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Applying GIS to stakeholder processes and Ecosystem Service Assessment

Methods from the UNESCO North Devon Biodiversity Reserve

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What we're talking about



How do ecosystem services change in North Devon under different conditions?

- Ecosystem service assessment
- Scenario development
- Modelling ecosystem service change

Why use GIS?

- Spatial area
- Spatial interactions
- Spatial model to assess scenario changes

ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT Subtidal sediment habitats

Venerid bivalves in circalittoral coarse sand or gravel SS.SCS.CCS.MedLumVen Image: ©MarLIN

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Nephtys cirrosa and Bathyporeia spp. in infralittoral sand SS.IGS.FaS.NcirBat Image: ©Francis Bunker

ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT Creation of benthic habitat map



ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT Assign broad habitat types



ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT Level of ecosystem service provision



ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT Link service provision to broad habitat



ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT Maps of level of ecosystem delivery



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QUICK SUMMARY

- We decided which ecosystem we wanted to assess
- Looked at which habitats are present in our study area
- Decided which services we would assess
- Understood how our habitat information would have to be presented in order to link it to level of service provision
- Presented the level of ecosystem service provision within the UNESCO North Devon biosphere reserve

Any questions so far??

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT

Working with our stakeholders

- Mapping DIPSR analysis maps of Drivers, Responses and State
- Present to stakeholders
- Incorporate additional information
- Suggestion and prioritisation of locally important scenarios
- Decision on final 3 scenarios

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT Scoping and stakeholder involvement

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SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT

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QUICK RECAP

- We have established:
 - What scenarios we are going use to assess how levels of service provision may change
 - Which can then inform how the biosphere reserve might be managed (in theory).
 - What habitat we're looking at
 - What key services provided by this habitat we are going to assess
 - What levels of service provision they could potentially provide

Still awake? Any questions??

MODELLING CHANGE Partitioning the study area



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MODELLING CHANGE Variables and pressures



SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT Our final three scenarios







MODELLING SCENARIO CHANGE



ECOSYSTEM SERVICE ASSESSMENT Maps of level of ecosystem delivery



MODELLING CHANGE Actual service delivery













Quick Summary

- Partitioning the study area
 - Gridding habitat, variables, scenarios
- Creating "current" service provision
 - Using fishermap data
- Assessing change of ecosystem services

• NEXT for the management measures.....

Thank you for your undivided attention Any further guestions?

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