



# UK National Ecosystem Assessment

## Follow-on

## Action Stations! Making the Most of the Ecosystems Approach

Incorporating a launch of the UK National Ecosystem Follow-on project, a major new piece of interdisciplinary research that is advancing our knowledge and capacity to implement an ecosystems approach.

26<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Mary Ward House, Bloomsbury, London: <http://www.marywardhouse.com/>

Objectives:

- To stimulate UK-wide debate about what the ideas in the UK NEAFO outputs mean for particular people, places and institutions.
- To provide an opportunity for practitioners in the Government, business and voluntary sector to learn about tools and methods for valuing ecosystems to improve decision-making.
- To enable focussed discussion of different experiences of successes, challenges and opportunities in applying the ideas and tools of the UK NEA and its Follow-On project to decision-making about the use of land, freshwater and marine resources.
- To use learning and insights from these experiences to clarify what further support might be needed to help overcome barriers to an ecosystems approach.
- To identify communication priorities for sharing the outputs from UK NEAFO and the latest ideas in ecosystem management.

10.00	Registration (coffee and tea)
10.30	<b>Welcome</b> Professor Steve Albon, James Hutton Institute (UK NEAFO Co-Chair and member of the LWEC Ecosystem Task Force)
10.35	<b>Ministerial address</b> Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for natural environment and science
<b>Welcome and launch of the UK National Ecosystem Assessment Follow-on</b> Chair: Professor Georgina Mace, University College London	
10.45	<b>The Synthesis Report – summary of findings</b> Presentation from Professor Kerry Turner, University of East Anglia ( UK NEAFO Co-Chair)

11.00	<p><b>Key innovations in the UK NEA Follow-on project</b> Presentations by three of the Principal Investigators: Professor Ian Bateman, University of East Anglia (economics); Professor Andrew Church, University of Brighton (cultural ecosystem services) and Professor Roy Haines-Young, University of Nottingham (scenarios)</p>
11.30	<p><b>The Challenge of Implementing an Ecosystems Approach</b> Professor Ian Boyd, Defra's Chief Scientific Adviser</p>
11.45	<p><b>Panel discussion on findings and how outputs can be used</b> Professor Kerry Turner, University of East Anglia; Professor Ian Bateman, University of East Anglia; Professor Andrew Church, University of Brighton; Professor Roy Haines-Young, University of Nottingham; Michele Pittini, Defra.</p>
12.25	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
	<p>There will be opportunities for networking and a number of stalls set up over lunch where delegates can find out more about the UK NEAFO, LWEC and the Ecosystems Knowledge Network.</p>
<p><b>Implementing an ecosystems approach: a Living With Environmental Change Event, supported by the Ecosystems Knowledge Network</b></p>	
13.15	<p><b>Welcome and introduction.</b> Chair: Ruth Waters, Natural England</p>
13.25	<p><b>Around the UK in twenty minutes: snapshots of an ecosystems approach in action.</b> Six projects that show how an ecosystems approach is being applied in diverse settings around the UK. <b>A business perspective on the ecosystem approach,</b> Dylan Bright, South West Water <b>Developing the ecosystem approach in the Celtic Seas,</b> Lyndsey Dodds, WWF-UK <b>Birmingham Green Living Spaces Plan,</b> Nick Grayson, Birmingham City Council <b>Bassenthwaite Ecosystem Services Pilot Project: the ecosystem approach on the ground,</b> Jane Lusardi, Natural England <b>National Ecosystem Assessment in practice in the Northern Devon Nature Improvement Area,</b> Lisa Schneidau, Devon Wildlife Trust <b>Scottish Borders pilot regional land use framework,</b> Andy Tharme, Scottish Borders Council and Chris Spray, Tweed Forum</p>
13:55	<p><b>Digging deeper: learning from some pioneers</b> Participants select parallel sessions and move into breakout rooms to explore case studies in more depth.</p>
15.20	<p><b>On your bike! Responding to what we know.</b> Reflections from keynote speakers and panel discussion. Professor Steve Albon, James Hutton Institute (UK NEAFO Co-Chair) Ian Glover, UK Business Council on Sustainable Development Charlotte Lay, Country Land and Business Association Steve Spode, Welsh Government</p>
16.15	<p><b>Tea and coffee</b> Networking and knowledge exchange.</p>