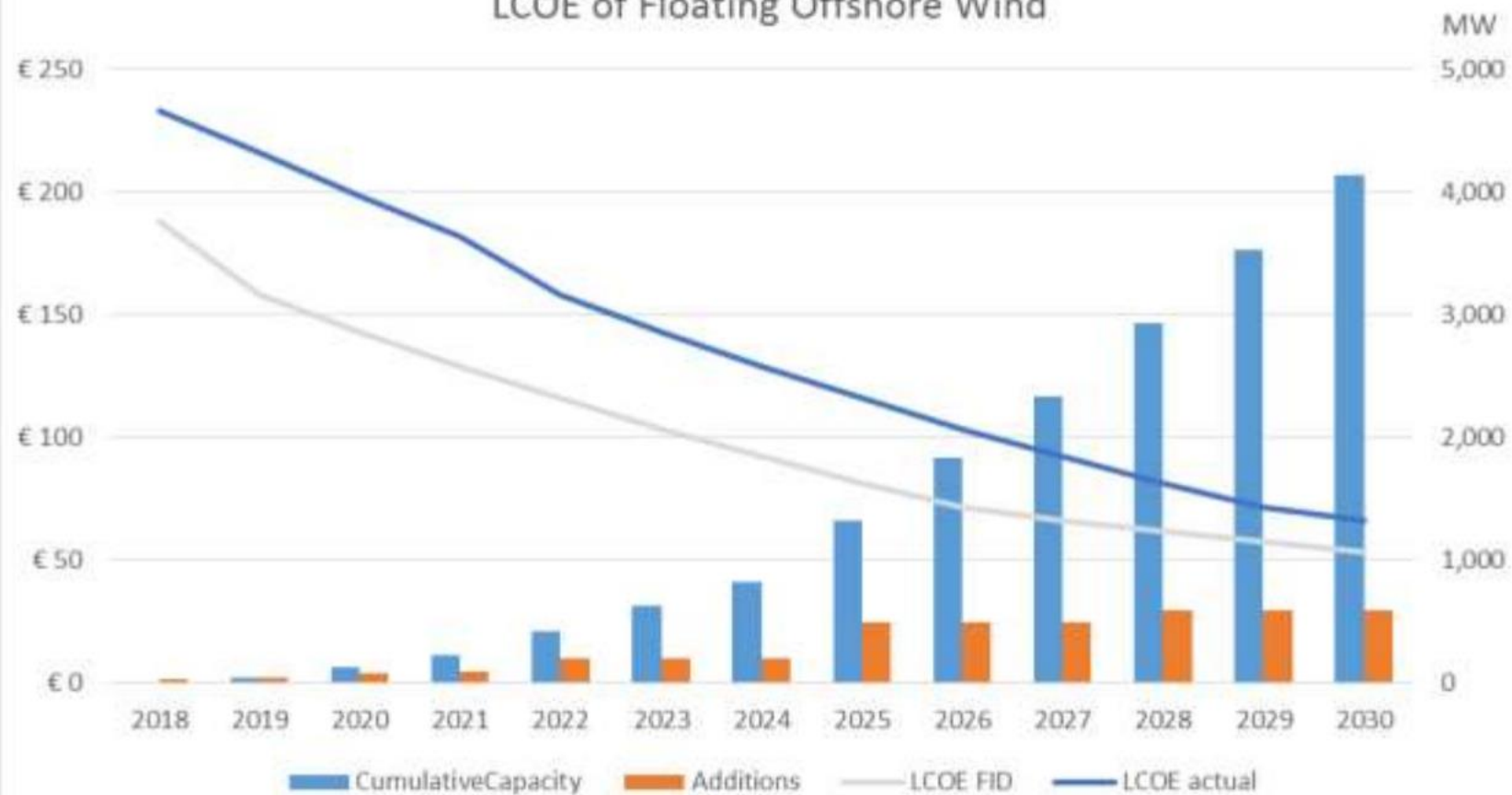
Selected renewable energy generation technologies are cost-competitive with conventional generation technologies under certain circumstances



Costs of offshore wind, CFD – AR6

Technology	Pot		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total Capacity (MW)
Solar PV (>5MW)	Pot 1	£/MWh	50.07	50.07	-	3288.31
		MW	1091.54	2196.77	-	
Onshore Wind (>5MW)	Pot 1	£/MWh	50.9	50.9	-	990.37
		MW	272.58	717.79	-	
Tidal Stream	Pot 2	£/MWh	-	172	172	28
		MW	-	10	18	
Floating Offshore Wind	Pot 2	£/MWh	-	N/A	139.93	400
		MW	-	0	400	
Offshore Wind	Pot 3	£/MWh	-	N/A	58.87	3363.07
		MW	-	0	3363.07	
Offshore Wind Permitted Reduction	Pot 3	£/MWh	-	54.23	N/A	1578.51
		MW	-	1578.51	0	

LCOE of Floating Offshore Wind



Floating Wind Projects



Wind Farm Name	Country	Capacity (MW)	Commissioning Date
Hywind Scotland	UK	30	2017 (operating)
Windfoat Atlantic	Portugal	25	2020 (operating)
Nautilus	Spain	5	Proposed
Kincardine	UK	50	2021 (operating)
Forthwind Project	UK	20	Consented
EFGL	France	30	Under construction
PGL Wind Farm	France	25.2	Partially commissioned
EolMed	France	30	Under construction
Hywind Tampen	Norway	88MW	2022 (operating)
Poseidon	Italy	1008	Planning
Pentland Floating Wind Demonstrator	UK	15	Consented
Yangxi Shapa	China	5.5	Operating (2021)
Longyuan Nanri Island Floating Project	China	4	Operating (2023)

Benefits of Floating Wind

- New opportunities for UK marine engineering.
- Opens up much larger spaces for domestic electricity generation.
- The Welsh Affairs Committee reported that “there is scope for floating offshore wind in the Celtic Sea to generate 20GW of energy by being situated further offshore.”

Issues for Floating Wind

- Some need to adapt WTs to the different application.
- Contracting to a single model for floating tech may be helpful.
- Rapid growth of supply chain, including growing mass production of floating tech to GW scale.
- Finding the port space for building floating wind may be a problem.
- Financing relatively unproven technology may be an issue, given the need to compete with fixed offshore wind.
- Operationally, the need to reduce the difficulty (& cost) of maintenance including replacing large components.





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The vision

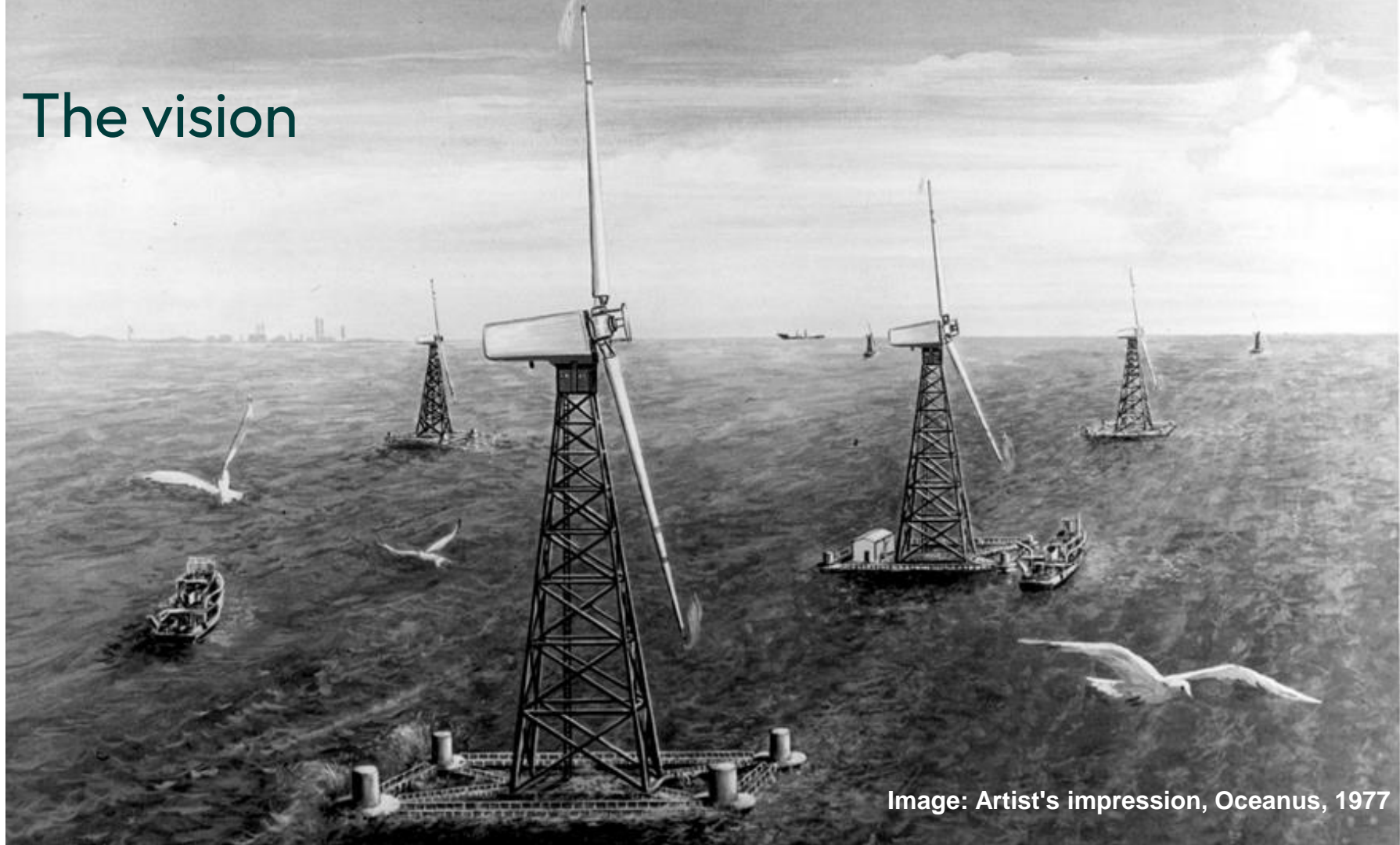
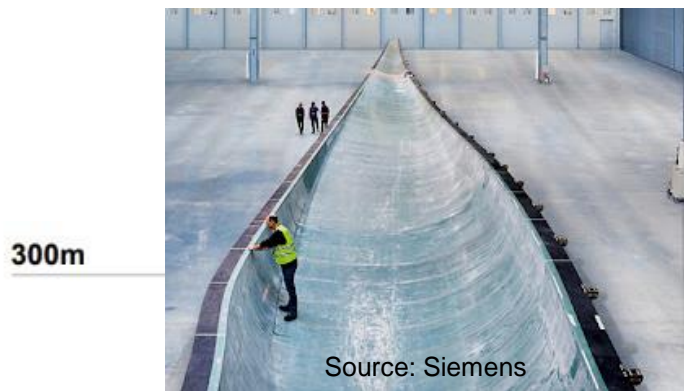


Image: Artist's impression, Oceanus, 1977

Growing Scale



300m

200m

100m

1-12kW

0.5 MW

1.2 MW

2 MW

4 MW

7 MW

9 MW

13-15 MW

19th C

1990

1995

2000

2005

2010

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Source: Bloomberg

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Source: Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd

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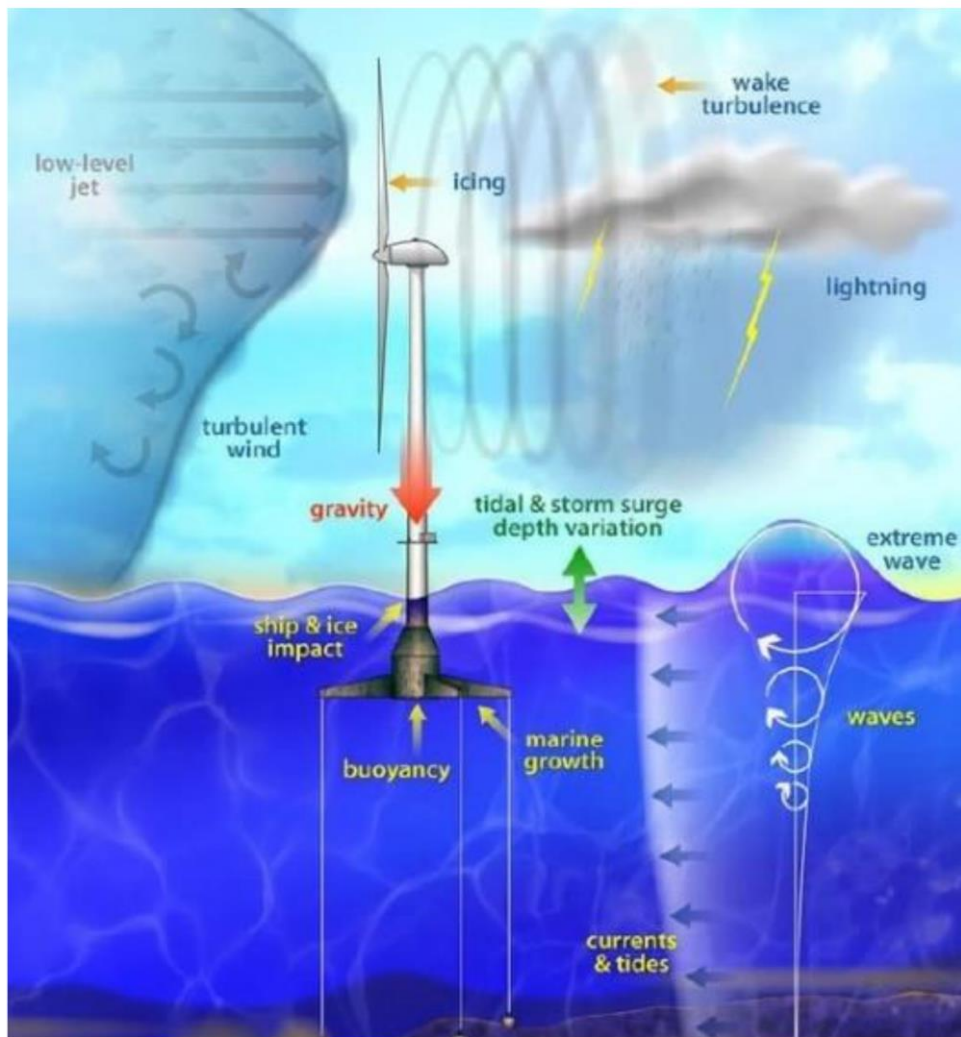


Source: Equinor



Loading on the turbine

- Wind
- Waves
- Currents
- Tides
- Gravity
- Centrifugal forces
- Aerodynamics
- Hydrodynamics
- Geotechnics
- ...all coupled together...



Floating Wind platform concepts

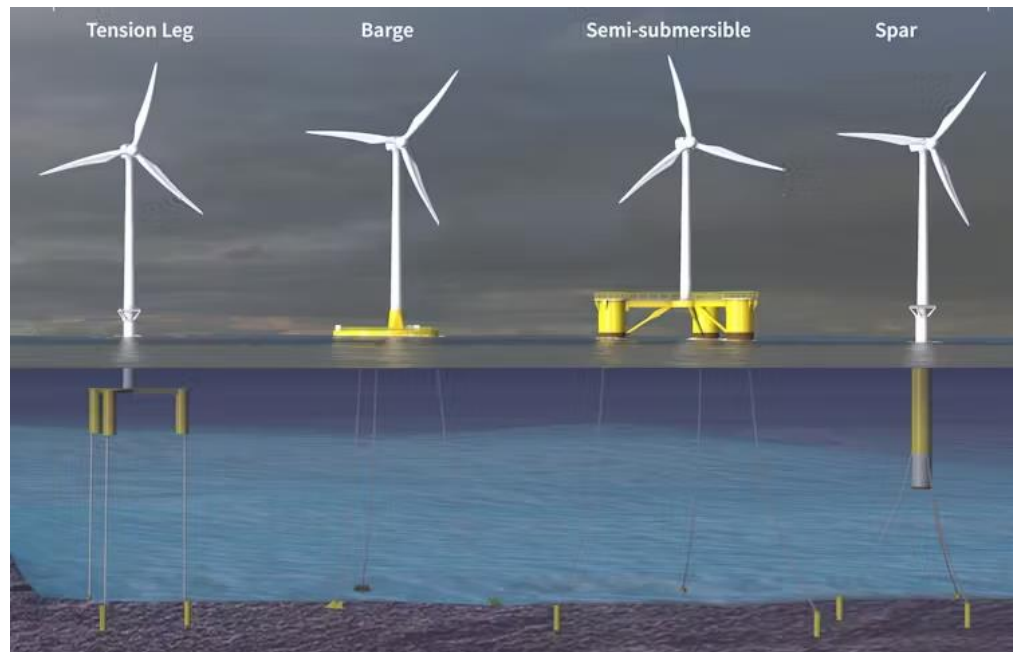
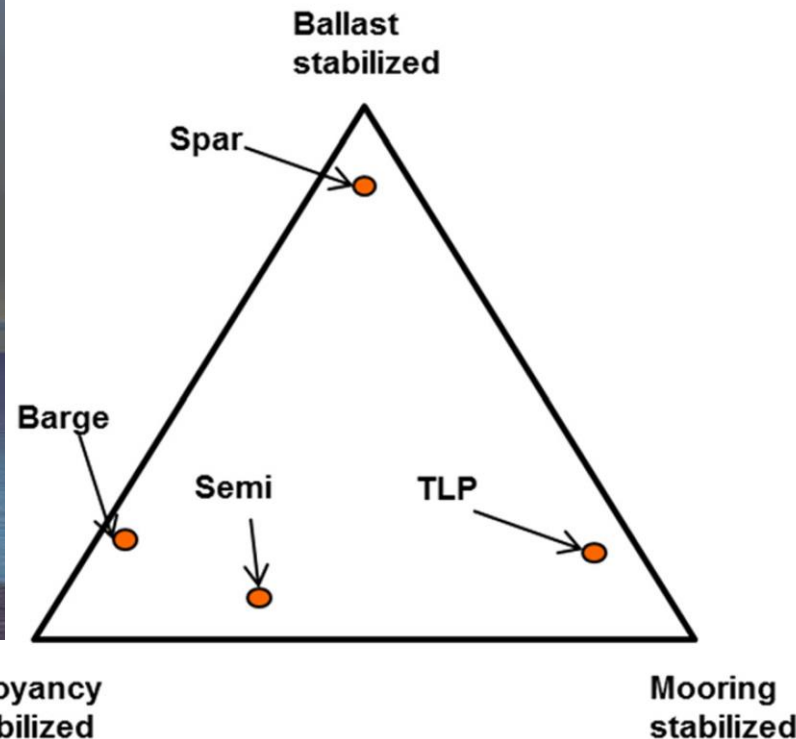


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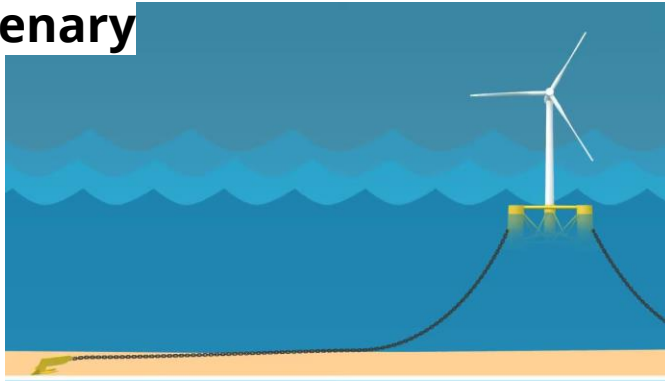


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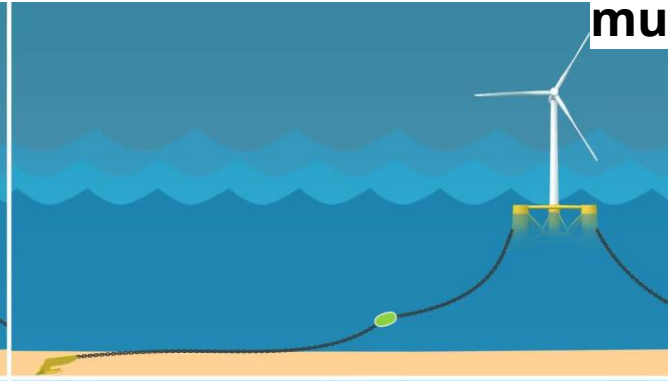


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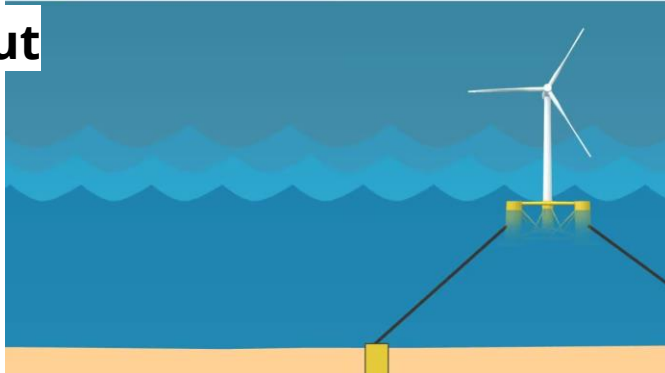
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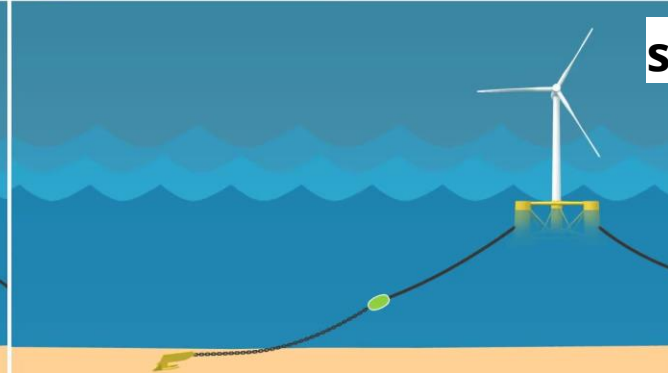
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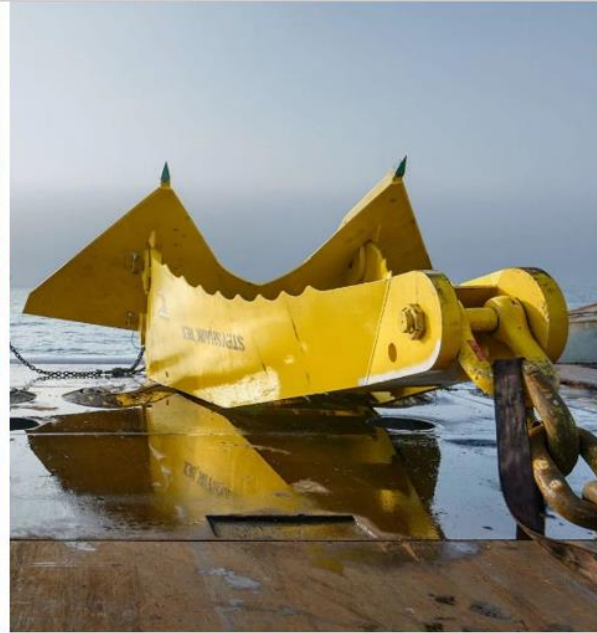
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Anchors



Suction pile anchor



Drag embedment anchor



Driven pile anchor

Power cables

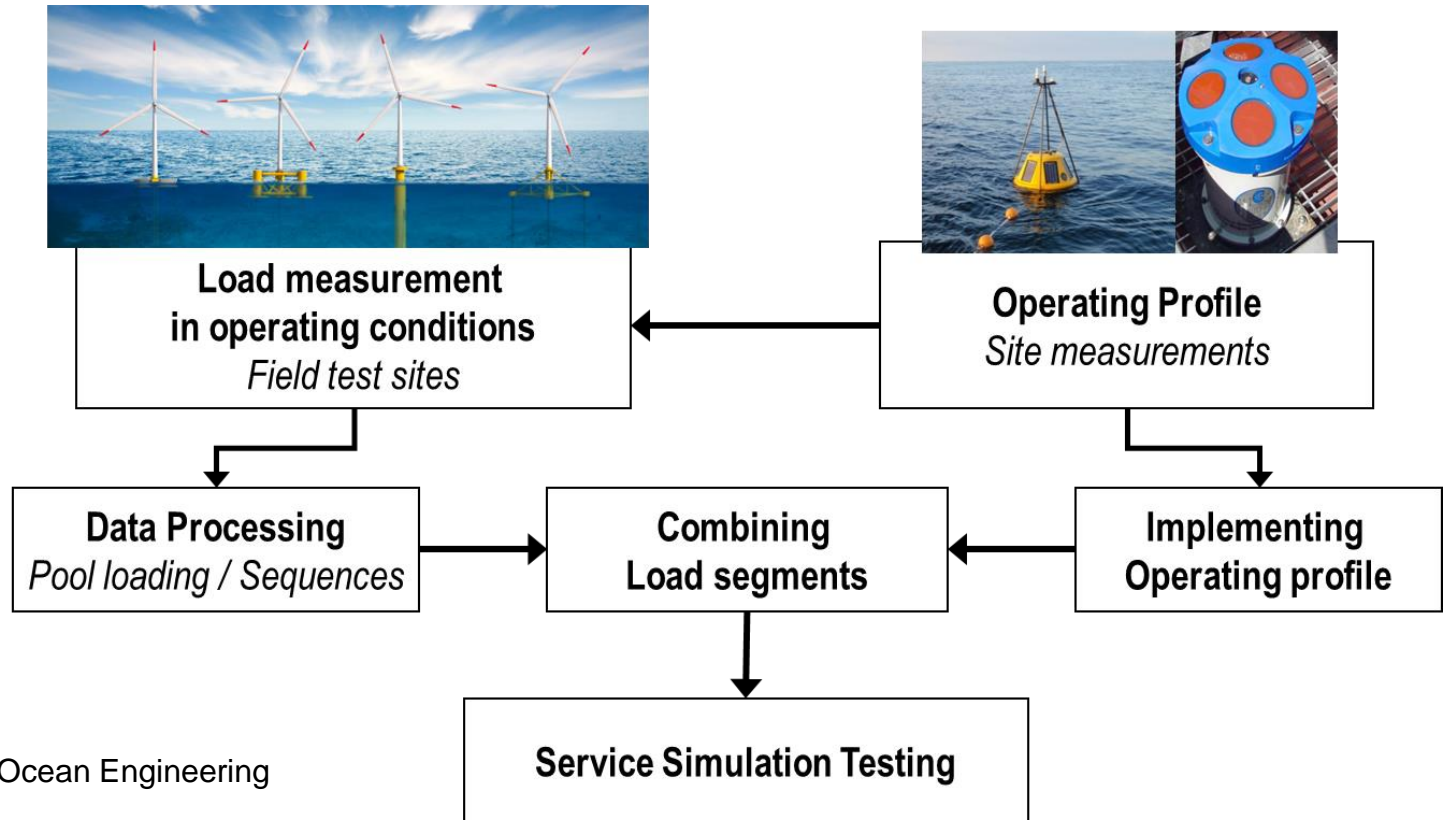


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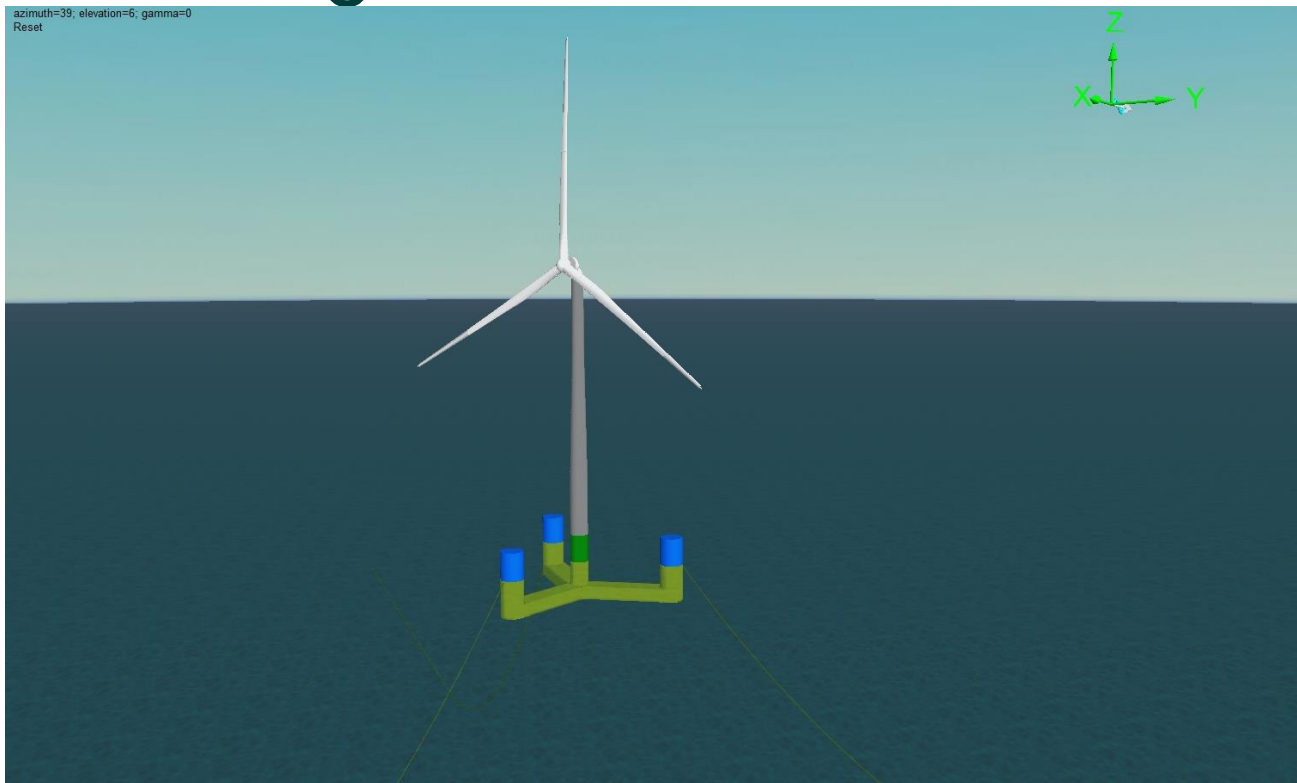


Coupled aero-hydrodynamic modelling



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Software: Orcaflex by Orcina

Cable & bend restrictor testing



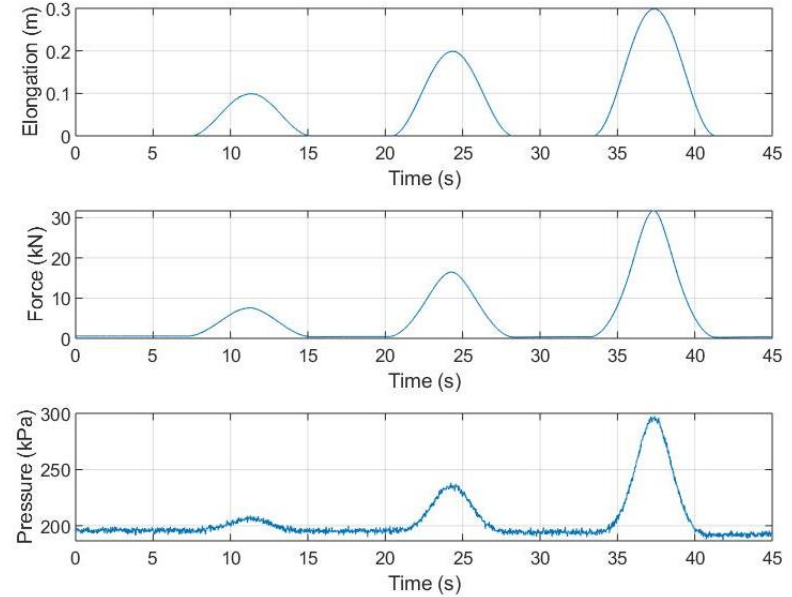
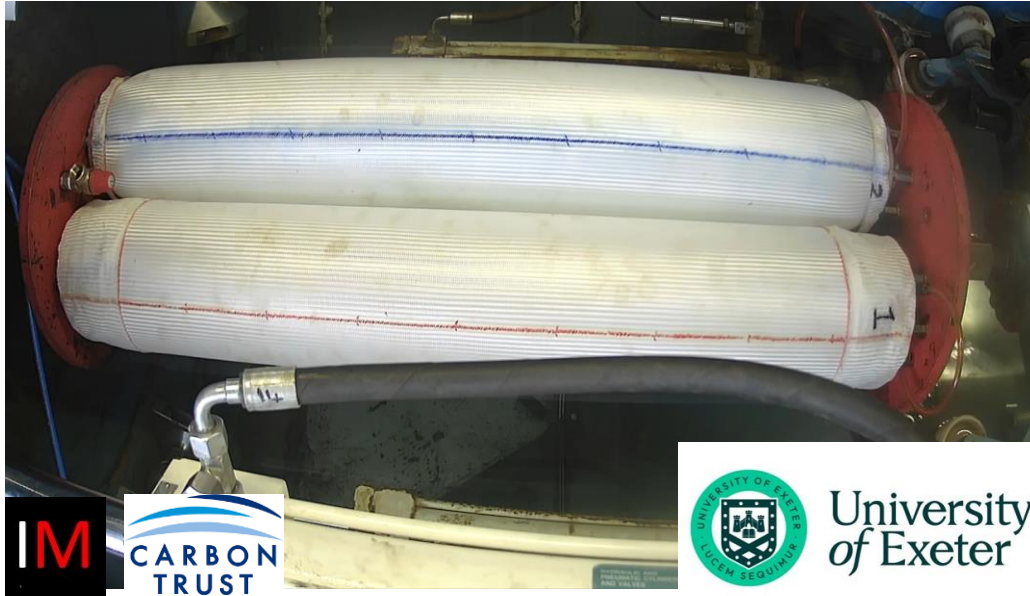
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Thies et al, 2016



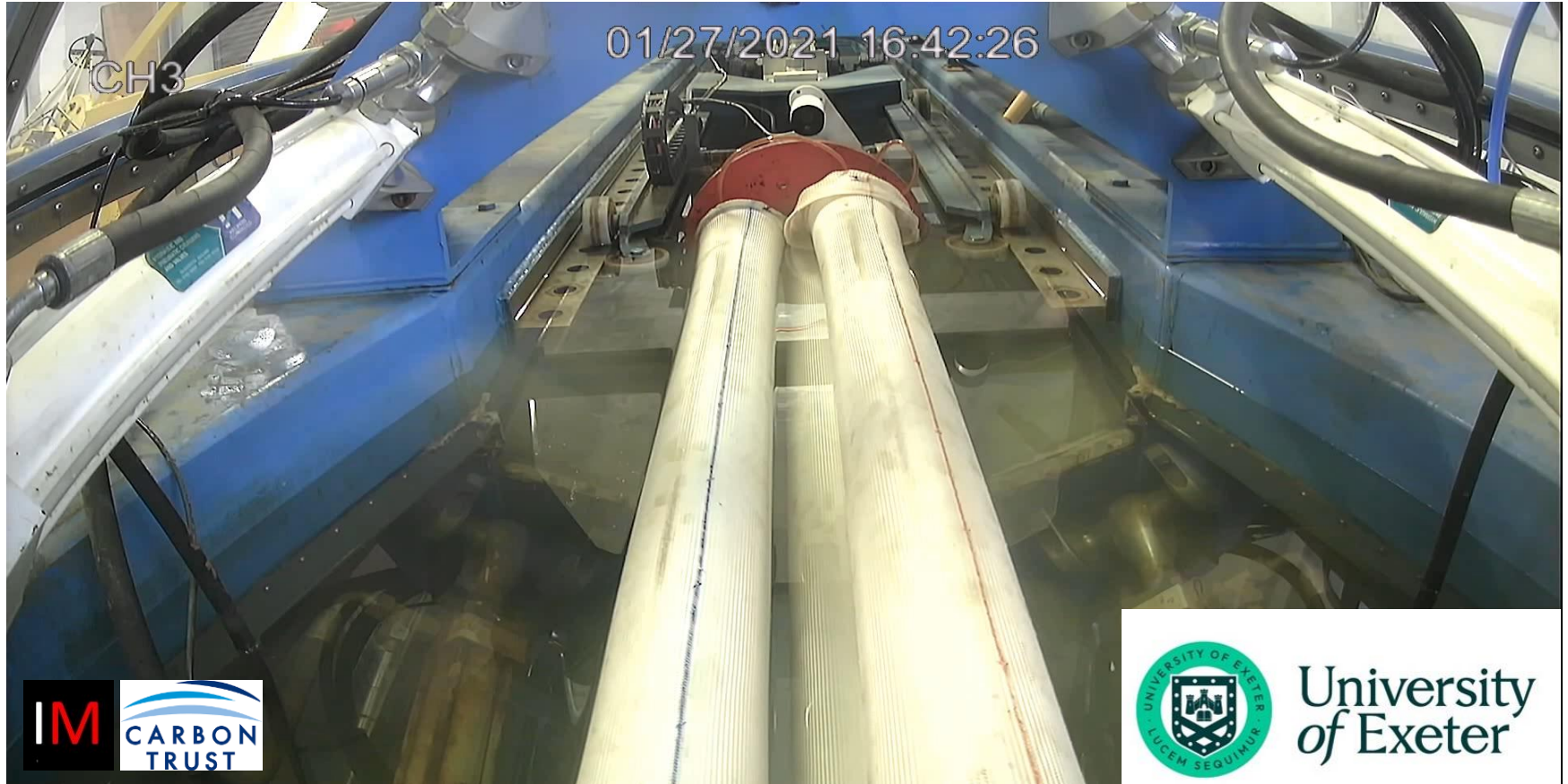
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Mooring component testing



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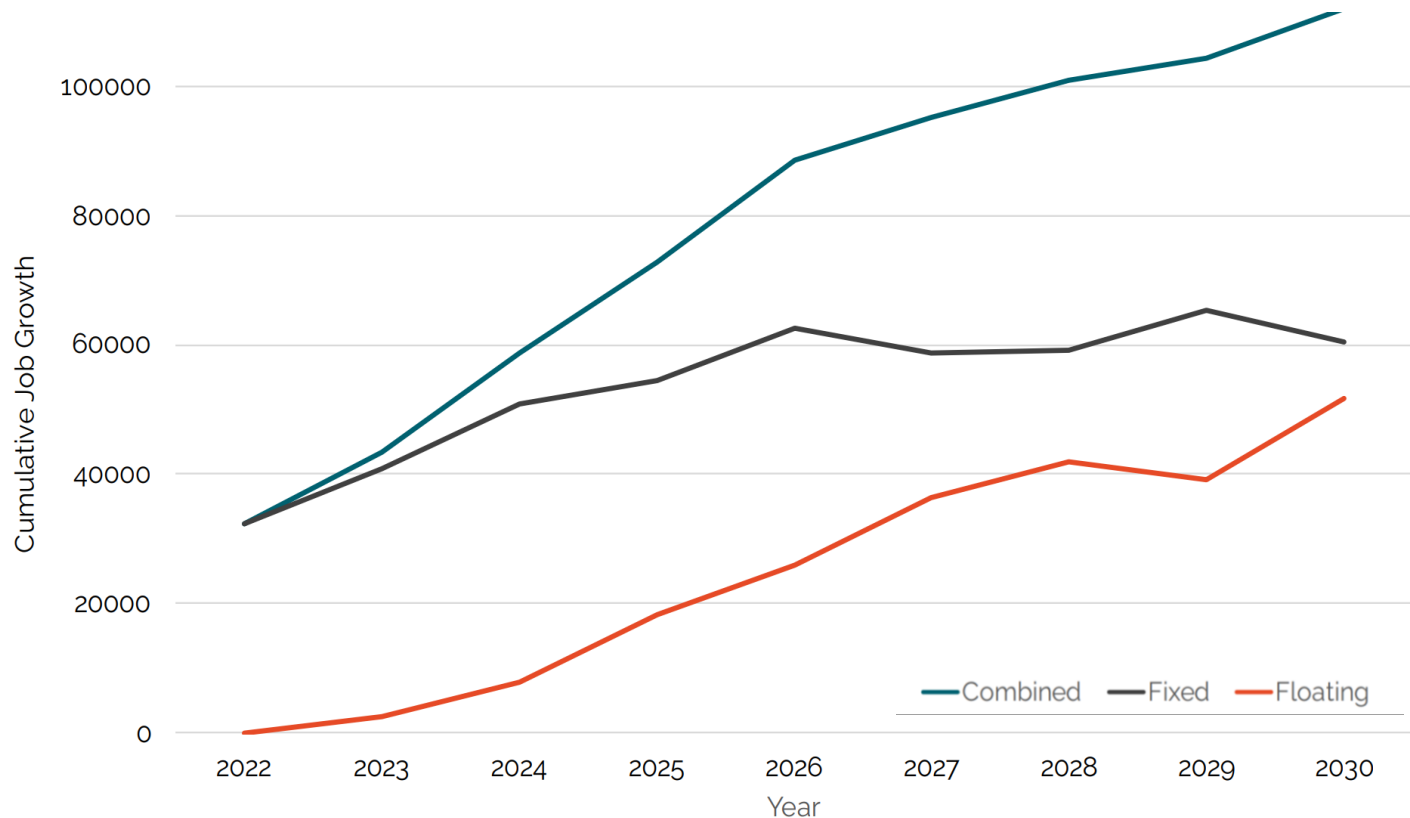


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Wind workforce development

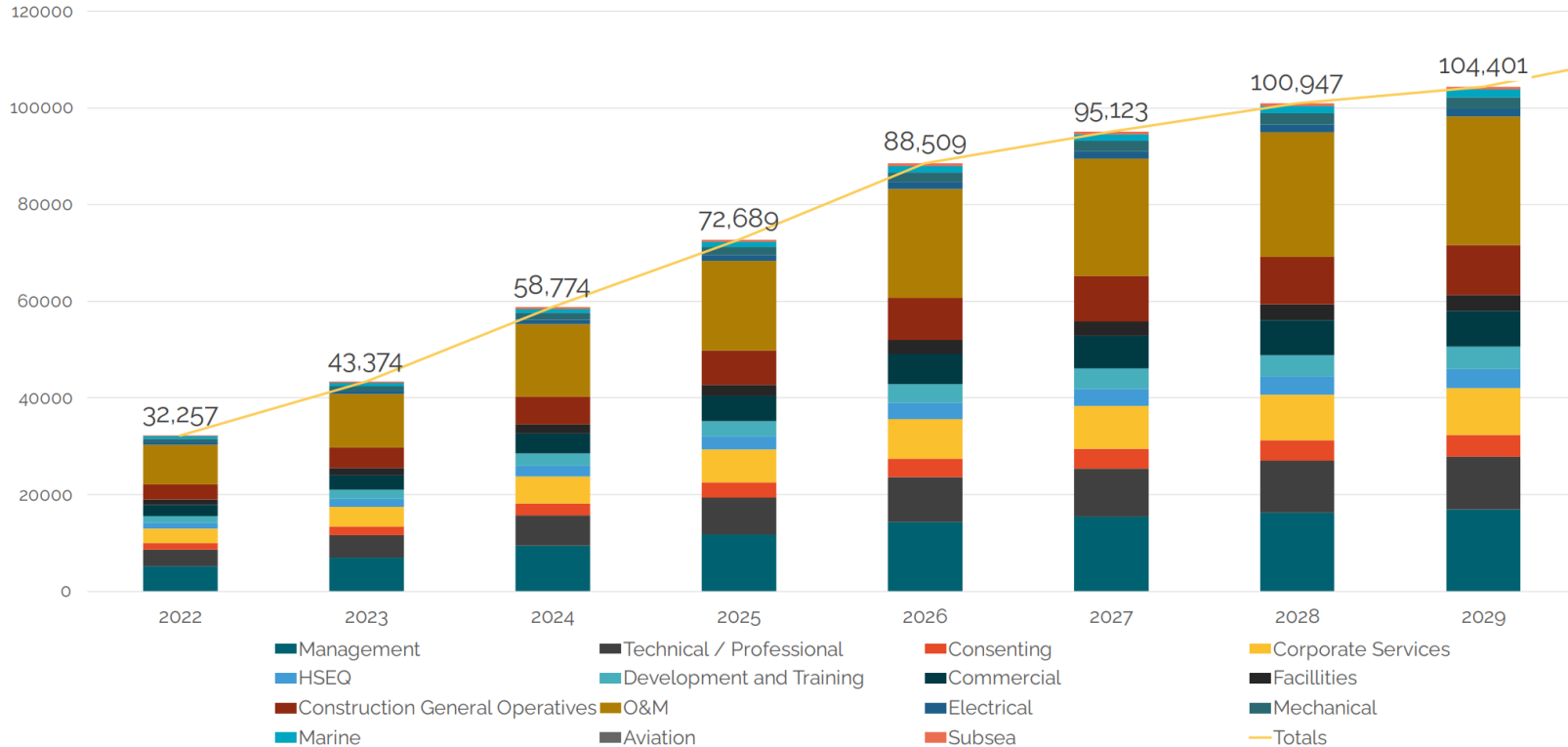


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Source: Offshore Wind Industry Council, 2023

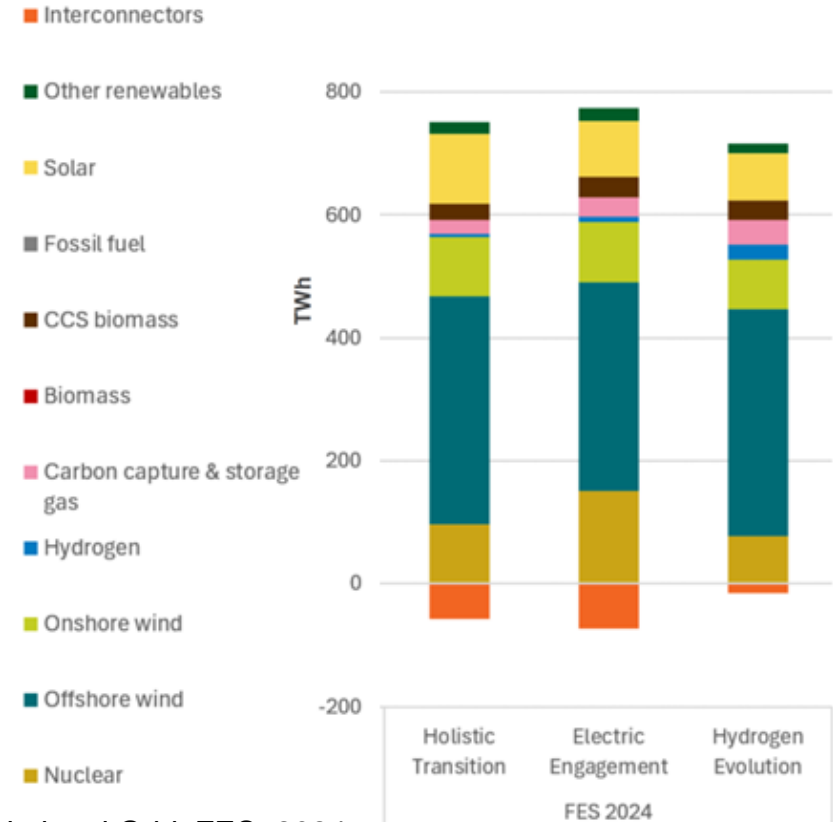
Diverse expertise needed



Source: Offshore Wind Industry Council, 2023

Summary & outlook

- Feat of human ingenuity
- Combines several engineering disciplines
- Skill / job requirements outstrip supply
- National Grid Future Energy **Scenarios**



Source: National Grid, FES, 2024

In the future?



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Source: Wind Catching Systems

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Blue Planet, Green Future:

Ensuring the health of
marine environments

Professor Callum Roberts,
Professor of Marine Conservation, &
Rhiannon Davies, PhD Researcher,
Centre for Ecology & Conservation

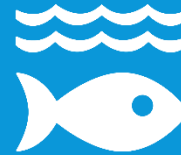
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Anthropocene rollercoaster of coral collapse and recovery in the Maldives

Rhiannon Davies, Lucy Howarth-Forster, Elina Douma,
Aya Naseem, Richard Sherley, Julie Hawkins, and Callum Roberts

Coral reefs and climate change

Coral reefs are important but vulnerable habitats

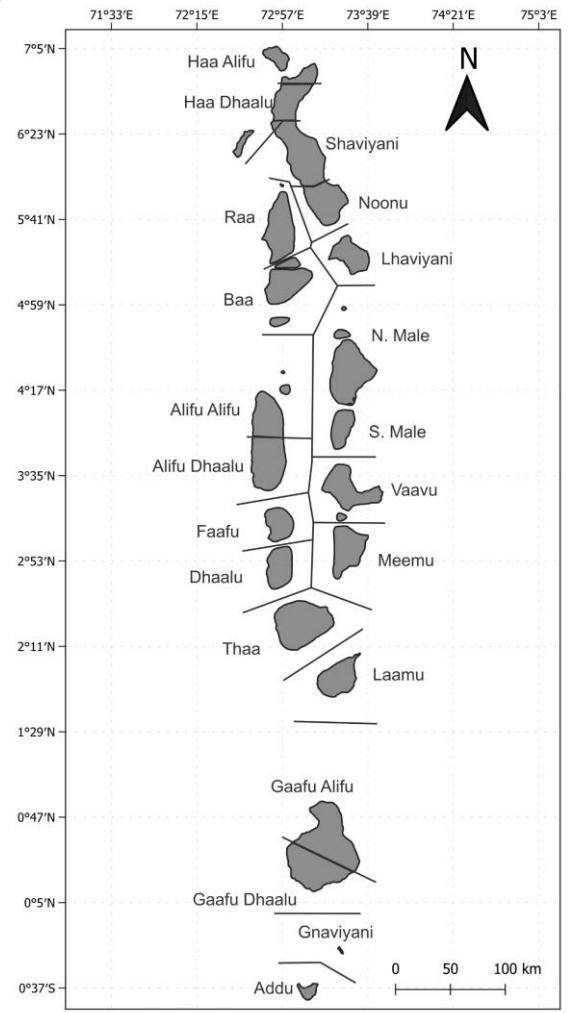
- 50% of reefs are considered degraded
- High sea temperatures cause coral bleaching

Globally, coral reefs have experienced multiple mass coral bleaching events:

- 1997-98
- 2015-17.

2024 was the start of the fourth global mass bleaching event.





The Maldives

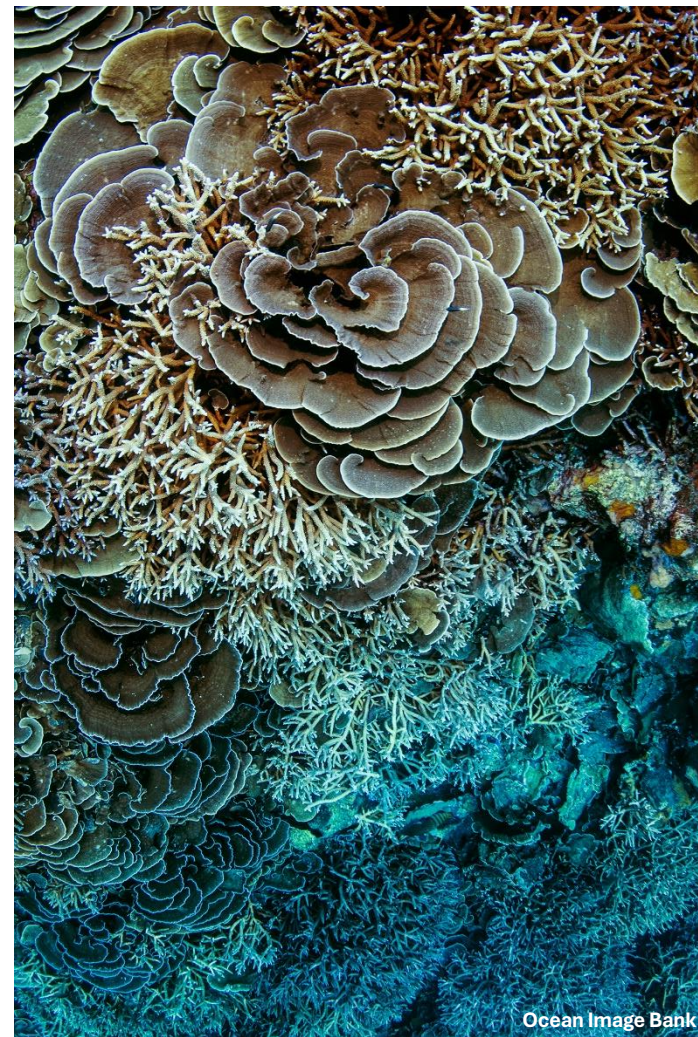
Maldives is heavily reliant on coral reefs for:

- Tourism
- Reef fisheries
- Coastal protection
- Island creation

Maldives demonstrates a clear signal of heat stress.

Study aims:

- Build a historical data set of Maldivian coral cover
- Identify present and historical trends in coral cover



Reconstructing trends in coral cover

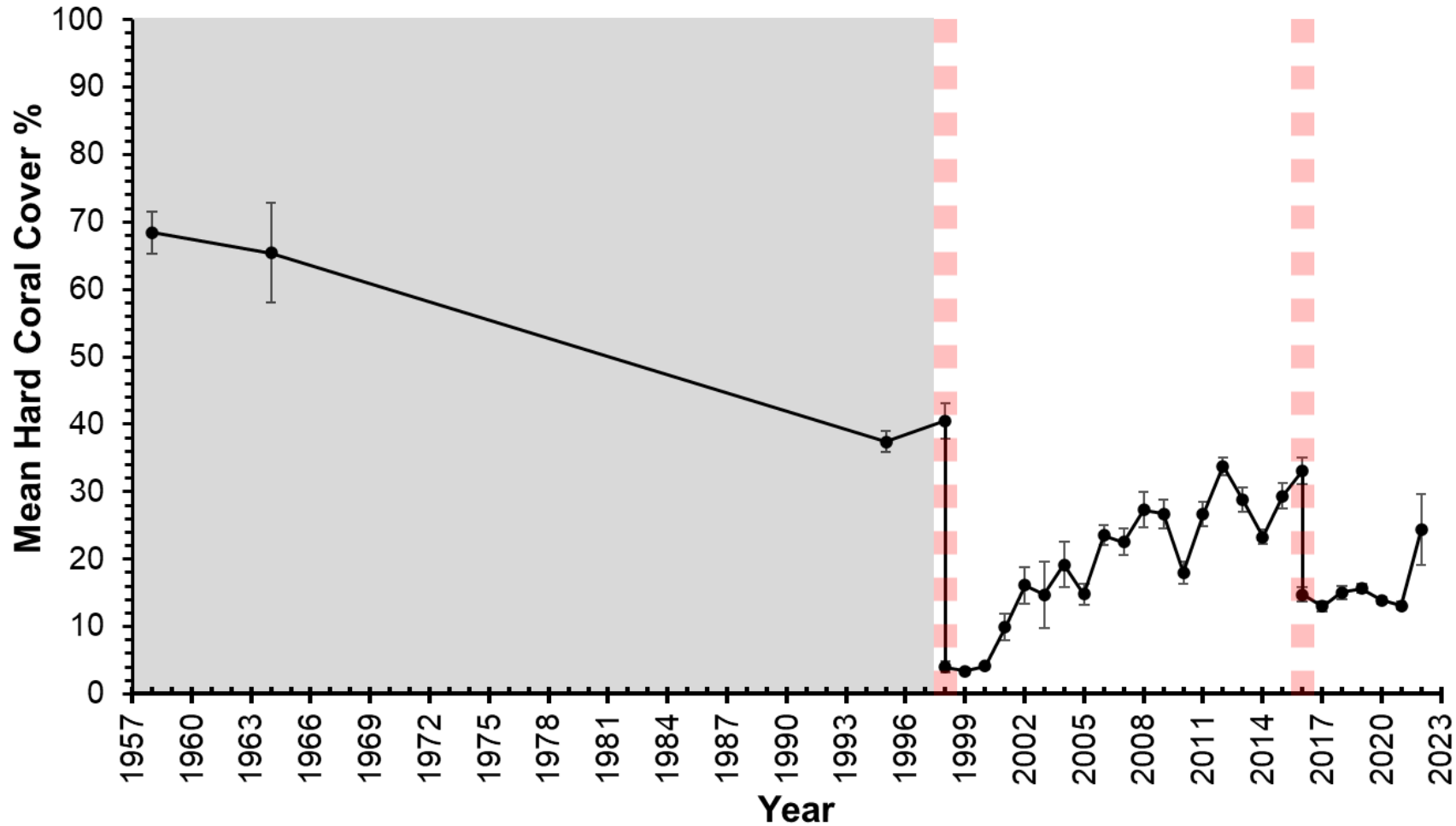
Created a database of Maldivian coral reef research

Collated percentage hard coral cover from:

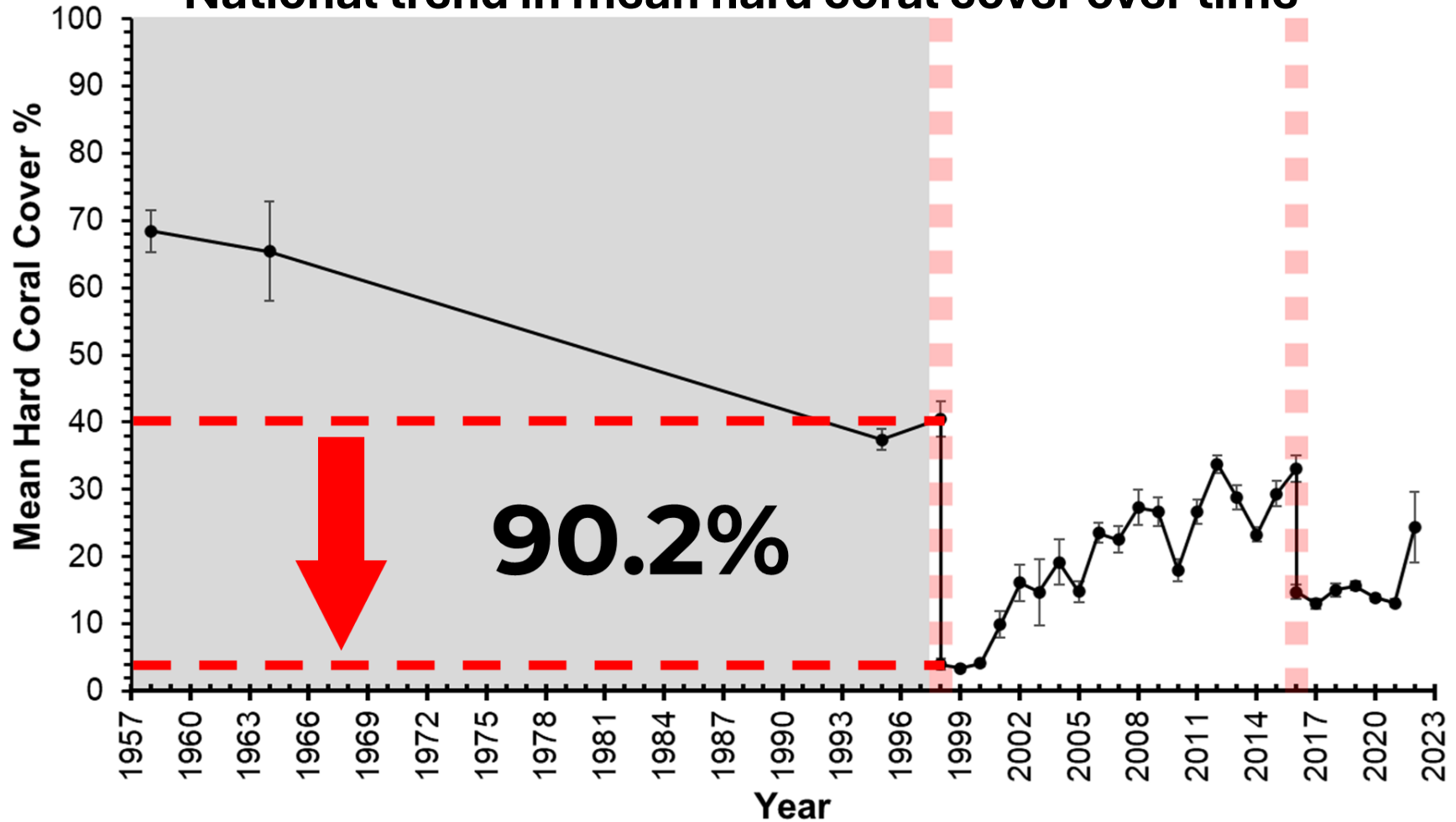
- 81 peer-reviewed studies
- 495 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports by the Environment Protection Agency
- Two major expeditions:
 1. Catlin Seaview Survey in 2015
 2. Waitt Institute expeditions in 2020/2021



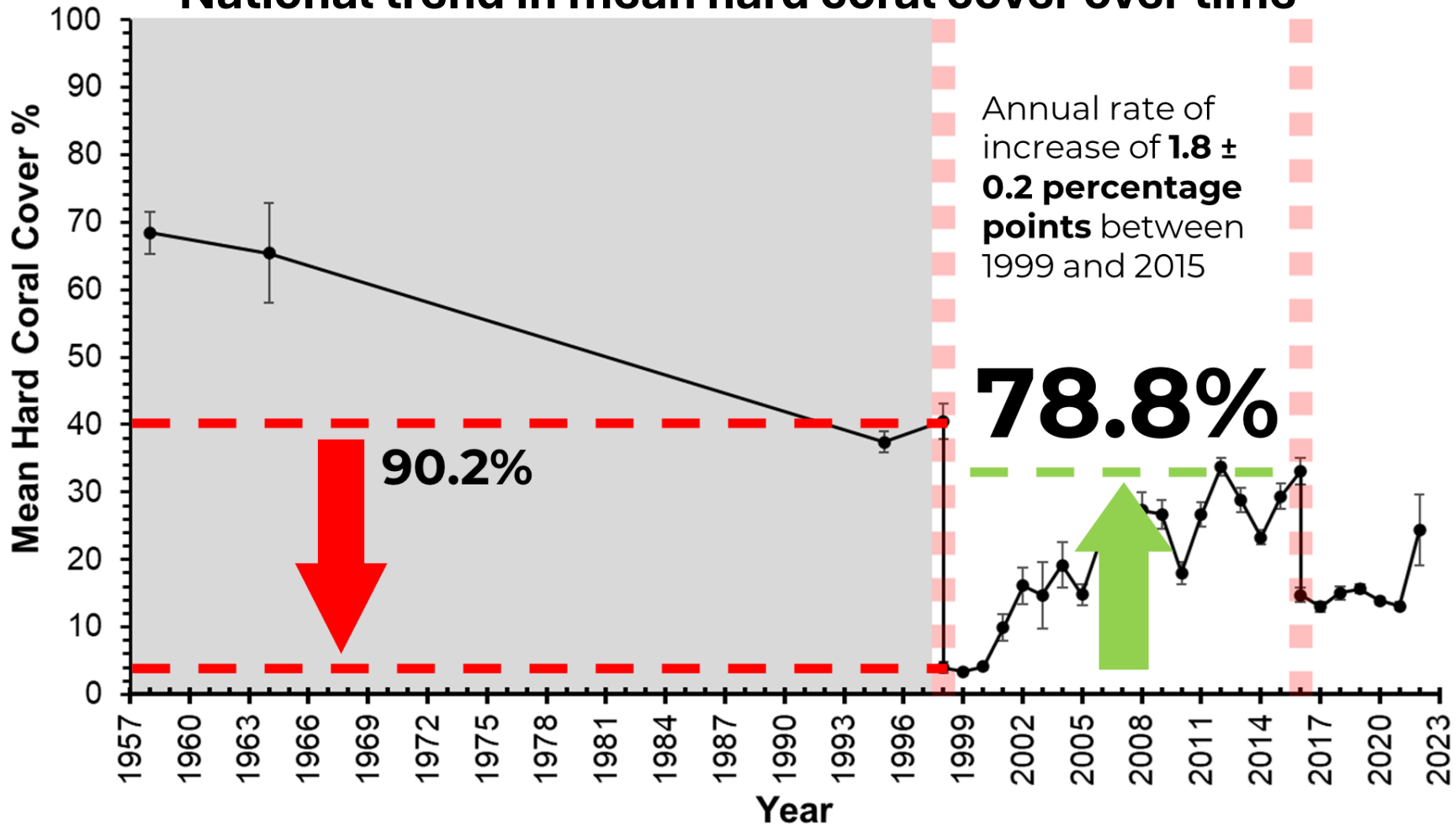
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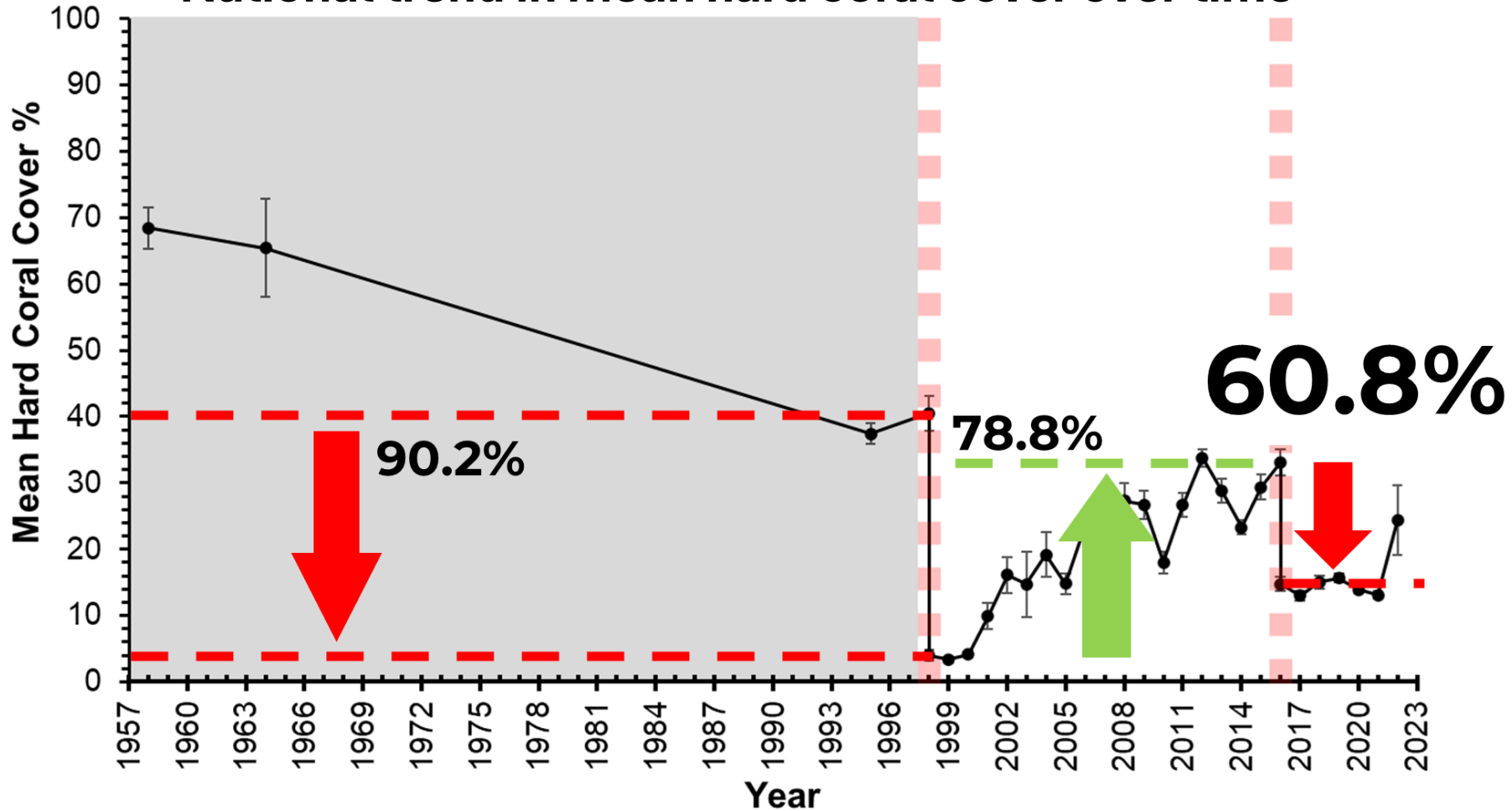
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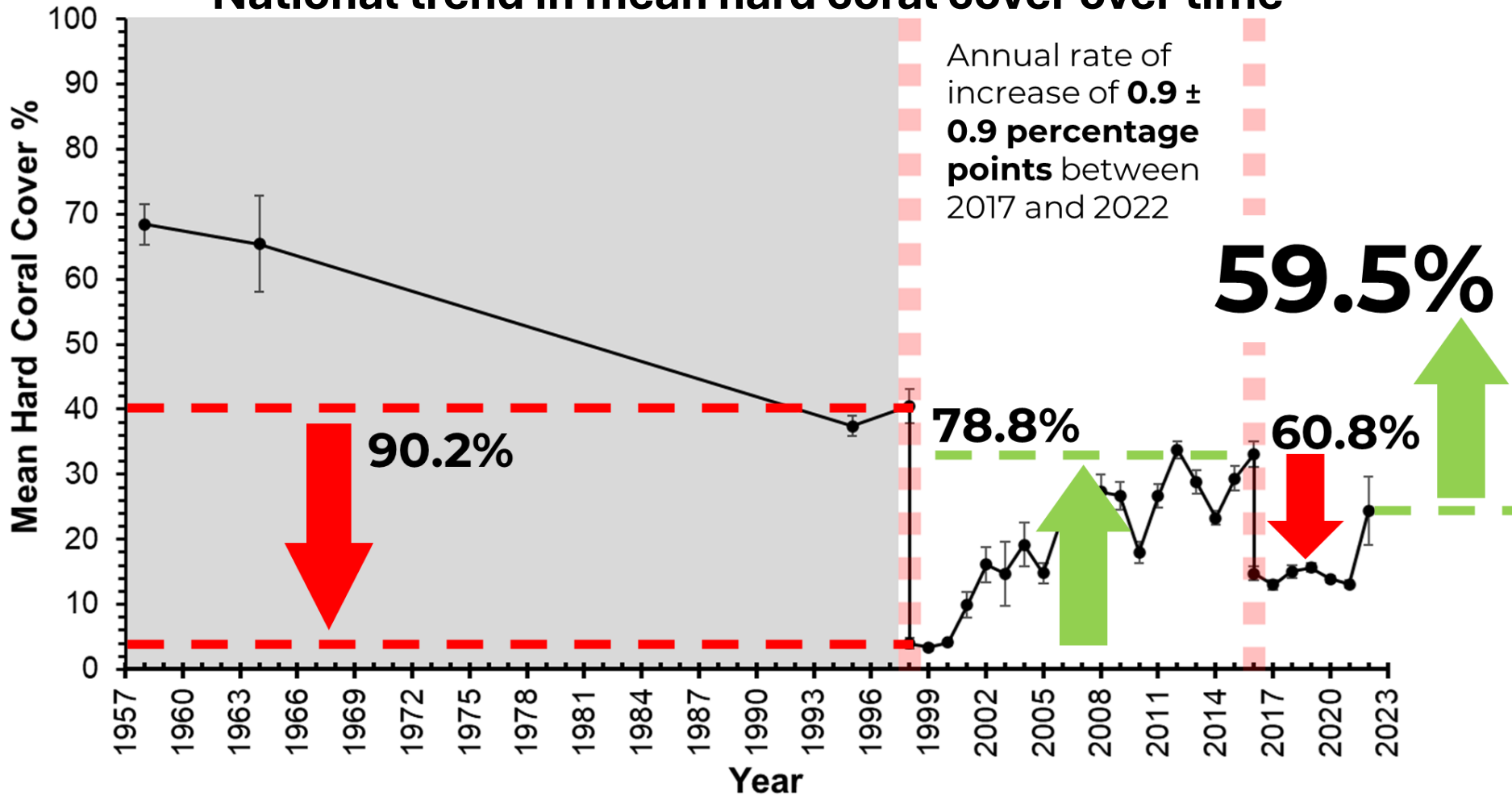
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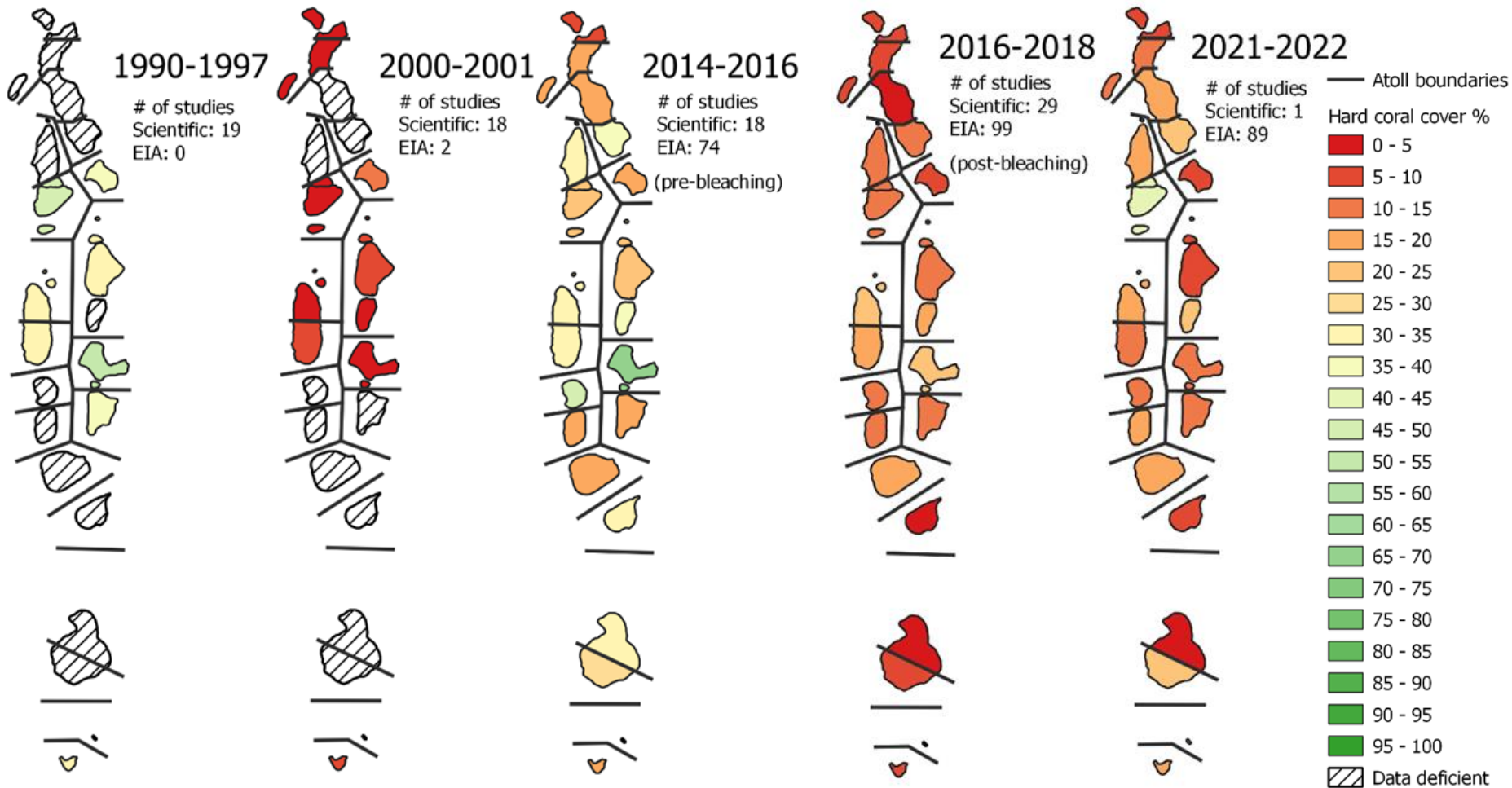
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National trend in mean hard coral cover over time



Spatial patterns in hard coral cover across the Maldives over time



Key conclusions

Maldives has experienced repeated collapses in coral cover followed by periods of recovery

Coral cover declined before the 1998 bleaching event

Coral mortality following the 2016 bleaching event was less severe, but on average recovery has been slower

The rollercoaster of coral collapse and recovery is expected to continue...



2023 – 2024 global mass bleaching event





Response of restored reefs to heat stress

We monitored three locations during three different time periods over the bleaching event

- Before: December 2023
- During: April/May 2024
- After: July 2024

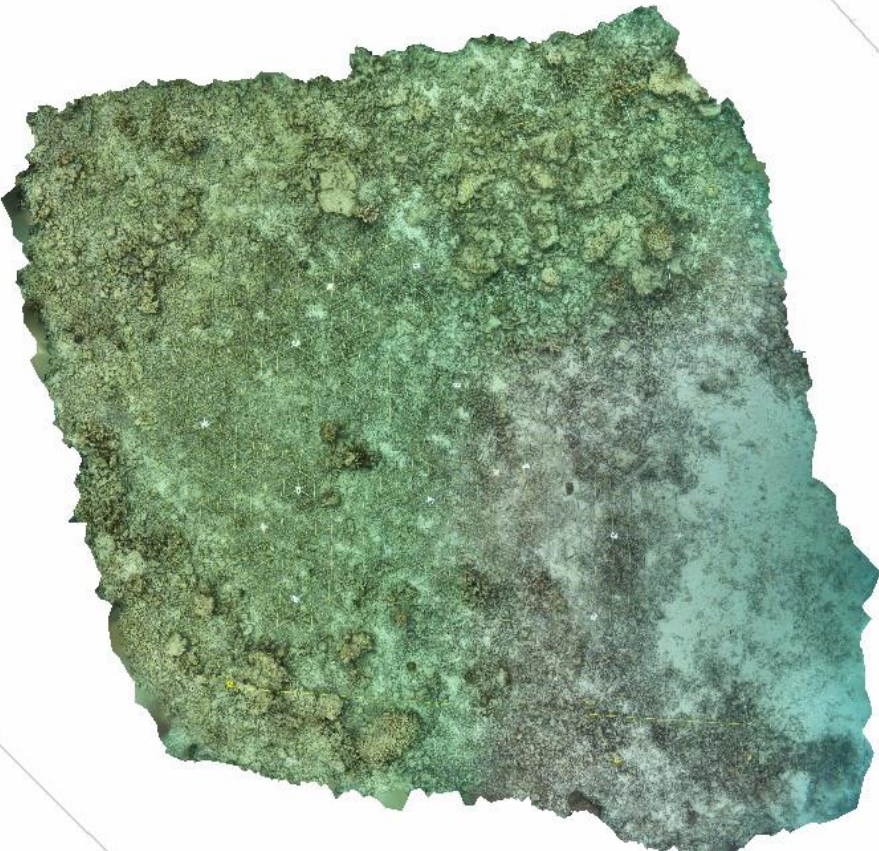
Surveys were completed by taking thousands of images of the reef and stitching them together to create 3D models and 2D orthomosaics.



Coral bleaching resistance and resilience in natural and restored reefs

Perspective 30°

Snap: Axis, 3D



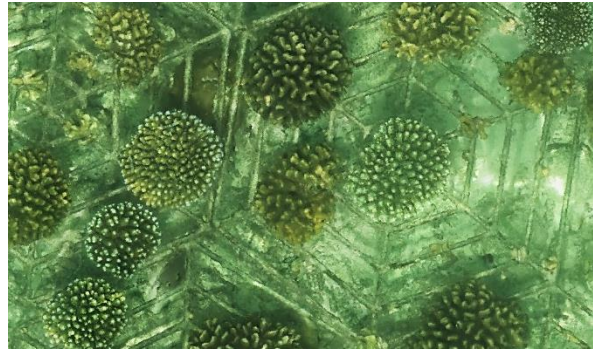
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Coral bleaching resistance and resilience in natural and restored reefs

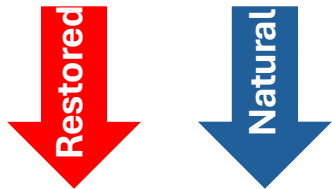
Temperature peaked in May 2024, reaching 31.93°C.

- Bleaching threshold of 30.5°C and significant bleaching above 30.9°C

Before – December 2023

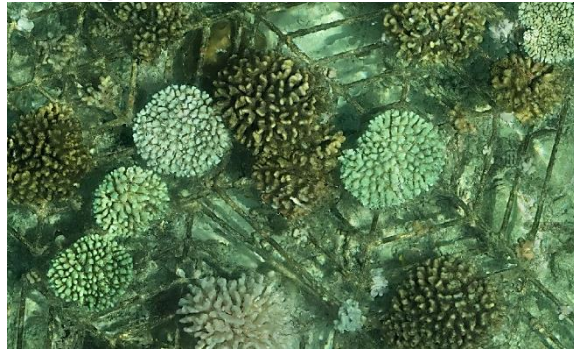


Number of **healthy** colonies

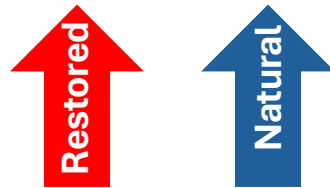


85% **66%**

During – May 2024



Number of **bleached** colonies

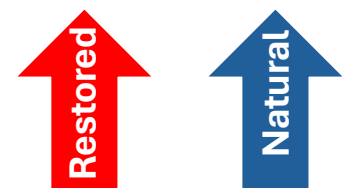


49% **62%**

After – July 2024



Number of **dead** colonies



36% **21%**

Thank you!

And thank you to my PhD supervisory team
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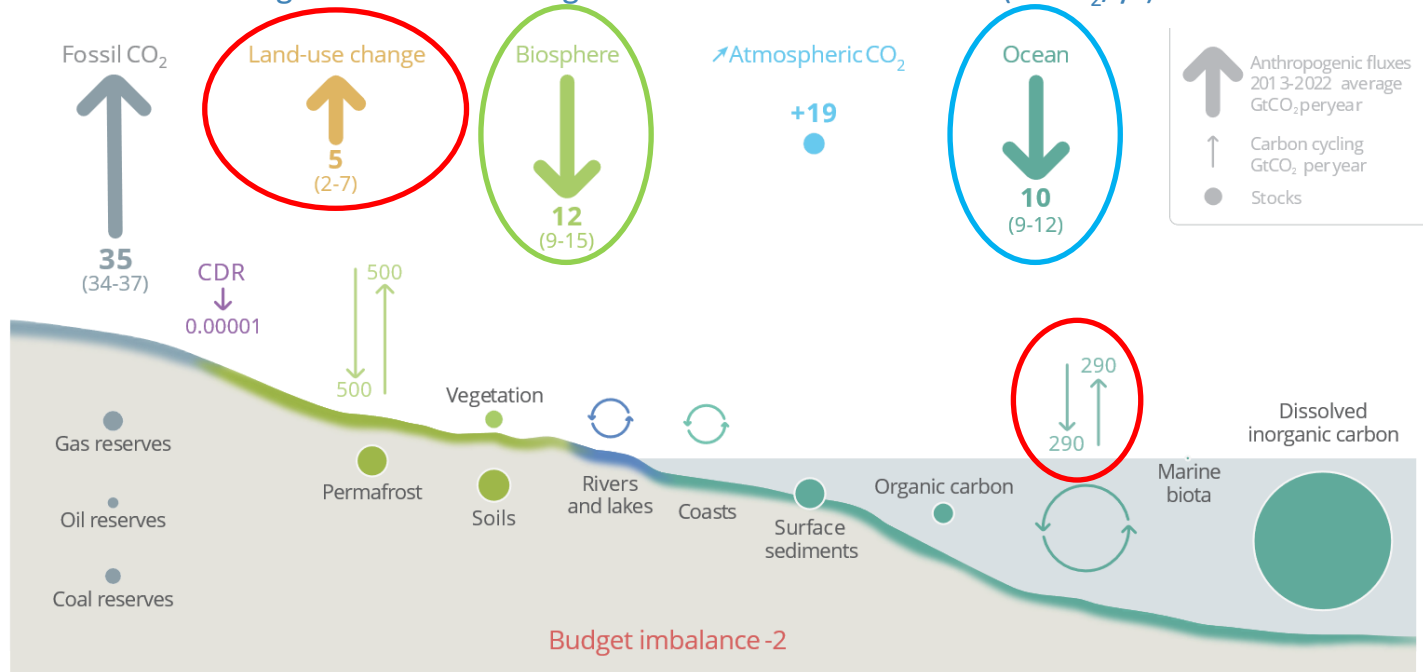
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What is blue carbon?



Anthropogenic perturbation of the global carbon cycle

Perturbation of the global carbon cycle caused by anthropogenic activities, global annual average for the decade 2013–2022 (GtCO₂/yr)



CDR here refers to Carbon Dioxide Removal besides those associated with land-use that are accounted for in the Land-use change estimate.

The budget imbalance is the difference between the estimated emissions and sinks.

Source: [NOAA-GML](#); [Friedlingstein et al 2023](#); [Canadell et al 2021 \(IPCC AR6 WG1 Chapter 5\)](#); [Global Carbon Project 2023](#)





Human activities are a disruptive but long neglected influence on the seabed – is this the ocean equivalent of forests on fire?

Guayas, Ecuador
2.71°S 80.35°W
1 Dec 2004
15m depth



Image: Kyle Van Houtan

Trawling for Fish May Unleash as Much Carbon as Air Travel, Study Says

The report also found that strategically conserving some marine areas would not only safeguard imperiled species but sequester vast amounts planet-warming carbon dioxide, too.

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A trawler on Georges Bank, between Massachusetts and Nova Scotia. A new study found that bottom trawling accounts for as much carbon emissions as global aviation. Jeffrey Rotman/Alamy

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Carbon released by bottom trawling 'too big to ignore', says study

Fishing nets churn up carbon from the sea floor, more than half of which will eventually be released into the atmosphere

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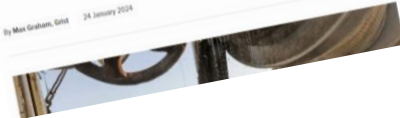
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Bottom Trawling Shreds the Seafloor. It May Also Be a Huge Source of Carbon Emissions.

Dragging nets along the ocean bed wrecks marine life, but researchers can't agree on how bad it is for the climate.

By Max Graham, Grist 24 January 2024



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Officially bogus: Bottom trawling does not release as much carbon as airline travel

Max Mossler

June 14, 2023

The Convex Seascape Survey is...



A pioneering collaboration of world-leading experts working to quantify and understand blue carbon stored in the coastal ocean floor.

We will deliver new, reliable, open-source data which will educate, inspire and enable informed decisions on ocean use, to harness the power of the ocean against climate change.





We are two years into a five year effort

The project has grown to than 100 experts from 21 institutions/ organizations in 9 countries of the world (so far)

Photo: Matt Jarvis

Seascape carbon – Where is it, how
and when did it get there and where did
it come from?

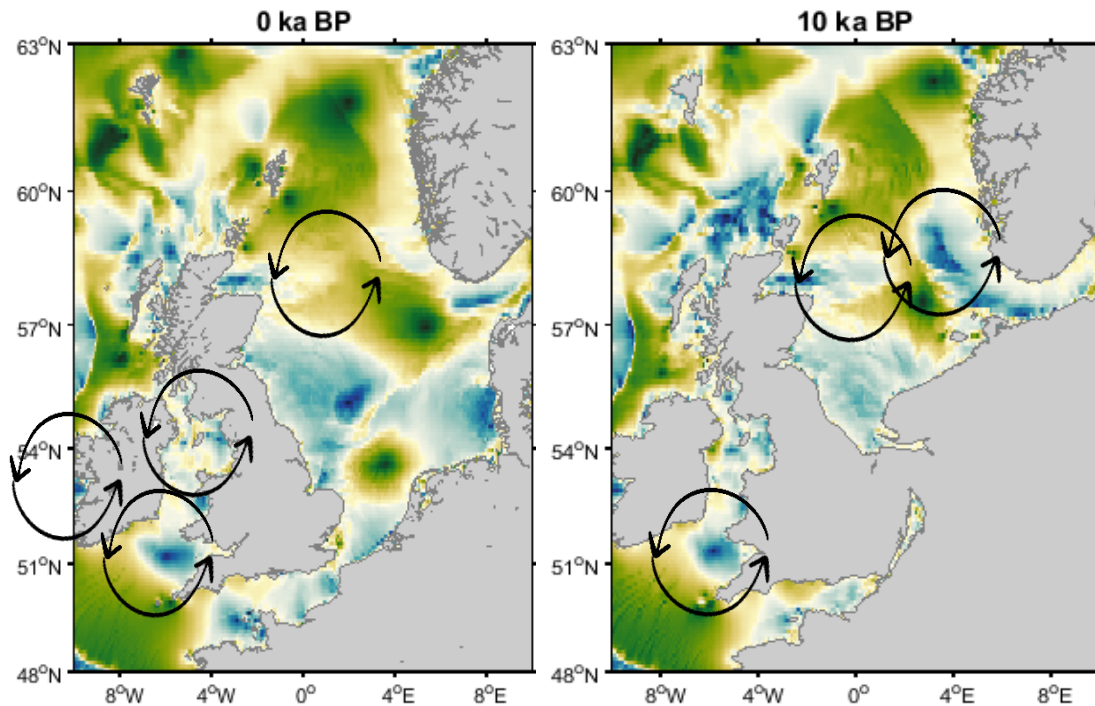
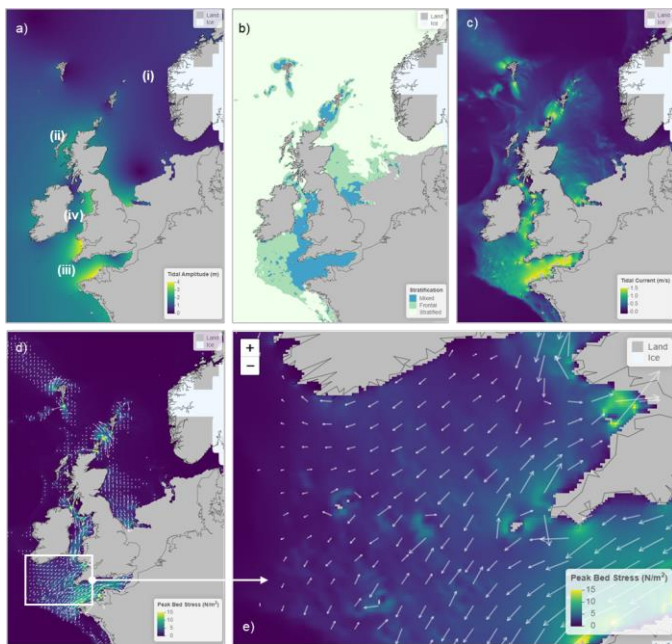
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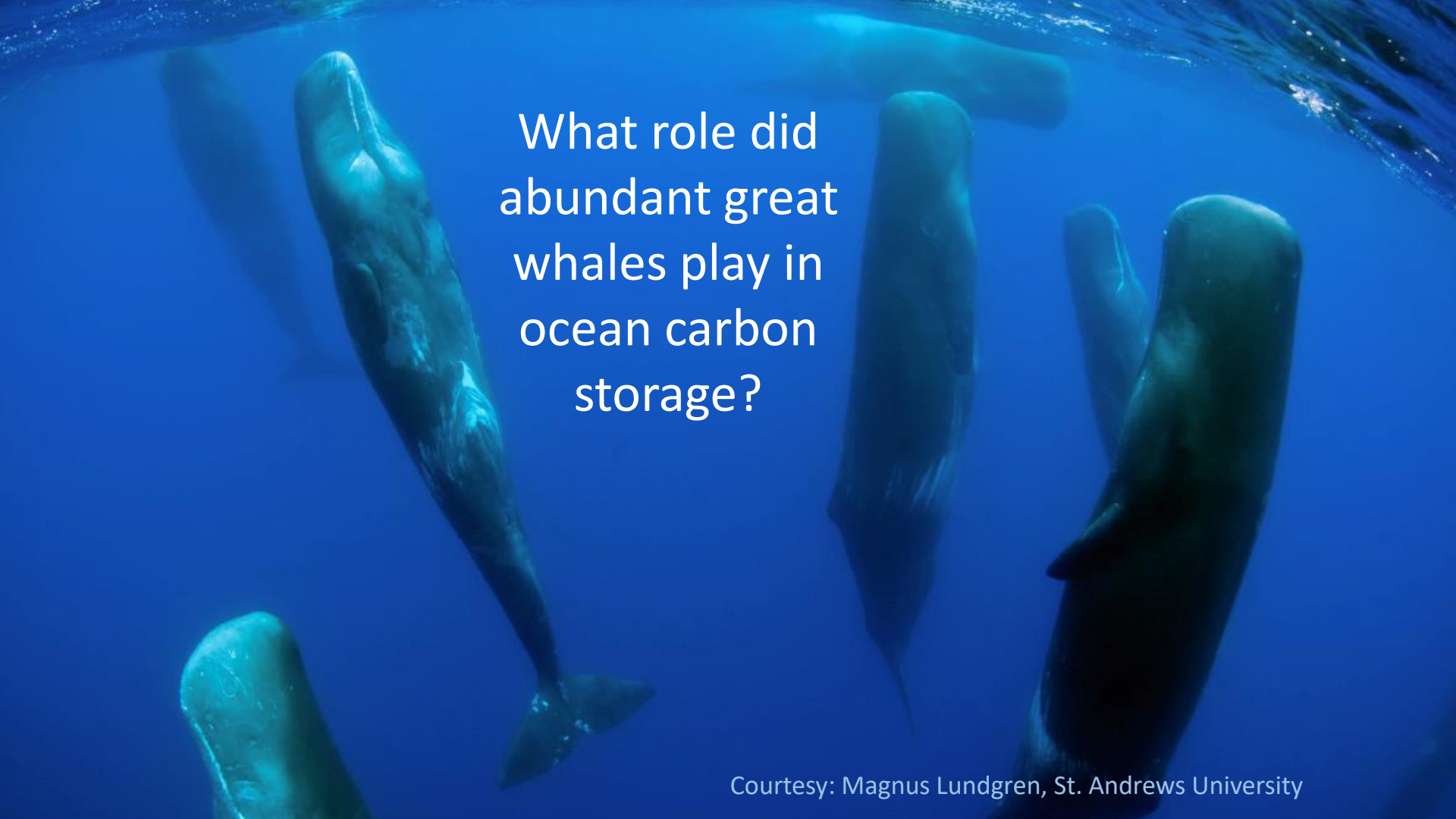


Carbon stocks have
built over very long
timescales



Where is the carbon? Oceanographic modelling to predict carbon accumulation over 20,000 years



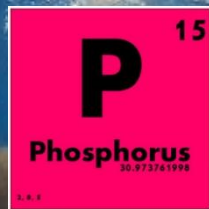
An underwater photograph showing several whales swimming in deep blue water. The whales are seen from below, moving upwards towards the surface. The lighting is dim, creating a serene and somewhat mysterious atmosphere. The whales' bodies are dark against the lighter blue water, and their tails are visible as they ascend.

What role did
abundant great
whales play in
ocean carbon
storage?

Courtesy: Magnus Lundgren, St. Andrews University

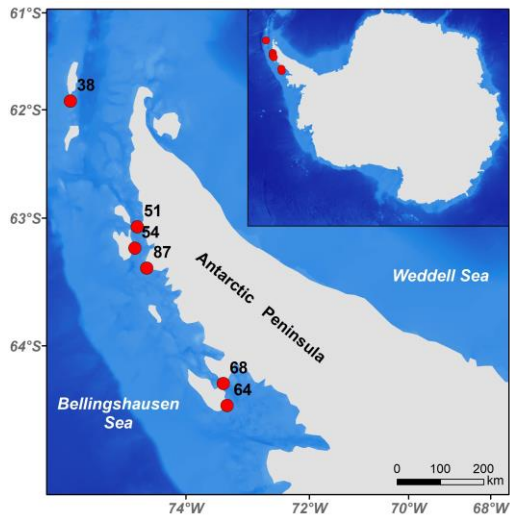
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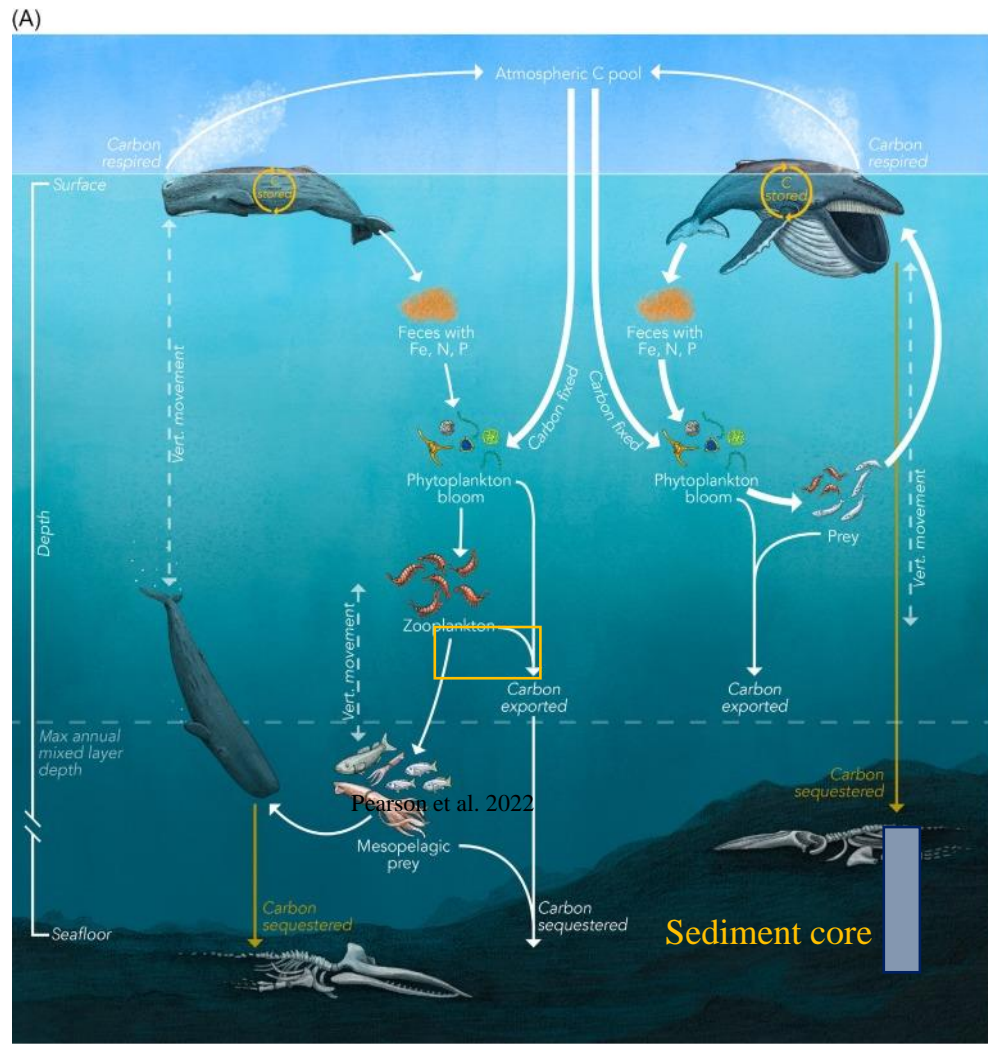
Team: Carlos Duarte, Carlos Preckler, Chuancheng Fu

Photo: Tony Wu



Analysis of
algal
pigments and
eDNA in
sediment
cores

Team: Duarte,
Preckler and Fu



Where did the carbon come from? Environmental eDNA analyses of sediments



Team: Richard Tennant,
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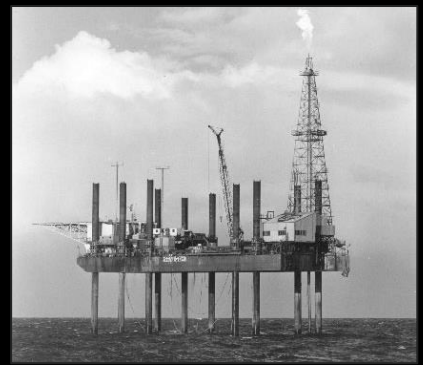
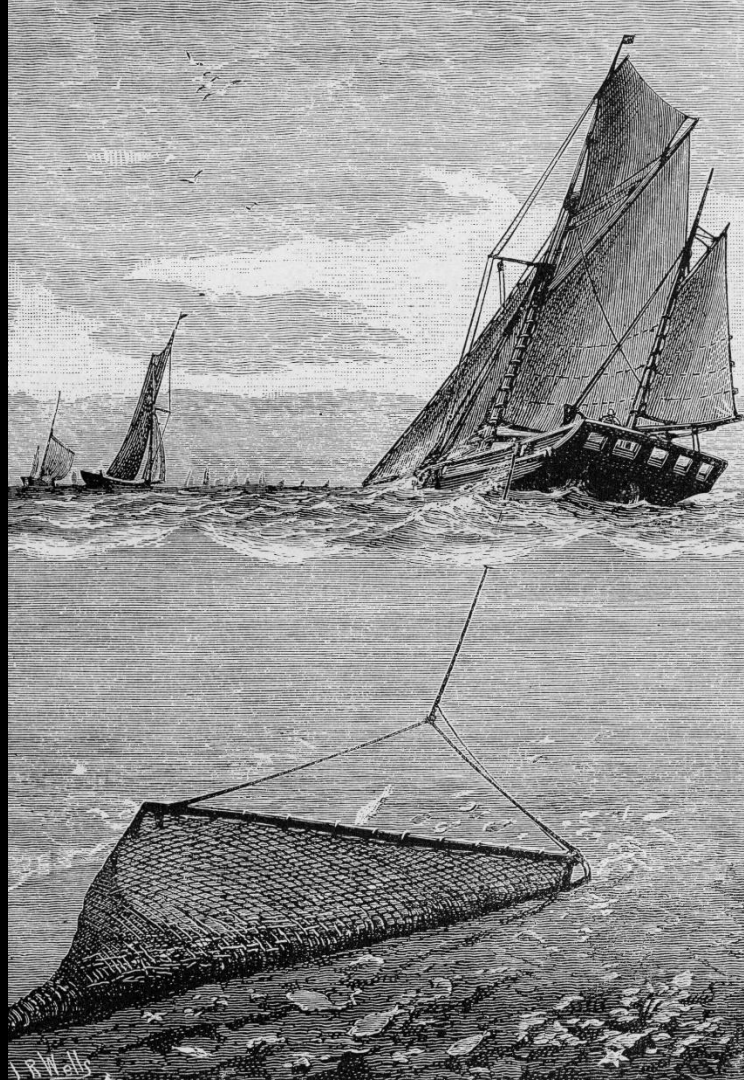


What have we done to
seabed carbon over
centuries?

What are we doing now?

What are the risks and
consequences?

We're writing a
new history of the
sea by
documenting the
spread of human
industry across the
ocean floor over
hundreds of years

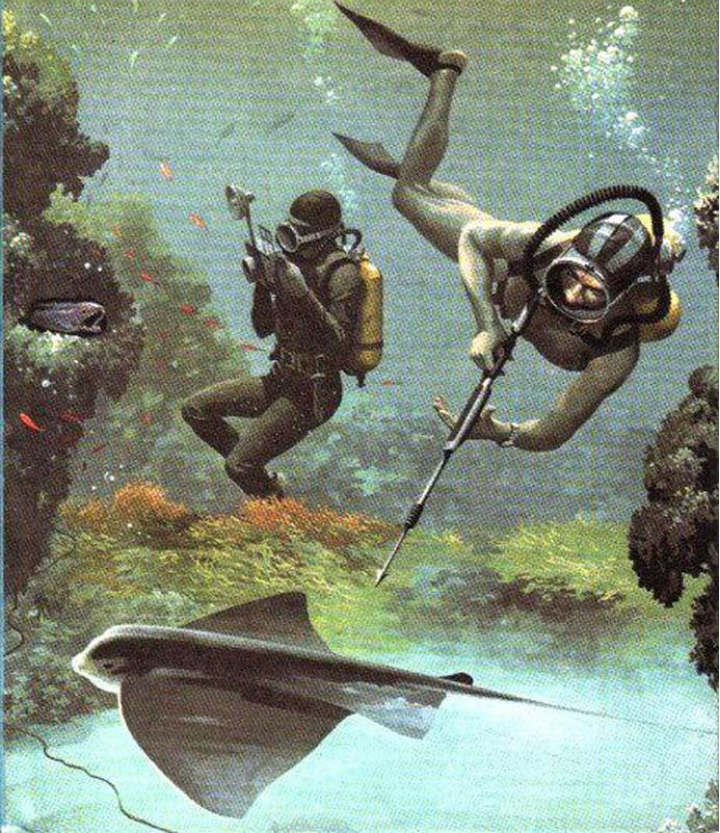


We aim to reset shifted environmental baselines for the coastal ocean: what does a natural seabed look like?



A LADYBIRD ACHIEVEMENTS BOOK

UNDERWATER EXPLORATION



Marine science
is a young
discipline

When we first
ventured
underwater, we
mistakenly
assumed what
we found to be
natural and
wild

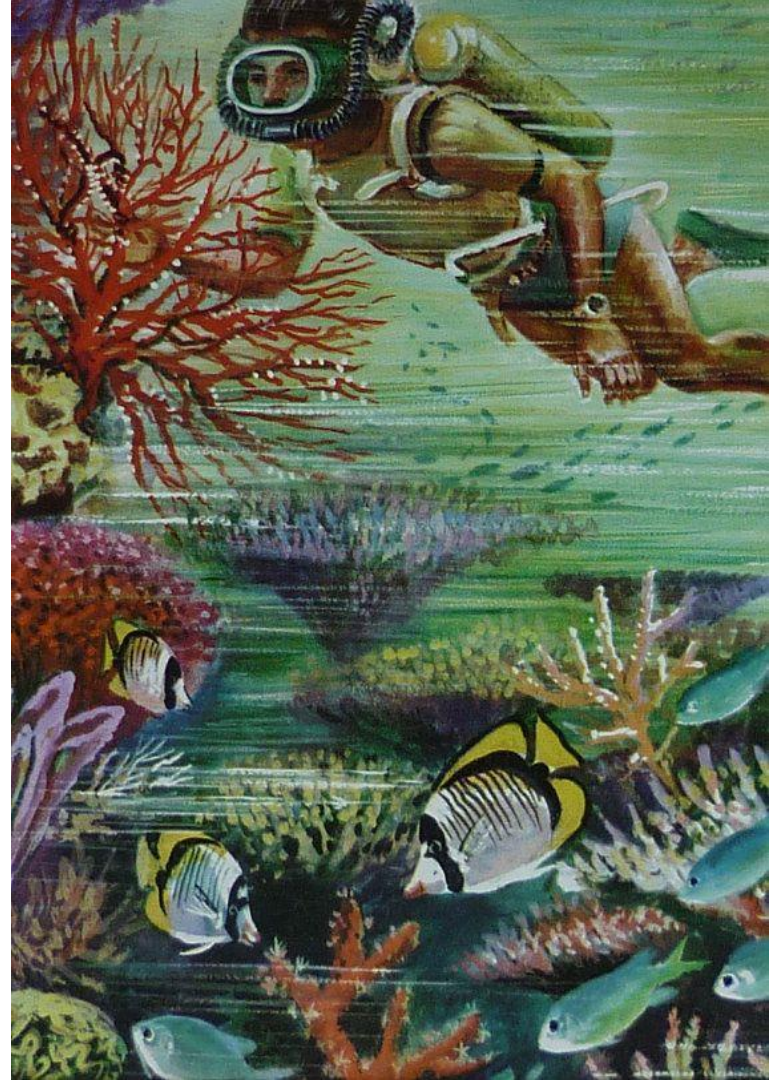




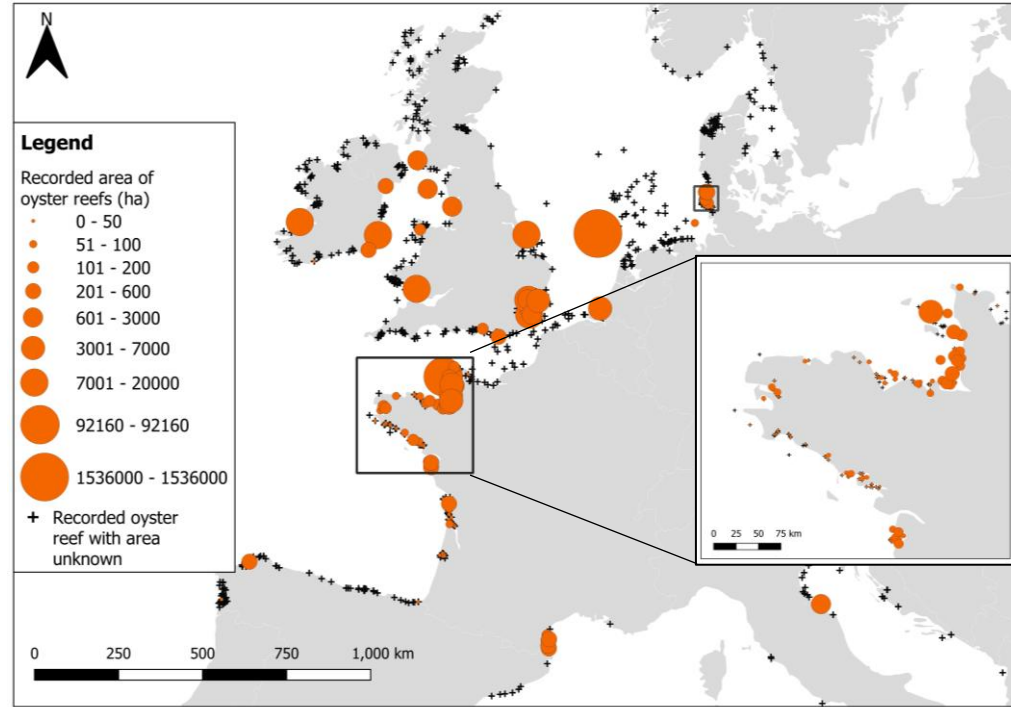
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Oysters offer insights into the antiquity of seabed transformation by trawling and dredging

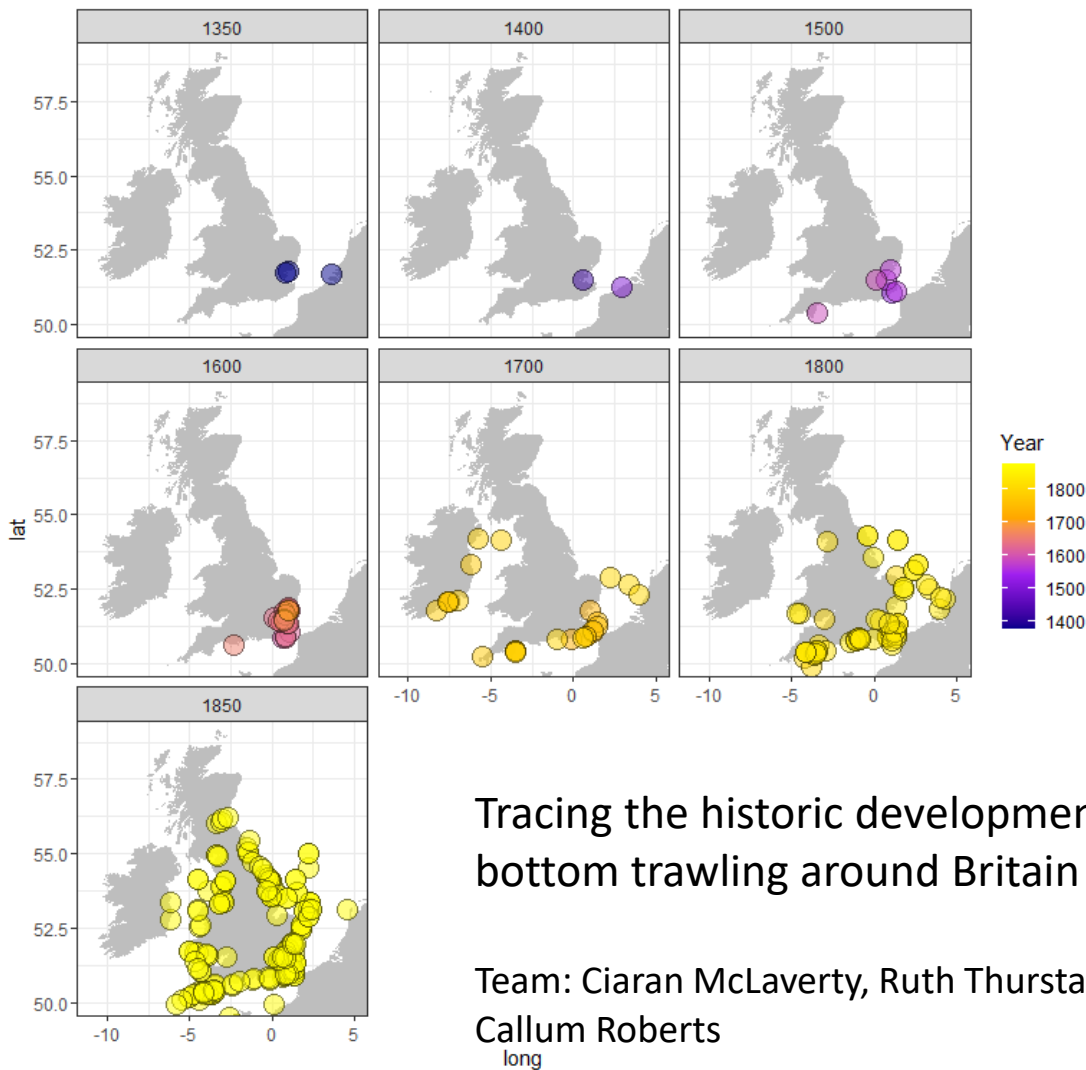
Flat oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) beds



Report on the Fisheries of Norfolk - “...an enormous oyster bed in the North Sea, east of the Silver Pits, in about 27 fathoms. It is nearly 80 miles long and 25 miles wide.” (1875)

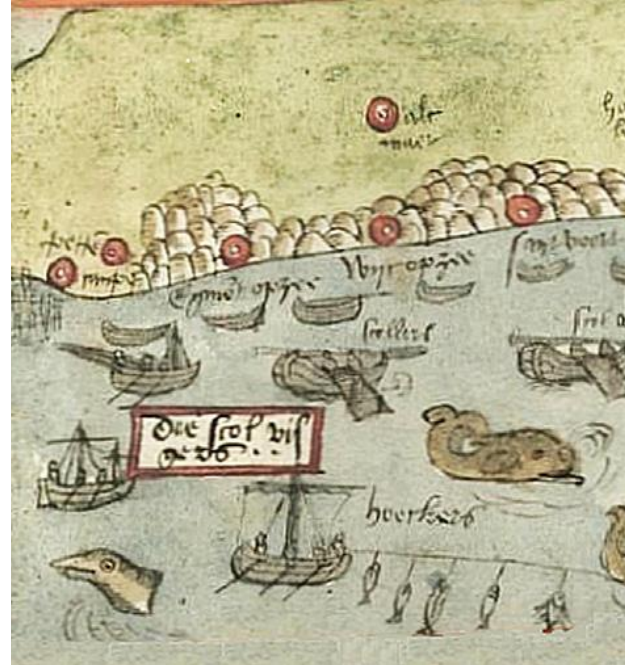


(Thurstan & zu Ermgassen et al, in review)



Tracing the historic development of bottom trawling around Britain

Team: Ciaran McLaverty, Ruth Thurstan and Callum Roberts

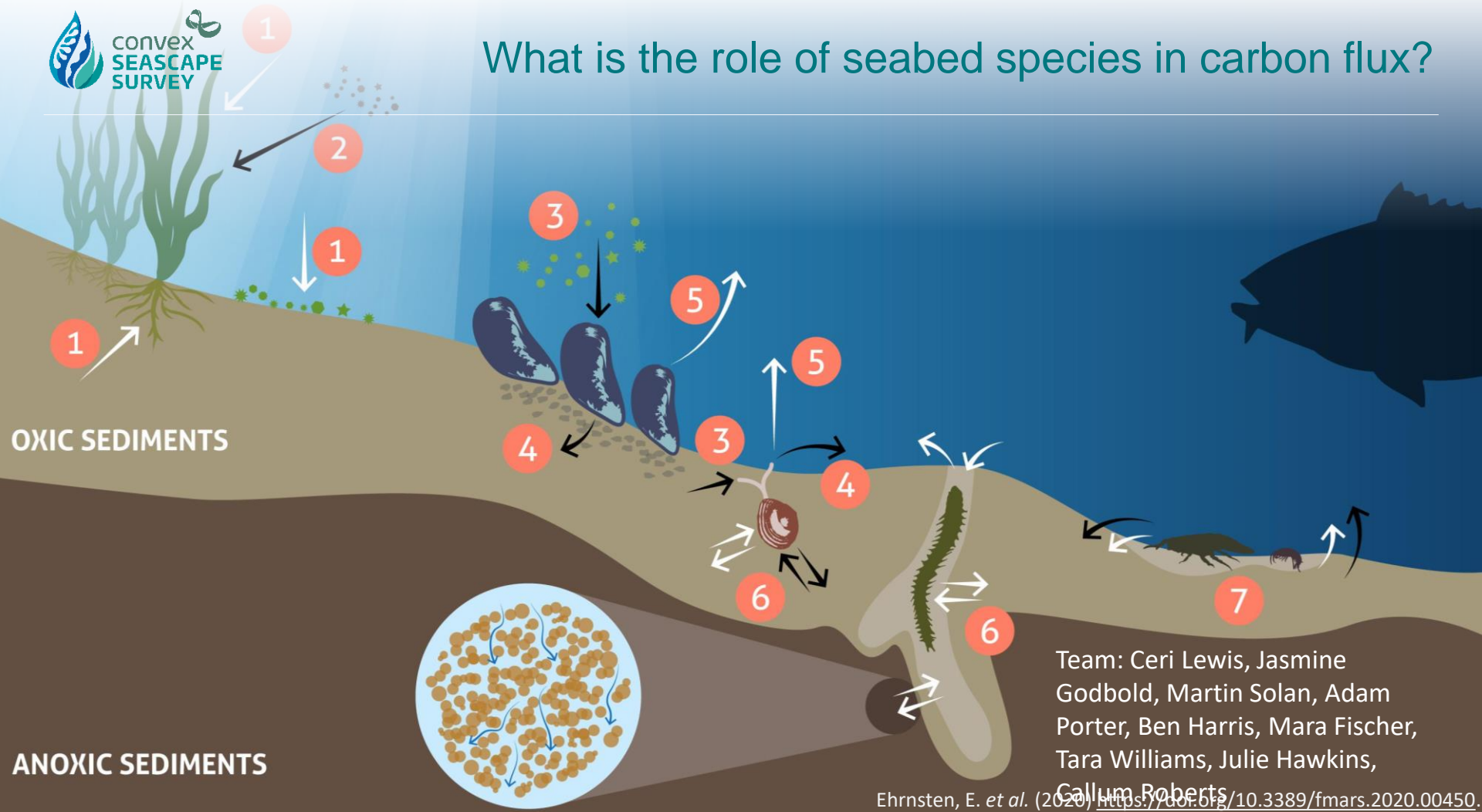


Does seabed protection safeguard and rebuild carbon stores?



Image: Henley Spiers

What is the role of seabed species in carbon flux?



Team: Ceri Lewis, Jasmine Godbold, Martin Solan, Adam Porter, Ben Harris, Mara Fischer, Tara Williams, Julie Hawkins,

Callum Roberts

Animals living in the seabed move mud 12.5 times the volume of Mount Everest every minute of every day of every year

What does this mean for carbon burial?
Spoiler alert – it's complicated!

Do degraded habitats store less carbon?

Carbon loss

- Trawl disturbance mobilises carbon and some is lost
- Trawling flushes sediments with oxygen encouraging carbon breakdown
- Fewer animals so less embodied carbon
- Less 'bioturbation' to bury carbon

Carbon gain

- Fewer animals = less respiration & carbon dioxide production
- Less 'bioturbation' to mobilise carbon into overlying waters



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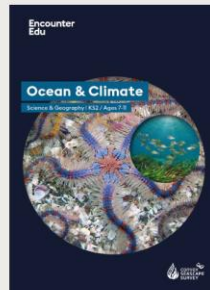
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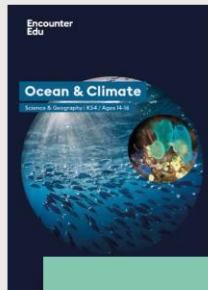
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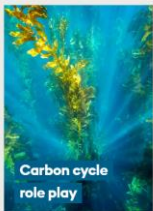
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ACTIVITIES



Carbon budget activity

Use this introductory carbon cycle to learn about the main processes involved.



Carbon cycle role play

An introductory carbon cycle diagram naming the major processes.



Ocean life treasure hunt

The main processes in the ocean carbon cycle.



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Climate, carbon & the ocean

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Lesson overview

In this introductory lesson, we look at the scientific processes and concepts of the carbon cycle. This will enable young people to grow prior knowledge of food chains and feeding relationships to understanding the drivers of environmental change. The lesson will start with an introduction to what carbon is, followed by a scaffolded understanding of the carbon cycle, reinforced by a fun activity. The lesson will close by analysing how an imbalance in the carbon cycle is leading to increased carbon in the atmosphere, which is driving the climate crisis.

Learning outcomes

Outcomes

- Better understanding
- Better data, made freely available
- Better decisions
- Safer planet



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Understanding the opportunities of nature-based solutions for health and wellbeing

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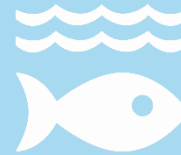
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Climate Change



Antimicrobial Resistance &
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Nature, Biodiversity and Health



Communities and Social
Inequalities



Food Systems & Planetary Health

SDG3 and its synergies

Example Food Systems and Planetary Health:

Food systems transformation for healthier, more sustainable, socially more just nutrition addresses:

SDG3 Good health: Prevention of non-communicable diseases

SDG2 Zero hunger: Sustainable and resilient food production; access to food

SDG 15 Life on land: Protection of biodiversity



Examples for nature-based solutions for SDG3: Good Health and Wellbeing:

Becca Lovell: Complexity of understanding and realising health benefits of NBS

Conny Guell: Transforming food systems for better health?

Lewis Elliott: Quantifying the public health benefits of (recreation in) natural environments

Ben Wheeler: Panel discussion



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**Complexity of
understanding and
realising health benefits of
NBS**

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Nature Based Solutions to meet the SDGs?

- NBS present opportunities to adapt to and mitigate climate change with health benefits and protection from harms
- NBS done correctly result in multiple benefits for people and the ecosystems we are a part of
- NBS include actions that aim to:
 - Change the environment itself
 - Change how we interact with the environment
 - Change how we experience the environment
 - Change environment/health-related policy and practice, including health care

Complexity of understanding and realising health benefits of NBS

REGREEN H2020 programme, led by Aarhus University



REGREEN built on URBAN LIVING LABS (ULLs) as central elements of the project:

- 3 European (Aarhus, Paris, Velika Gorica)
- 3 Chinese cities (Beijing, Shanghai, Ningbo)



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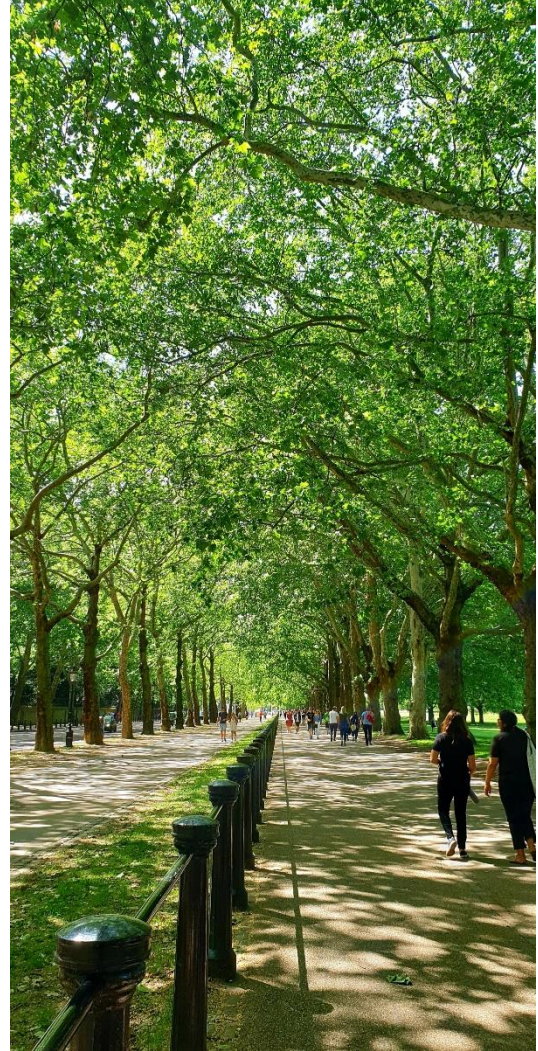
- We aimed to take a complexity-informed approach to considering the interconnections between Nature Based Solutions and mental health
- Street trees are an example of a nature-based solution with the potential to provide a range of ecosystem services including climate regulation, air quality regulation and aesthetic and cultural services.
- Interest in the potential of street trees to mitigate the impacts of a changing environment is increasing. As a result, there are now a number of large scale street tree ambitions and strategies.



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Street trees and mental health

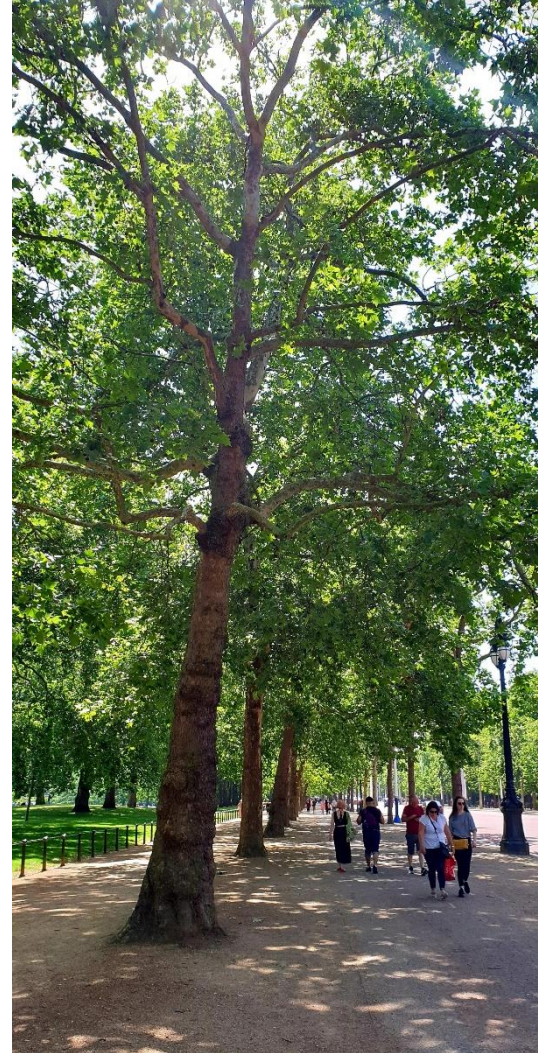
- Multiple reviews of evidence have highlighted the health and social potential of street trees.
- **Few syntheses or conceptual models have sought to demonstrate *how* street trees operate within the systems they are situated, nor do they describe *the conditions* in which impacts do or do not come about.**
- The challenges in considering the multiple pathways (i.e. the processes which link cause and outcome) through which street trees are thought to operate, unexpected consequences, and evaluating impact.



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Complexity methods:

We used a system thinking approach:

- To consider multiple outcomes, non-linearity, feedback loops and unexpected consequences.
- Offering new insights around the structures of systems – for example, conceptualising ‘mental health’ as a system rather than as an ‘outcome’.

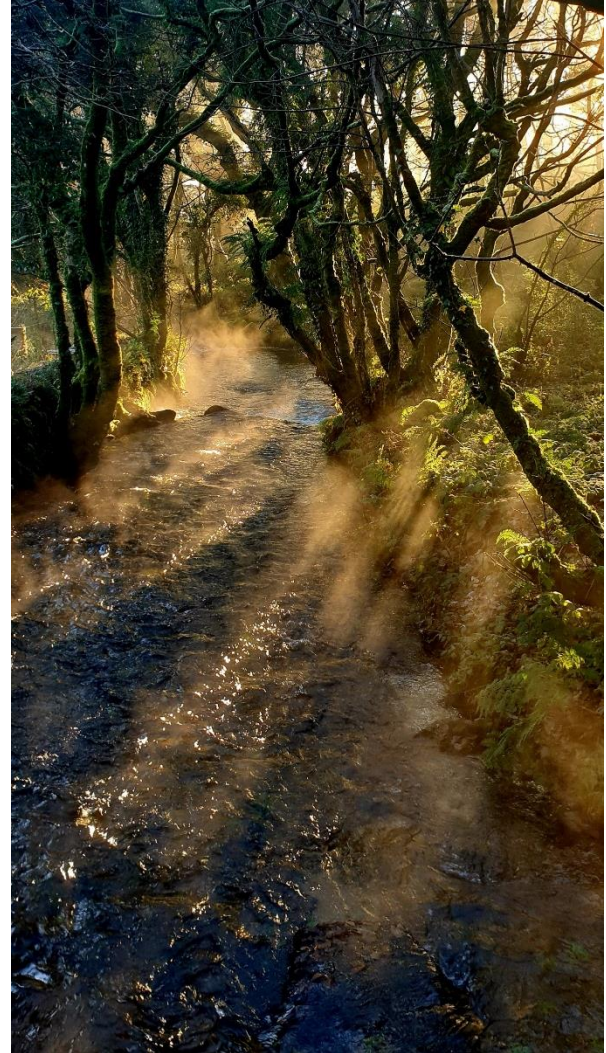
Causal loop diagrams provide a useful tool for synthesizing the complex interrelationships between street trees and the ‘system’ relating to mental health.



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Interactions between street trees, mental health and wider systems: considerations for SDG3 Good Health and Wellbeing

1. Although there are many ways in which street trees may improve mental health, tree health is critical in realizing many of these benefits and minimizing dis-benefits.
2. Communities which have benefited from street trees in the past are more likely to be able to advocate for additional trees, further entrenching historical inequities in street tree distribution.
3. Efforts to address these inequities through new tree planting initiatives may ultimately fail or even exacerbate existing challenges if they do not include sustained resources for tree maintenance, with direct and indirect impacts on inequities in mental health.



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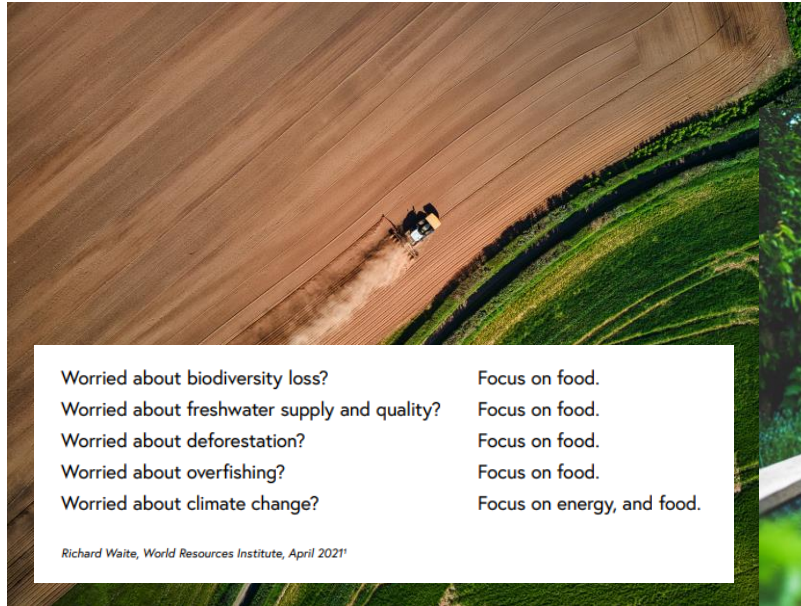


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Transforming food systems for better health?

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Transforming food systems for better health?



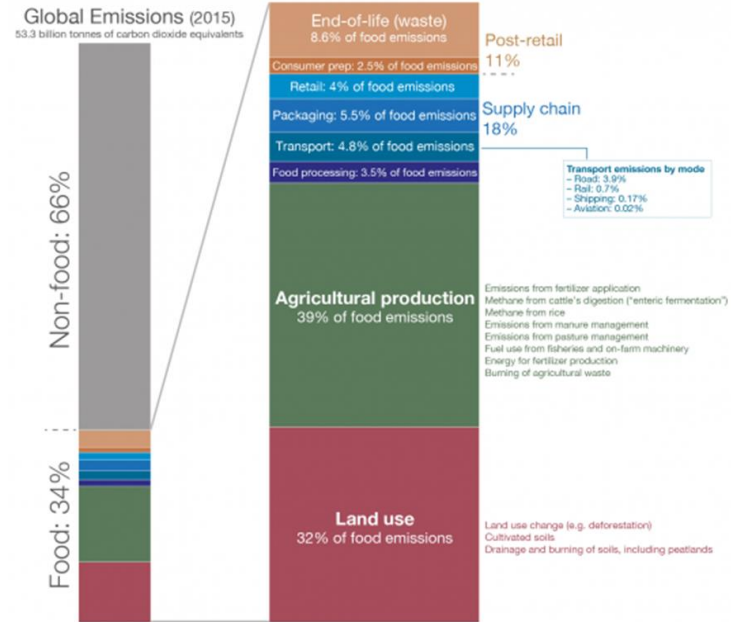
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Impact of food systems on climate change



Our food system affects our environment by contributing to global greenhouse emissions, soil degradation, water quality etc.

One-third of global greenhouse gas emissions come from food systems

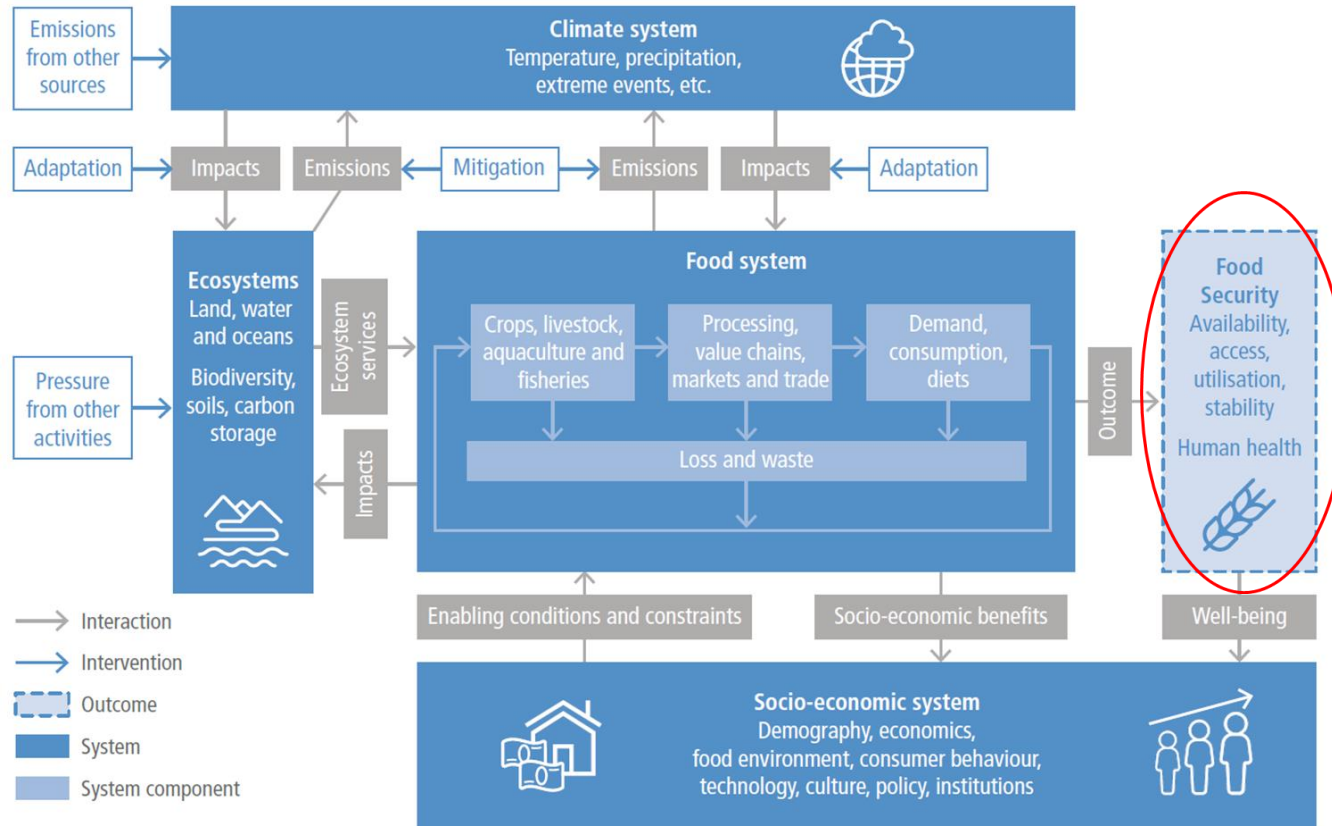


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IPCC Report Climate Change and Land (2019)



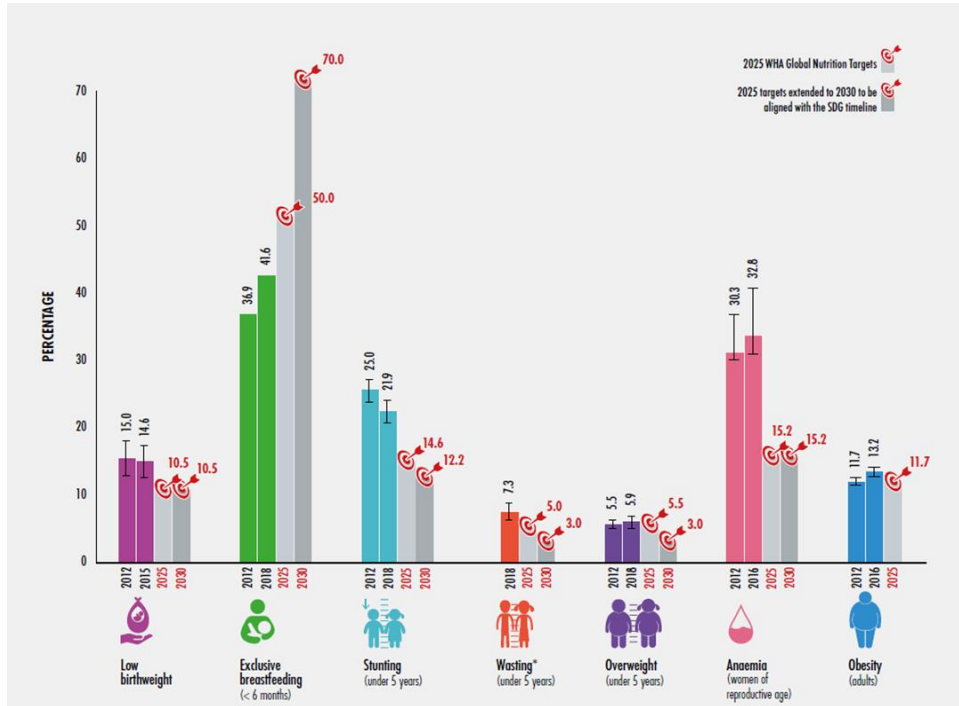
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Interlinkages between the climate system, food system, ecosystems (land, water and oceans) and socio-economic system



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"Progress in malnutrition is too slow to achieve the 2025 and 2030 Global Nutrition Targets."

FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. 2019. *The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019. Safeguarding against economic slowdowns and downturns*. Rome, FAO.

Nutrition-related chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

- Leading cause of death globally - 68% of the world's 56 million deaths in 2012.
- More than 40% of those were premature <70 years old.
- Almost three quarters of all NCD deaths and the majority of premature deaths (82%) occur in Low and Middle Income Countries.

Global Burden of Disease Study Lancet 2017

Food growing / agriculture as a Nature-Based Solution



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Farm to Fork strategy

for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system

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About the Strategy

The Farm to Fork Strategy is at the heart of the [European Green Deal](#), aiming to make food systems fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly.

Food systems cannot be resilient to crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic if they are not sustainable. We need to redesign our food systems which today account for nearly one-third of global GHG emissions, consume large amounts of natural resources, result in biodiversity loss and negative health impacts (due to both under- and over-nutrition) and do not allow fair economic returns and livelihoods for all actors, in particular for primary producers.

Putting our food systems on a sustainable path also brings new opportunities for operators in the food value chain. New technologies and scientific discoveries, combined with increasing public awareness and demand for sustainable food, will benefit all stakeholders.



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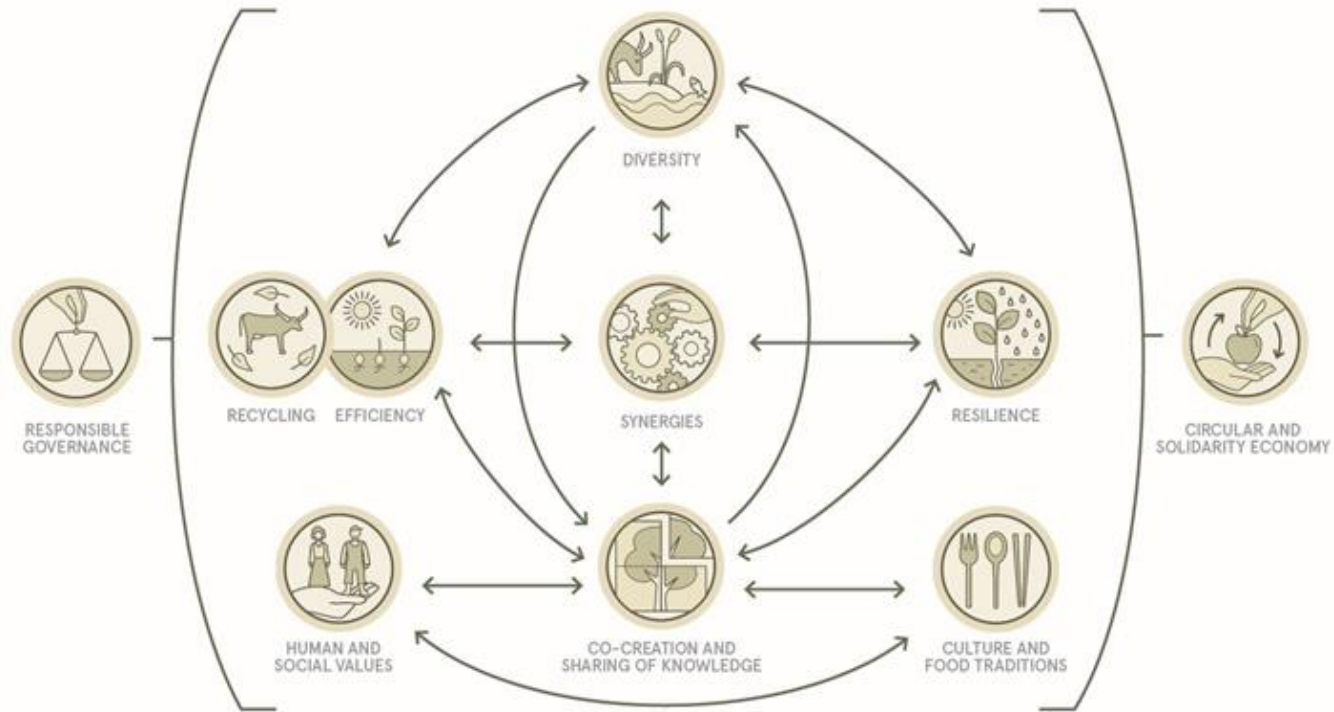
Volume 159, November 2017, Pages 264-275



Cultivating nature-based solutions: The governance of communal urban gardens in the European Union

[Alexander P.N. van der Jaagt](#)^{a b}, [Luca R. Szaraz](#)^c, [Tim Delshamar](#)^d, [Rozalija Cvejić](#)^e, [Artur Santos](#)^f, [Julie Goodness](#)^g, [Arjen Buijs](#)^h

Agroecology as a Nature-Based Solution



Agroecology as a Nature-Based Solution

A set of practices and a social movement to move away from industrial agriculture

"A holistic and integrated approach that simultaneously applies ecological and social [...] principles to the design and management of sustainable agriculture and food systems",

"To optimize the interactions between plants, animals, humans and the environment while also addressing the need for socially equitable food systems"



Has entered mainstream, particularly endorsed by the Food and Agricultural Organization

The FAO has played an important role in facilitating global and regional dialogues on agroecology, strengthening policy processes and gathering and disseminating evidence, best practices and tools, and providing technical assistance.





Can agroecology improve food security and nutrition? A review

Rachel Bezner Kerr ^a,  , Sidney Madsen ^a, Moritz Stüber ^b, Jeffrey Liebert ^c, Stephanie Enloe ^a, Noémie Borghino ^b, Phoebe Parros ^b, Daniel Munyao Mutyambai ^c, Marie Prudhon ^b, Alexander Wezel ^b

- 56 agroecology studies had evidence for food security & nutrition (FSN) outcomes.
- 78% of studies showed positive FSN outcomes from agroecological practices (in LMIC settings).
- Agroecological practices included crop diversification, intercropping, agroforestry, integrating crop and livestock, and soil management measures.
- Increased complexity of agroecological system more positively associated with FSN.
- Farmer networks and attention to social equity dimensions were important.



Global Community Food for Human Nutrition and Planetary Health in Small Islands (Global CFaH)

Tagged:

Food Systems and Planetary Health

Improving household health and food security by promoting agroecological community-based food production

Aim

[Global CFaH](#) aims to understand the potential for improving household diet, nutrition, and food security, and reducing the burden of nutrition related diseases by promoting increased community-based food production based on agroecological principles, in small island countries.

The project, funded by the National Institute of Health and Care Research, will review the available data on dietary quality, nutrition-related diseases, food



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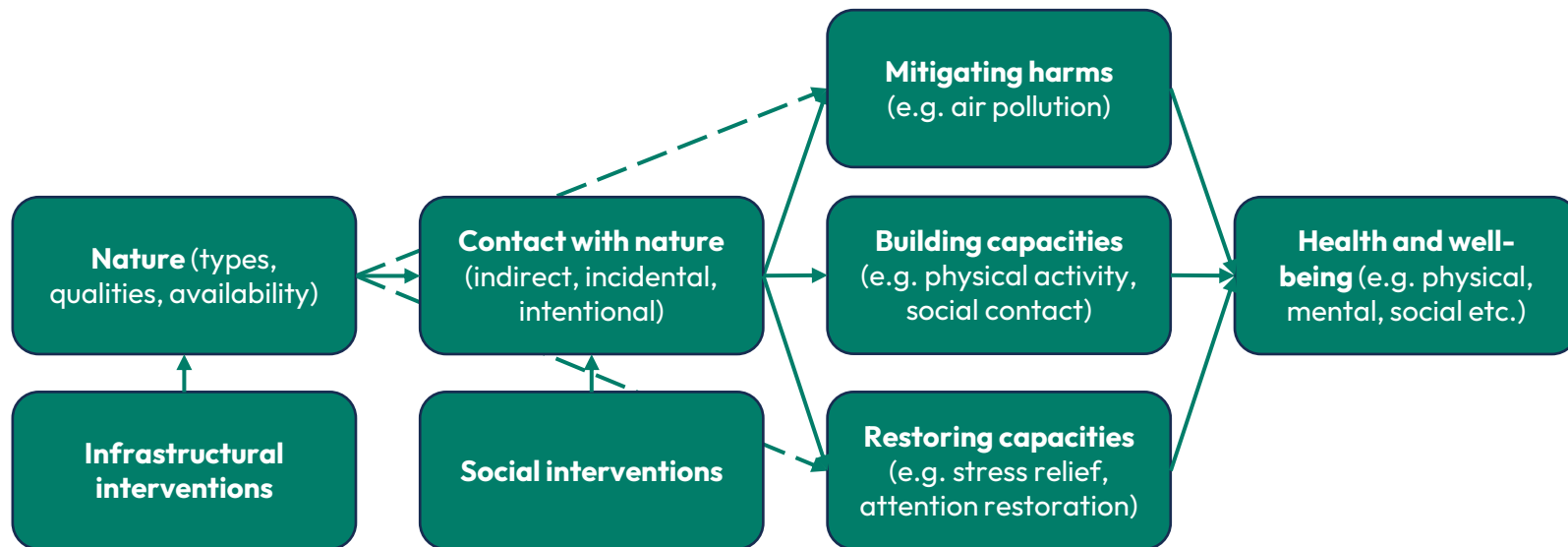
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**Quantifying the public
health benefits of
(recreational interactions
with) natural environments**

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A research framework





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Nature (types,
qualities,
availability)

Access to nature
(physical, financial,
perceived)

Quality of nature
(e.g. physical,
aesthetic, social,
ecosystem)

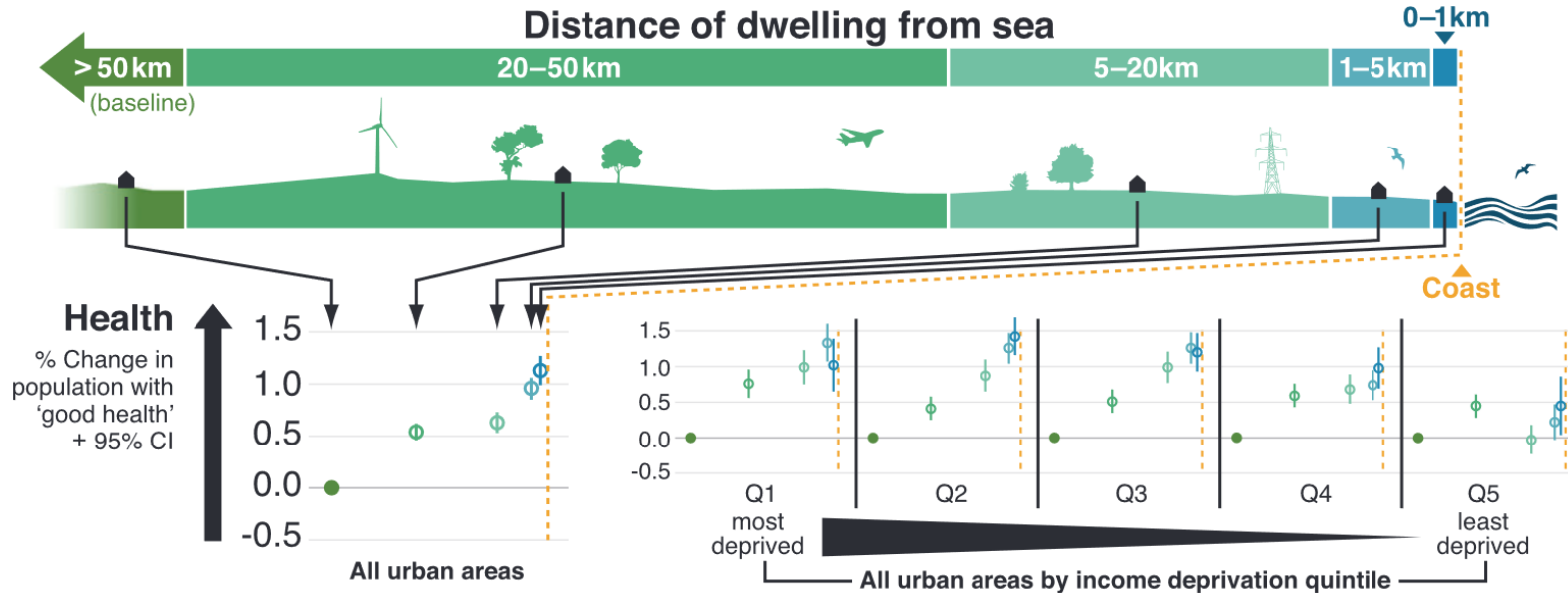
Health and well-
being (e.g. physical,
mental, social etc.)

Infrastructure
(transport)

Social infrastructure

Quality of infrastructure
(e.g. safety,
accessibility,
resilience)

Coastal proximity and health

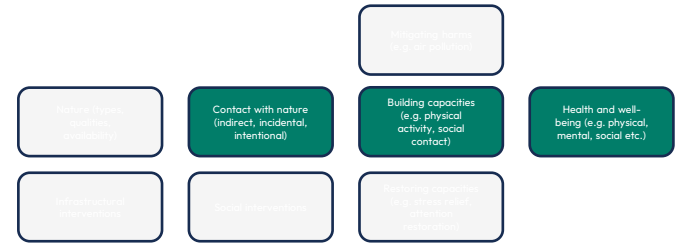




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Nature visits and health costs

- Total costs associated with disease that are potentially prevented through **nature-based physical activity** in England for 2019.

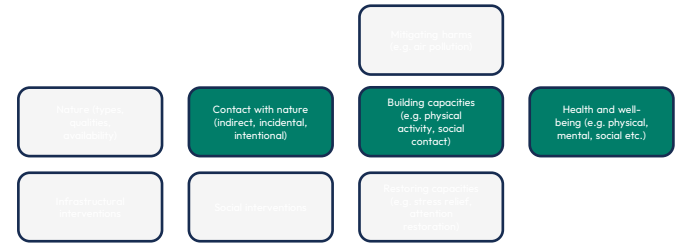
Disease	Total costs
Ischaemic heart disease	£2.9m (£2.5m - £3.3m)
Ischaemic stroke	£1.5m (£1.3m - £1.8m)
Type 2 diabetes	£11.1m (£8.8m - £13.7m)
Colon cancer	£0.3m (£0.2m - £0.4m)
Breast cancer	£0.1m (£0.1m - £0.1m)
Major depressive disorder	£92.7m (£57.4m - £131.3m)
Total	£108.6m (£70.4m - £150.6m)



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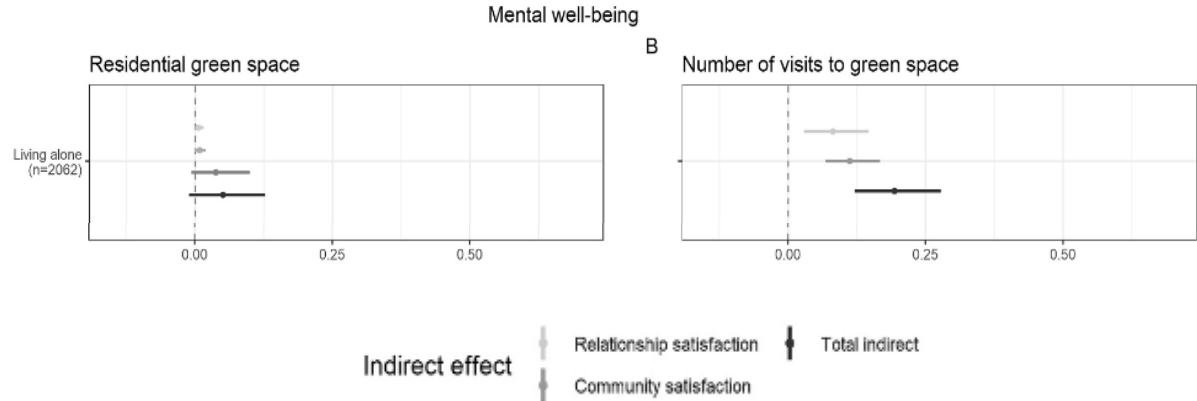


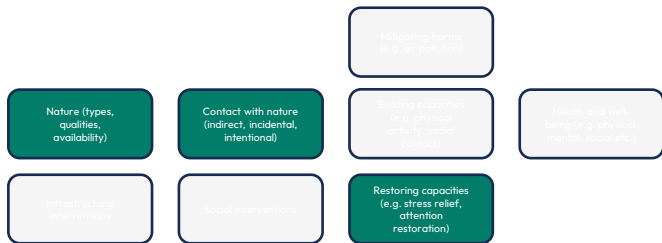
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Nature visits and social isolation

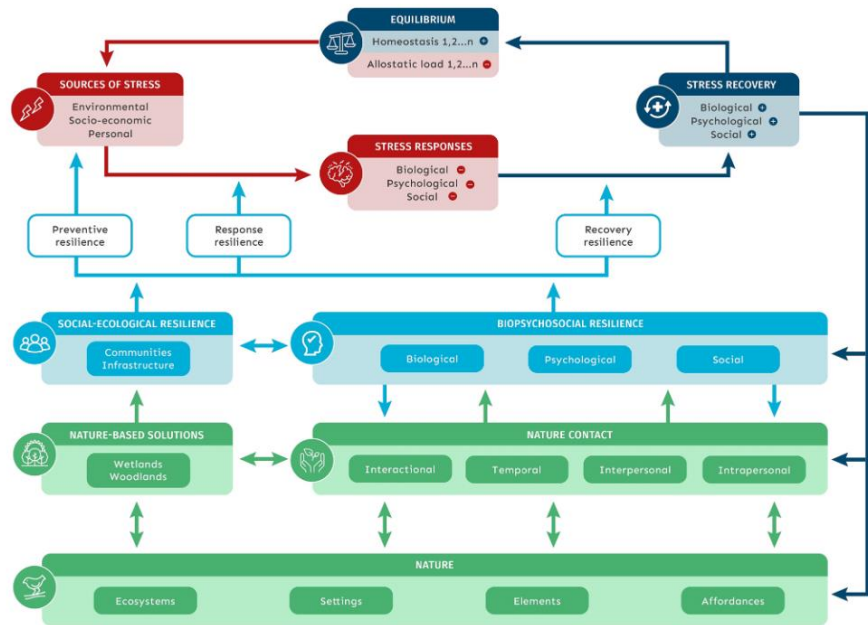
- Across 18 countries/territories (inc. Hong Kong), **visits to nature buffer the impact of living alone on poor mental health via greater relationship and community satisfaction.**





Nature-based biopsychosocial resilience theory

- NBS can **prevent stress** altogether, or make stressors **less potent** (preventive resilience)
- Nature can also help us **cope with stress** (response resilience)
- Nature can help us **recover more quickly/completely from stress** (recovery resilience)

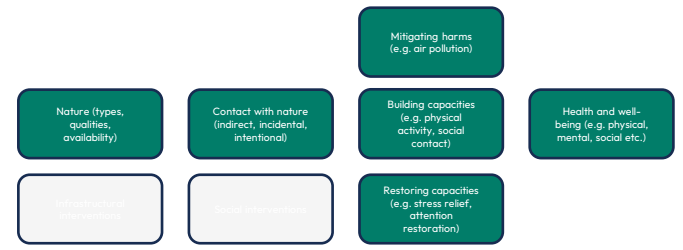




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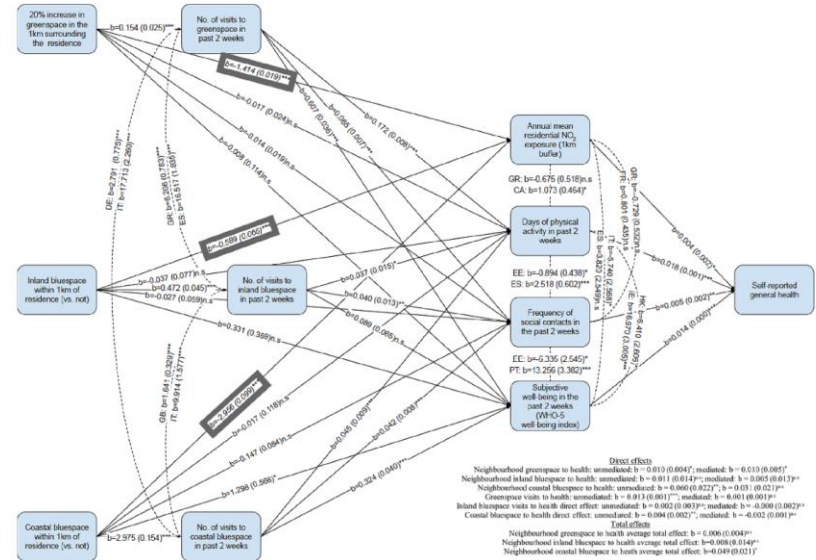


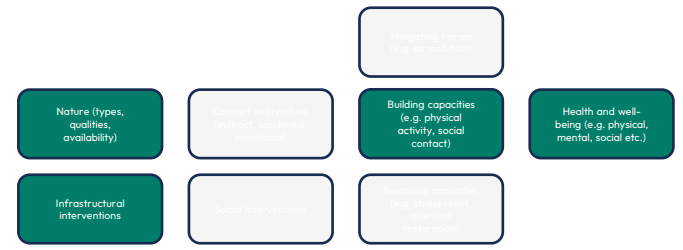
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Testing pathways

- The most consistently supported pathways to health from neighbourhood nature across countries, environment types, and sociodemographic strata were via **visits**, greater **physical activity attainment**, and improved **subjective well-being**.





Landscape redesign

- Both recent and stable measures of **subjective well-being improved** after the intervention.
- Effects were mediated by **improvements in community cohesion.**



Photographs showing the upper slip road and lower slip road at T1



Photographs showing the lower slip road and the Intervention (open-air theatre) at T2



Figure showing mapped activity points using the BBAT at Teats Hill behaviour settings during the warm period (July-September) for T1-2017: 1881 observation points, 28 observation episodes, 56 hrs of observation time.

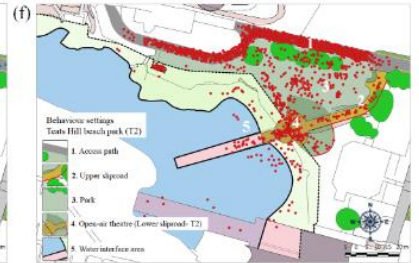


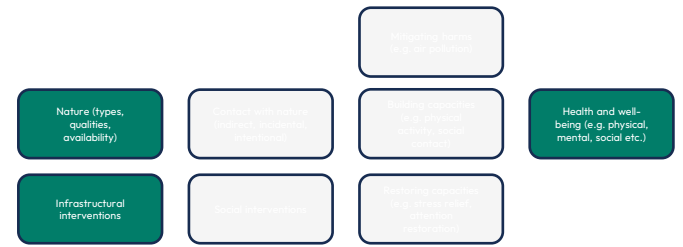
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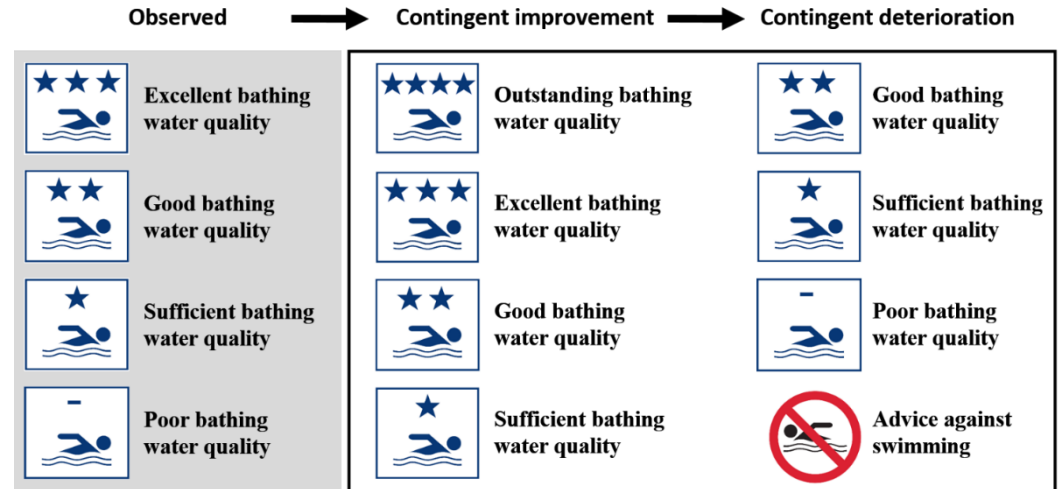


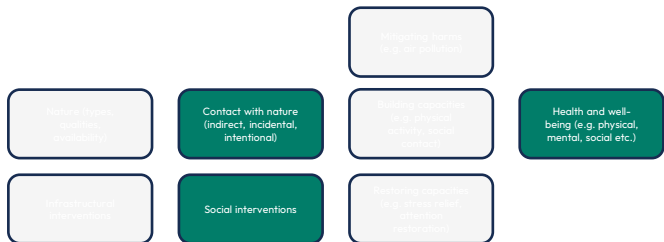
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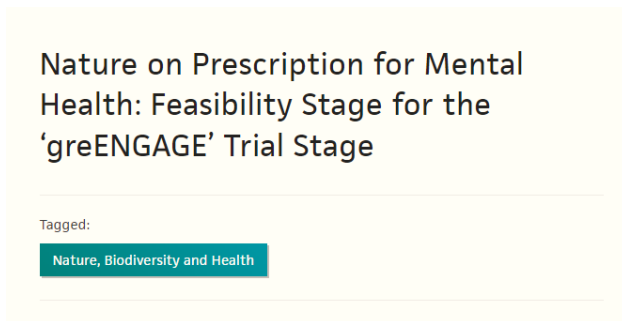
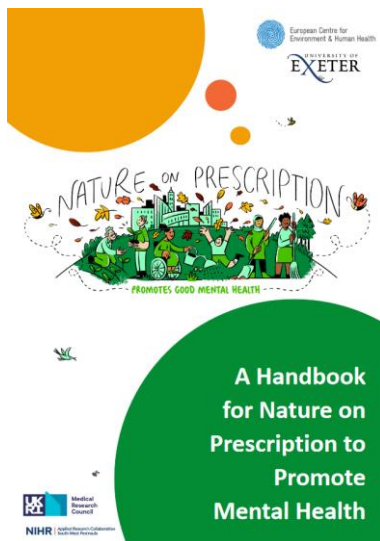
Water quality and travel costs

- *Increases* in water quality associated with **€41.89bn** added value
- *Decreases* in water quality associated with **€130.79bn** less value





Green social prescribing




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Collaborative Pathways:

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Sustainable Leadership

Impactful industry partnerships for a sustainable future

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Top 10 in the world for our progress towards delivering the UN SDGs in the 2024 THE Impact Rankings

Recognised for our progress towards delivering Clean Water and Sanitation, Responsible Consumption and Production, Zero Hunger, Climate Action, and Life Below Water.

My role at the university



- **Senior Lecturer** in Sustainable Futures, Business School
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- Member of the **University Senate**

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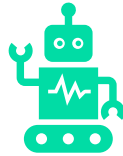
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Responsible
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FIGURE C

Global risks ranked by severity over the short and long term

"Please estimate the likely impact (severity) of the following risks over a 2-year and 10-year period."

Risk categories

- Economic
- Environmental
- Geopolitical
- Societal
- Technological

2 years



10 years



Source

World Economic Forum Global Risks
Perception Survey 2023-2024.

Challenge-based education

“To be responsible is to be attentive to **impact** and time. Responsible decision makers look forward and back as they live in the moment. Looking ahead, they are responsible not just to current and future generations but to all life on the planet. Looking back, they are accountable for their actions, those taken and those avoided.”



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The Principles for Responsible Management Education



Purpose



Values



Teach



Research



Partner



Practice



Share



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Case study 1

Partner	Location	Project	Group composition	Output
Climate KIC (The EU's main innovation pipeline)	EU	Transitioning to a circular value chain for timber in the construction industry in Europe.	<i>Students:</i> Exeter, CUHK, USP, Stellenbosch <i>Mentors:</i> Exeter, Stellenbosch	Analysis of the timber value chain and scoping to make it more circular, including developing a clear set of recommendations.

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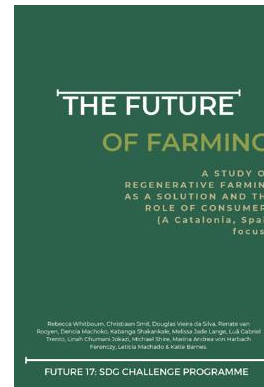


Case study 2

Partner	Location	Project	Group composition	Output
Refillable (Zero-waste grocery delivery service)	India	Market research on packaging alternatives and additional business opportunities.	<i>Students:</i> Cairo, Stellenbosch, Auckland <i>Mentors:</i> Cairo, Auckland	Proposal for use of a novel, more sustainable packaging material.

Risk categories

- Economic
- Environmental
- Geopolitical
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- Technological



Case study 3

Partner	Location	Project	Group composition	Output
Green Rebel (Regenerative agroforestry farm in Catalonia)	Spain	Regenerative farming as a solution and the role of consumers	<p><i>Students:</i> Exeter, Stellenbosch, USP</p> <p><i>Mentors:</i> USP, Stellenbosch</p>	Scoping paper examining feasibility of a pick-your-own farm comprising multiple crops, designed to benefit the local community.

Risk categories

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Partnerships in sustainability: **case study in professional education**

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- Clients can be **individual businesses or consortia** (e.g. Chamber of Commerce)
- **Custom-made** courses, tailored to a business or industry, **co-created** with client
- Programmes are typically **short, flexible and non-credit-bearing**
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- 550 graduates 2022-23
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Participants supported to:

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5. **Build and recognise networks of capability and experience** in specific topics across the Capgemini Invent sustainability consulting practice.

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1. Our planet as a system
2. Powering clean growth
3. Understanding and managing value
4. Interdisciplinary approaches to resilience and adaptation
5. Realities of the clean growth transition: bringing sustainability to the boardroom

Each theme is covered over a week of the **five-week course**.

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Course components and structure



Blended structure comprising:

1. Live masterclasses
2. Live webinars
3. Asynchronous sessions
4. Virtual office hours

Week	1	2	3	4	5
Live	Face-to-face in London	Webinar Online office hours	Online office hours	Webinar Online office hours	Face-to-face in Exeter
Asynchronous	Lectures	Lectures	Lectures	Lectures	Lectures

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All participants required to complete **formative and summative assessments**

- Formative

- Learning diary
- Pitch presentation proposal

- Summative

- Written piece: blog post (individual)
- Oral piece: pitch presentation (in groups)

Assessments marked in accordance with the **University's Masters-level criteria**

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Topics covered

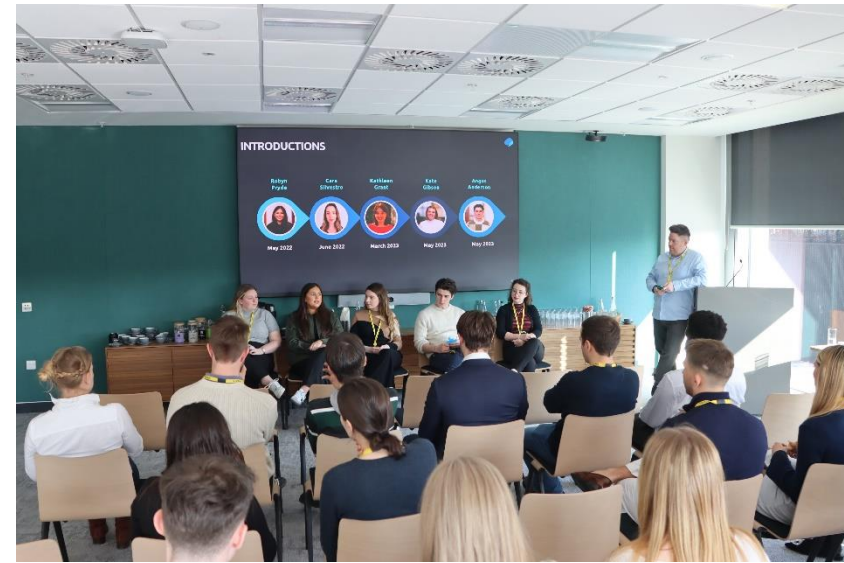


- The latest in climate science
- Circular economy
- Systems thinking
- Positive tipping points
- Social science approaches on the path to net zero
- Climate justice and ethics
- Life-cycle analysis
- Energy futures and policy development
- Sustainable finance
- Comparative methods
- AI and data science for sustainability
- Sustainable mining
- Digital economy
- Ecosystem services and biomimicry
- Land use and natural capital
- Climate in the boardroom

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Origins and reflections

- Relationship developed with Capgemini Invent UK's **VP Sustainable Futures**
- Strength in **co-creation and alignment of learning outcomes to requirements**
- Steppingstone to successful partnership with **Capgemini Group's Global Upskilling team (Paris)** to deliver training to 100+ key strategic account holders worldwide
- Collaboration has since **extended into education**
- Informs several **additional professional education opportunities**
- **Courtney Holm** now affiliated with the University



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Direct contributions and benefits



- **Translation** of high-impact research to client-facing industry practitioners and corporate leaders
- New **internal collaborative pipelines** across faculties and service areas
- Academic team benefitted from **novel experience and partnership opportunities**
- Clear benefits for Capgemini: sustainability leadership and Champions Network, **substantial uptick in sustainability-related sales**



Final thoughts

Embed sustainability 'by default'



Harness technology 'for good'



80 News Stories Relevant to Extreme Weather and Global Climate Risks

Share

- 04 — Heavy Rainfall in Assam Causes Disruption in Guwahati
- 05 — Jordanian Pilgrims Succumb to Heatstroke During Hajj Pilgrimage
- 06 — How CRISPR Gene-Editing Technology Could Transform Food Production
- 07 — Bane Nor Raises Alarm: Railway Maintenance Needs Increase by 11 Billion
- 08 — Avoid These Vacation Destinations According to the 'No List' 2024

Adopt skills-first best practices

KNOWLEDGE

Learning



SKILLS

Doing



BEHAVIOUR

Being



Confident
communicator

Critical thinker

Resilient
self-advocate

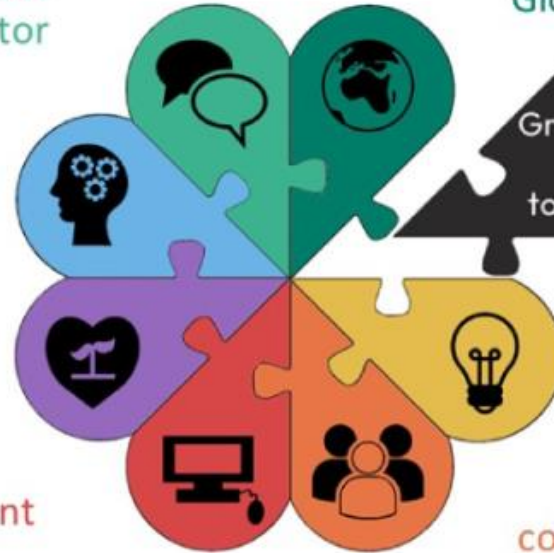
Digitally fluent

Globally engaged

Graduate
skills
to thrive

Innovative problem-
solver

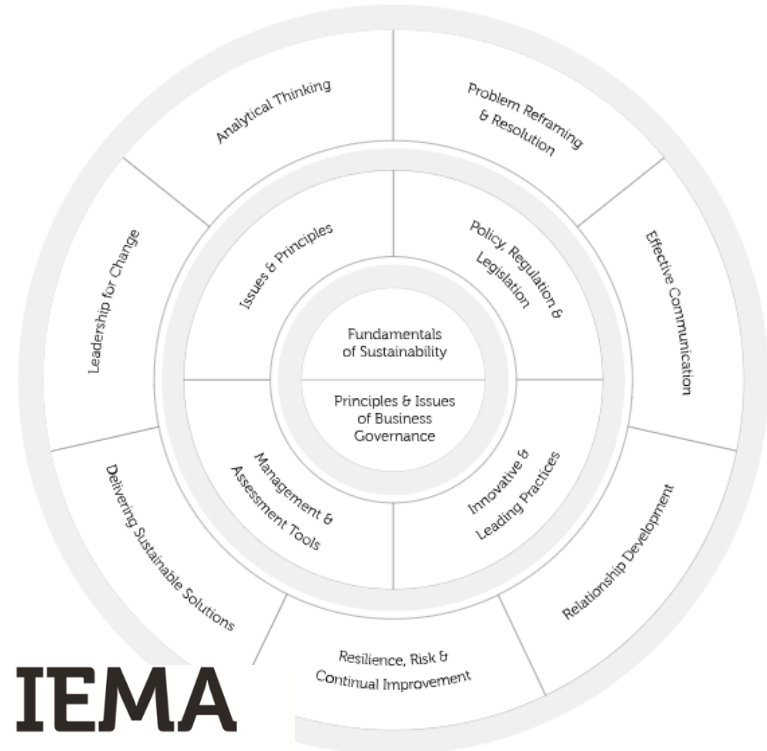
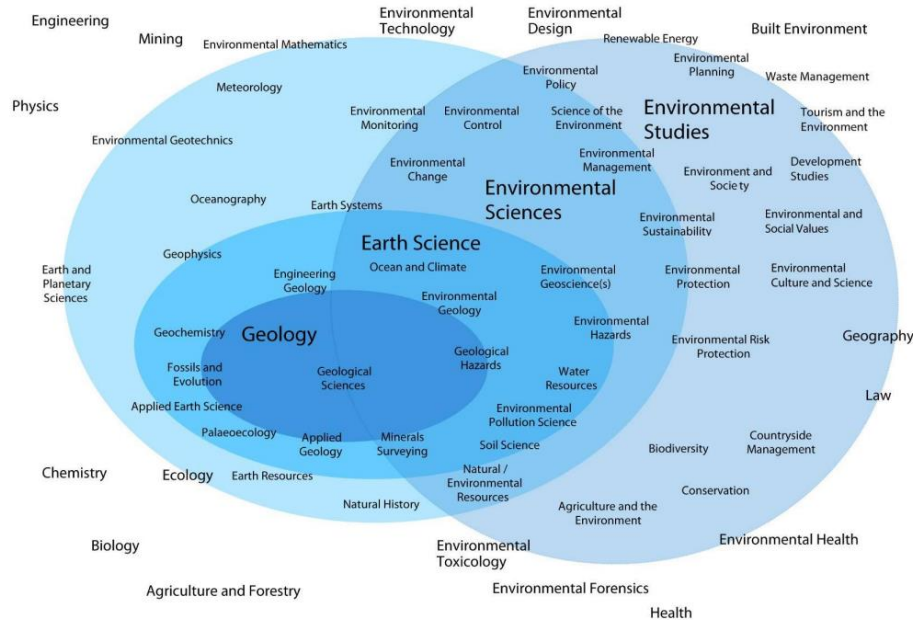
Proactive
collaborator



Embrace professional development



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14 LIFE BELOW WATER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



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Dr Karen Scott, Politics

Dr Emma Kluge, Humanities

Dr Tiago de Melo Cartaxo, Law

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Humanities and Social Sciences, Cornwall

Societies, Culture and Justice in the Past,
Present and Future

An interdisciplinary endeavour that
interweaves insights from the disciplines
of History, Law, Politics, Modern Languages
and Literature

Teaching, Research & Impact



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Themed Research Clusters

- Environmental Justice
- Memory, Heritage & Identity
- Voice, Participation & Governance
- Decolonising Knowledges Collective



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Politics

Politics in Cornwall is characterised by its focus on some of the biggest political challenges facing the world today such as inequality, climate change, the global financial crisis, conflict, and the depletion of natural resources, public disillusionment with politics, and the changing balance in world power.

Understanding power and challenging injustice are our central concerns and the main lenses through which we analyse/teach.

POC3095 Environmental Knowledge Controversies – Just Stop Oil actions 2023
Prof. Clare Saunders – expert in Social Movements and Environmental Activism



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Politics – example of modules:

POC1026 Power, Inequality and Global Justice
POC1033 Political Communication
POC1014 Public Policy Process
POC2103 Introduction to Postcolonialism
POC2114 Green Politics in Theory and Practice
POC2128 Political Geographies: Global - Local
POC2131 Political Economy
POC3097 Gender and Politics in Africa
POC3095 Global Sustainability Challenges
POC3154 Environment and Conflict in the ME
POC3103 The Resource Paradox
(SDG mapping)



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Politics - Research

Social movements and environmental activism
The politics of water quality in Asia
Politics of measuring wellbeing and sustainability
Female political participation in Africa
Migration and conflict in Middle East
The rise of Authoritarianism
Reproductive Rights
More-Than-Human politics
Skills gaps in Cornwall
People and Mining



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Politics

POC3103 Resource Paradox
Dr Deborah Johnson

This research led module looks at the politics of mining. Links with Deborah's research in global conflict studies. SDG mapping exercise.

People and Mining Network at CSM



Meet our Students: Olivia Green, MSc Mining Environmental Management



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Humanities

BA Environmental Humanities: global interdisciplinary & transdisciplinary field of study with sustainability at its core

BA History: teaching the histories of the modern world from British and European to the Americas and the Pacific (joint degrees: with politics; with business; with geography; with international relations).

Both programmes critically engage with the intractable global challenges that we face

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Example of modules:

HIC1610: An Introduction to the histories of science and the environment

HIC1605: European History: Politics and Society

HIC1611: Global History: Twentieth Century

Transformations

HUM1005: Climate Emergency: An Introduction to the Environmental Humanities

HIC1010: Foundations of Environmental Humanities

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HIC2037: Earth Matters: Soil, Society and the Humanities

HIC2038: Caribbean Histories: Colonialism, Resistance and Environmental Crisis

HIC2009: Ecology and Empire

HIC3009: Pacific Histories: Environment, People and Politics

HIC3008: New American Century: History, Culture, and Crisis

HUC3048: Writing Nature

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Humanities: Research

climate change and environmental justice
place and identity
conflict and violence
democracy and authoritarianism
and science and technology
disaster studies / Disaster risk reduction

The Centre for Environmental Arts and Humanities

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Law

- LLB in Law with Business (& BBL in Business with Laws)
- Teaching UG modules cross-discipline: teaching Law for Sustainable Development
- Exeter Centre for Environmental Law
- Engaging with the Local Community, Nationally and Internationally

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Law: Teaching for SDGs

- LAW1016C A Legal Foundation for Environmental Protection
- LAW2016C Environmental Regulation and Redress
- LAW3301C Law and Policy for Sustainable Organisations

PG modules in the future



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Law: Research

Exeter Centre for Environmental Law (ExCEL)

- Making Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve? (RE/PSF)
- Effectiveness of Environmental Compliance Regimes in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (RE/OIP + Cornwall Council & CloSLNP)
- Environmental Justice Cafés (monthly)



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Law: Engagement

Exeter Centre for Environmental Law (ExCEL)

- Earth Law Center (2023)
- UNESCO Biosphere activities (2023)
- Ecocide Workshop (2024)
- Green Finance & Nature Markets Roundtable (2024)



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