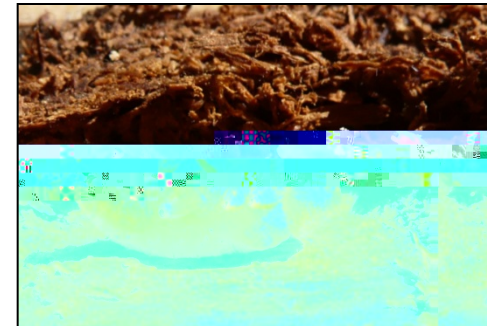
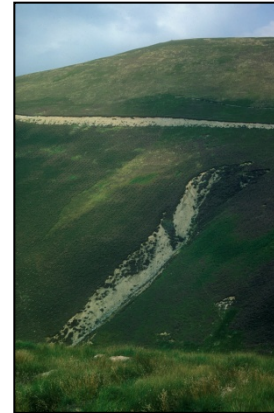
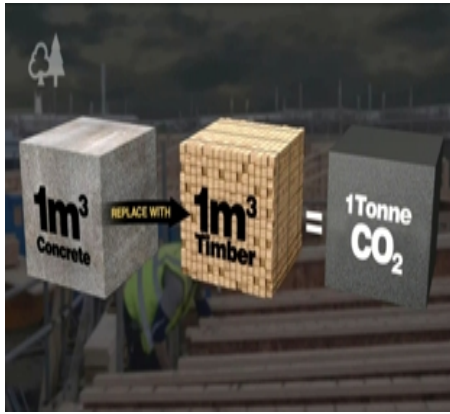


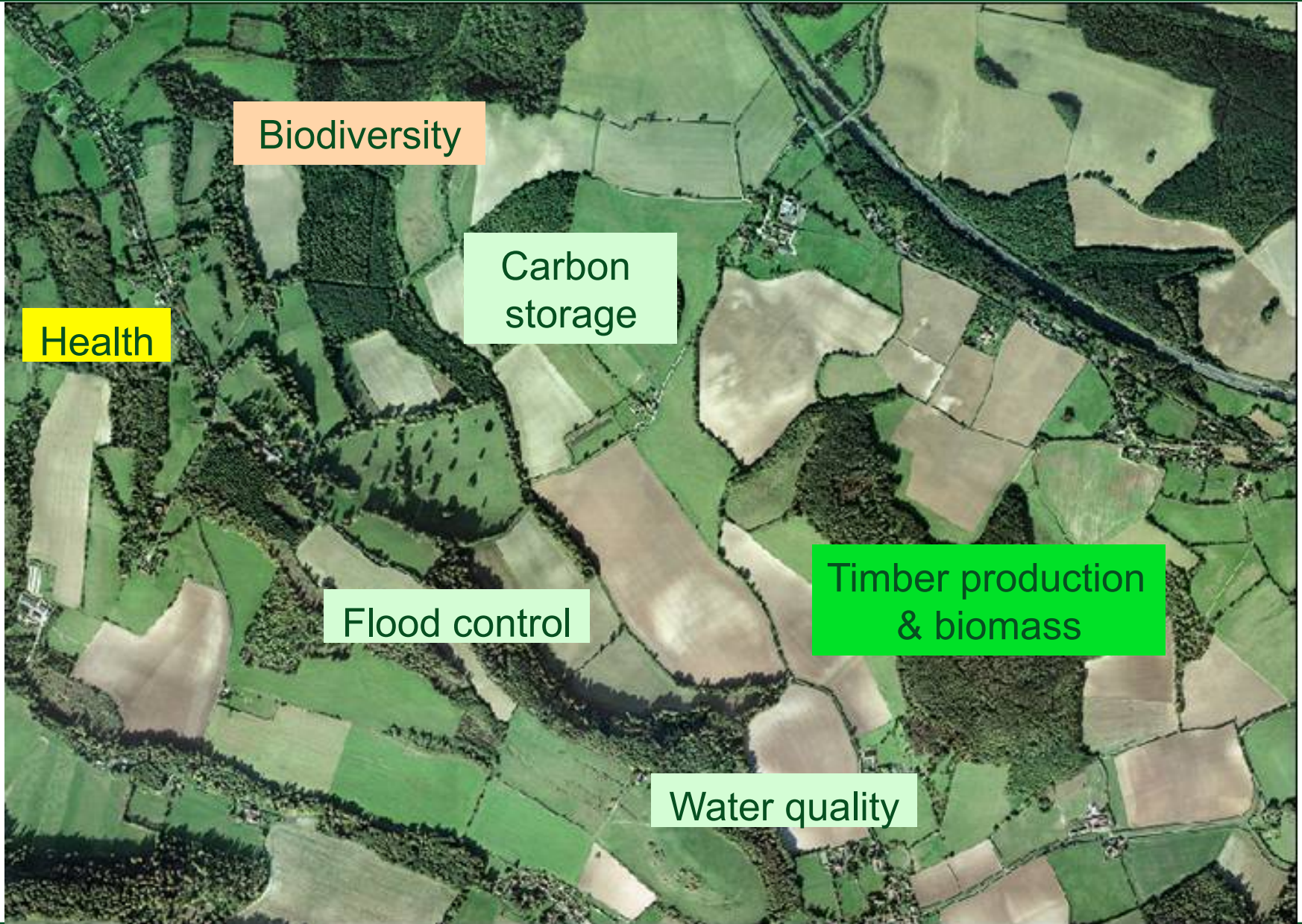
ESCom and the Forestry Commission

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- UK National Ecosystem Assessment
- Payment for ES – Woodland Carbon Code
- FE Scotland strategic plans where key commitments link strongly to ES
- Policy – Scottish Forest Strategy
- Forest Landscape Restoration – landscape approach





- England – Defra – Nat. Env. White Paper 2011
- Wales – NEF uses the ES conceptual framework
- Scotland – LUS uses the ecosystems approach
- SFM – UKFS and guidelines > equivalence with the Ecosystem Approach

HM Government

The Natural Choice:
securing the value
of nature



WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE The Natural Environment Framework 'A Living Wales'

DATE 15 June 2011

BY John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development

In the light of the recent publication of the National Ecosystems Assessment and the English Natural Environment White Paper, I want to update the Assembly on the work of the Welsh Government on the natural environment and to set out our approach.

The first Welsh comprehensive Environment Strategy was published in 2009, setting out the approach to delivering a more sustainable use of the land and water of Wales. Progress on delivery of the Strategy's actions has been reported annually.

In the light of emerging evidence on ecosystem health, in September, Natural Environment Framework, 'A Living Wales' was launched, to set out our approach and ensure we were addressing the environment as a whole and looking at all the benefits better management of our environment bring.

Following the initial consultation, plans to adopt a new ecosystem approach were published in February this year.

The main changes that this ecosystem approach will bring are:



Applying an ecosystems
approach to land use
Information Note

natural
scotland
the government



UK Forestry Standard – 3rd edition (2011)

- New terminology therefore institutional change
- Long-term nature of growing trees! (link to climate change agenda)
- Connectivity of native species within matrix of productive forestry
- Scale and boundaries

“Can you put a price on the beauty of the natural world?”

Those who reduce nature to a column of figures play to an agenda that ignores its inherent value – and seeks to destroy it

[George Monbiot](#)

[The Guardian](#), Tuesday 22 April 2014



What could ESCom do for the Forestry Commission?

- Links to a community of experts around ecosystem services could support FC
- ESCom provides a wider range of stakeholders to understand the societal demands that the full range of forest ecosystem services can provide
- Evidence for land use strategy (and land use change – from and to forested land)

What would we hope ESCom could deliver?

- Evidence base for policy
- Evaluation techniques for indicators
- Aid forest management plans and strategies
- Foresight studies into future land use change
- Links to the wider community of practice

What could the Forestry Commission contribute to ESCom?

- FC are actively funding this area, strong interest in ES
- Access to forest sector and resources for applying research
- Funding to support ES research
- Links to International forest sector
- Summary thoughts, emphasising support for ESCom

Summary

- SFM is aiming to maximise ES
- Land use change will be increasingly important
- Partnership working and leveraging funding is crucial
- Need to have a place to debate ES
- Please don't forget cultural services!

