

# Natural Capital Working Group

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## The Working Group

A wide group of representatives from organisations across the UK engaged in natural Capital Assessment. We meet regularly to share thoughts on their current work and discuss future priorities.



## At the Natural Capital Initiative Conference

The Working Group hosted a session on 'Advancing and integrating methods for natural capital monitoring and assessment in the UK'. Asking attendees for their thoughts on the state of Natural Capital Monitoring.

### 1) What do we do well in terms of UK/country level monitoring?

Land-cover and OS maps, water quality, remote sensing and biological records all scored quite highly.

### 2) What are the key priority gaps in monitoring at country/UK scales?

Key areas raised included the monitoring of the quality and condition of our natural assets. This includes understanding how condition relates to service provision.

Standardisation of approaches was also a popular response.

## Our Purpose

Interdisciplinary work can only be carried out by a well networked group of specialists. The methods, data and interlinkages that underlie Natural Capital Assessments map directly to human networks of technical experts.

By sharing experiences and developing stronger communications we can both improve and standardise UK Natural Capital Assessments.

### 3) Where are the opportunities for improving natural capital monitoring (all scales)?

- Citizen science – including phone apps
  - technology.
- A national repository for datasets
- Increased interest in the environment from
    - the general public,
    - And businesses.

### 4) What are the key threats to UK level monitoring (and why do they matter?)

- Resource and funding was the most popular response with some emphasis on the continuity of monitoring
- The lack of common baselines was also identified as an issue
- Skill shortages could provide problems with future monitoring
- Changing priorities from the general public and poor engagement of governments .

## Interested?

If you would like to get involved, let us know today or contact the secretariat on [office@ukeof.org.uk](mailto:office@ukeof.org.uk).

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