

## Spatial planning and an ecosystems approach



### Commitment 87!!!!



"We will establish an Ecosystems Knowledge Network. Run by an independent organisation, this network will involve our environmental bodies and include local projects, drawing on practical experience to share learning and good practice"



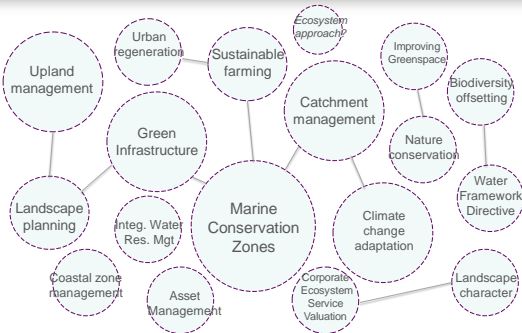
**A resource for anyone wanting to share knowledge or learn about the practical benefits of an ecosystems approach**



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### Emphases of the network

1. Exploring applications and implications of an ecosystems approach in local/practical settings
2. Relevance of this approach to wider policy developments and related models of resource management

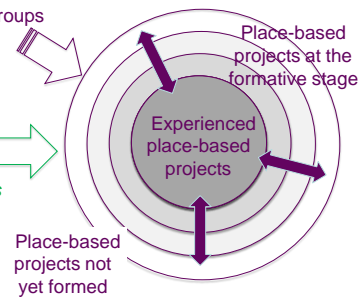


### Shared learning and outreach

New sectors, professional groups etc

Research-related initiatives, tools, datasets

### Membership of c.500



**Events**



**Web resources**



**Bulletins**





1. Themes and activities defined by the network
2. Resources to support activities

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Ecosystems Knowledge Network Connecting people and nature

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Spatial planning meets the ecosystem approach

- Introducing an ecosystems approach  Rob Fish, University of Exeter
- Spatial planning and an ecosystems approach  Alister Scott, Birmingham City University

Exploring a live setting

- Introducing the North Devon Biosphere Reserve: issues and challenges  Juliet Bidgood (UNESCO Biosphere)
- Delivering ecosystems services through the planning system in North Devon  Andrew Austen (North Devon Council)

Afternoon exercise

*Practicing an ecosystems approach to spatial planning*



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