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the River Restoration Centre
Working to restore and enhance our rivers

Catchment and coastal partnership workshop on estuaries and coasts

Severn and Wye and Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committees

Catchment Based Approach
Partnerships for Action

CIWEM Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management

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Institute of Fisheries Management

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Objective of the day

Share evidence, good practice and embed learning at a catchment scale and build future relationships between communities, institutes and partnerships.

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Working Style

- Take the opportunity to network and meet new colleagues
- Share your good practice and ideas
- Be constructive if you have criticism
- Equal participation
- Phones on silent
- Laptops away

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Agenda

Top issues and barriers

10:00 Setting the scene Toni Scarr, Environment Agency

10:25 Breakout table discussion – feedback top issues and barriers

11:05 Coastal Partnership: Solent Forum: Carolyn Francis, Solent Forum; Coastal Partnership: Sussex Marine and Coastal Forum: Sean Ashworth

11:35 Tea and Coffee

Catchment partnerships and solutions

11:55 Wholescape Thinking-Guidance for stronger partnership working to support the 25 year plan, Edward Maltby

Lune Catchment Partnership - Louisa Blundel, Lune Catchment Partnership and Rivers Trust

Wyre Catchment Partnership - Simon Bennett, Catchment Coordinator, Environment Agency;

12:30 Catchment partnerships solutions - Workshop discussion

13:00 Lunch provided and networking

Resolving barriers and achieving solutions

13:45 Working with flood and coastal risk management: achieving outcomes. Hannah Williamson Environment Agency; What's working in the Humber? Lucy Marshall Environment Agency; Estuaries and coasts solutions: intertidal habitats, appraisal and evaluating natural capital, Steve Colclough Institute of Fisheries Management

14:25 Identify how we can work together in future to achieve our goals - Breakout: table discussions

15:00 Tea and coffee

Opportunities, building capacity and forward look

15:15 Discussion: opportunities, horizon scanning and forward look

16:05 Personal action

16:15 Forward Look: summarise agreed actions and next steps

16:30 Close

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25 Year Environment Plan

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25 Year Environment Plan – Delivery

1. New metrics

- 6 months to come up with new metrics to measure progress on the environment
- Must blend local and national indicators

2. Reporting and accountability

- Annual progress report, 5 yearly reviews of plan, 10 yearly Natural Capital accounts
- Clear link to new environmental regulator

3. Local leadership and integrated delivery

- 14 Area Integrated Plans move towards Natural Capital Plans
- Long-term goal is a 'System Operator'

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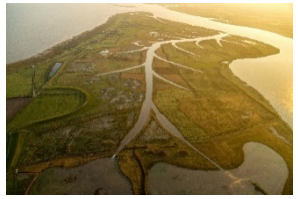
Our role in estuarine & coastal waters



Strategic overview of flood risk & coastal erosion	Ensure activities do not cause or worsen flood risk	Monitor, report and plan in estuarine & coastal waters	Regulate discharges, abstraction & flood risk through environmental permitting	Manage, regulate and enforce migratory fisheries	Compliance & enforcement

Regulatory

State of the environment reporting

Navigational responsibility as Harbour Authority for Rye & Lydney

Incident response (flood and pollution)

Managing invasive non-native species

Advisory

Expert technical advice and expertise to inform government policy

Development advice (statutory and pre-app)

Service Users:

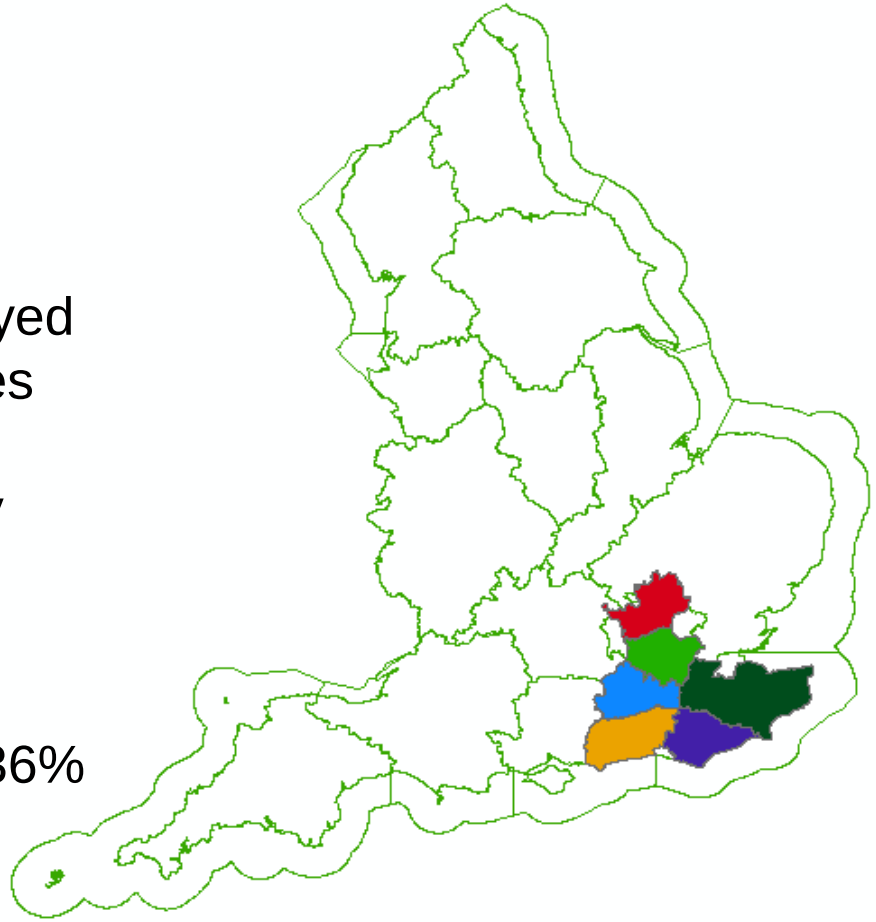
- Industry (e.g. regulating activities in water)
- Public (e.g. flood warnings, fisheries and flood defences)
- Other regulators (e.g. advice on marine licences, MCZs)
- Government departments (e.g. policy and incident advice)
- Water users in our harbour authority areas
- NGOs (e.g. using data and evidence we publish)
- EU (e.g. reporting and planning)

Operational

Promote conservation	Manage flood related works	Operate, construct and maintain flood defences	Investigations and improvement (under WFD)	Manage and improve water quality (including Bathing and Shellfish waters)	Manage saline data/information, National Lab Service

Context: Estuarine & Coastal Waters

- 165 water bodies
- Combined area is 11,709km^2
- Significant economic sectors & development e.g. renewables, construction & ports
- Port sector is largest in Europe - £17bn pa & 350k employed
- Significantly modified by human activity e.g. 76% estuaries are A/HMWB
- Complexity & uncertainty – all elements monitored in only 28% (47) of water bodies, 16% (26) water bodies with no monitoring
- 24% water bodies currently at good status
- Long term objectives (2027) for 64% at good or better & 36% with lesser objectives
- Functional and dispersed EA community



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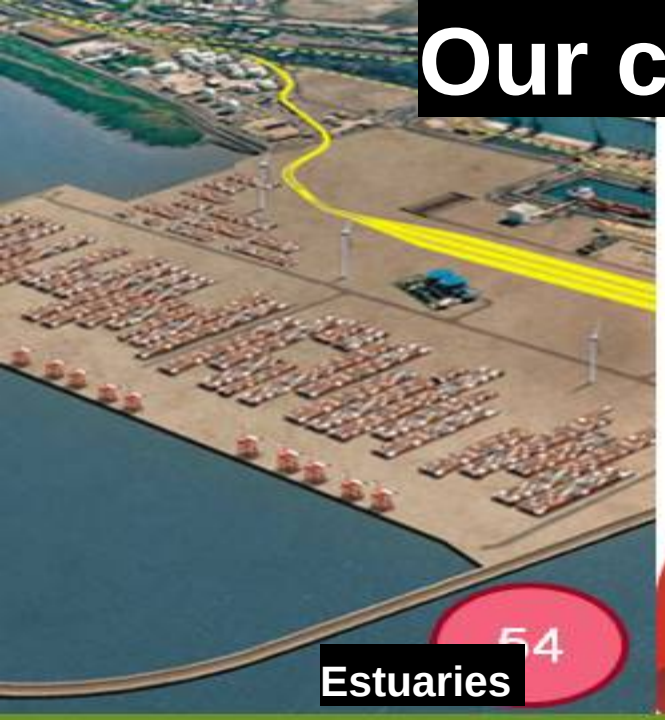
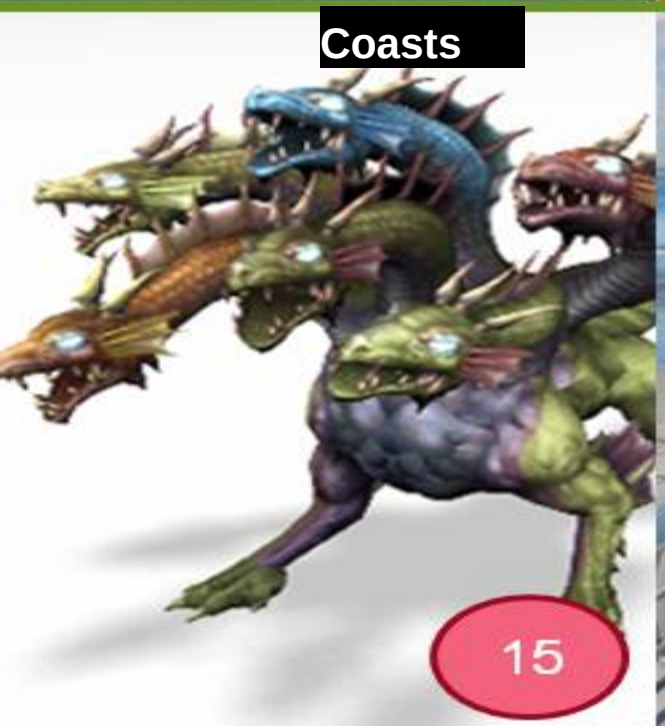
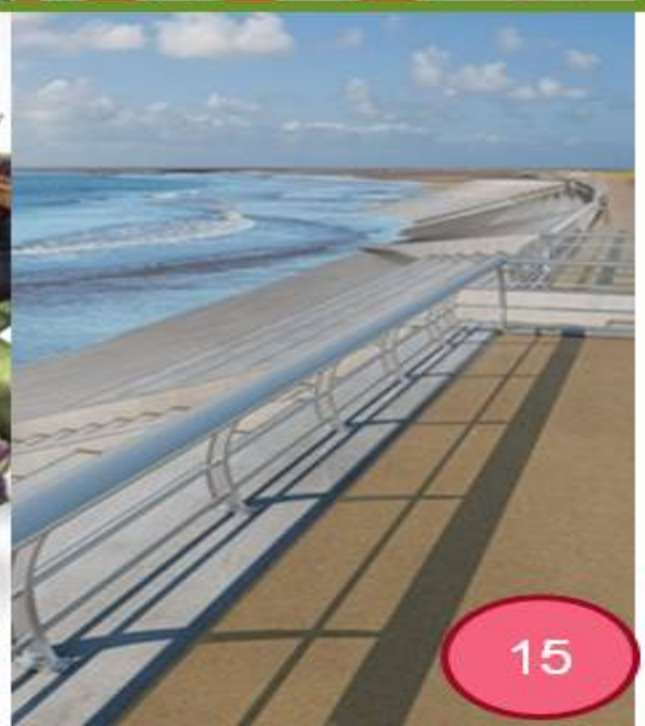
Our challenge

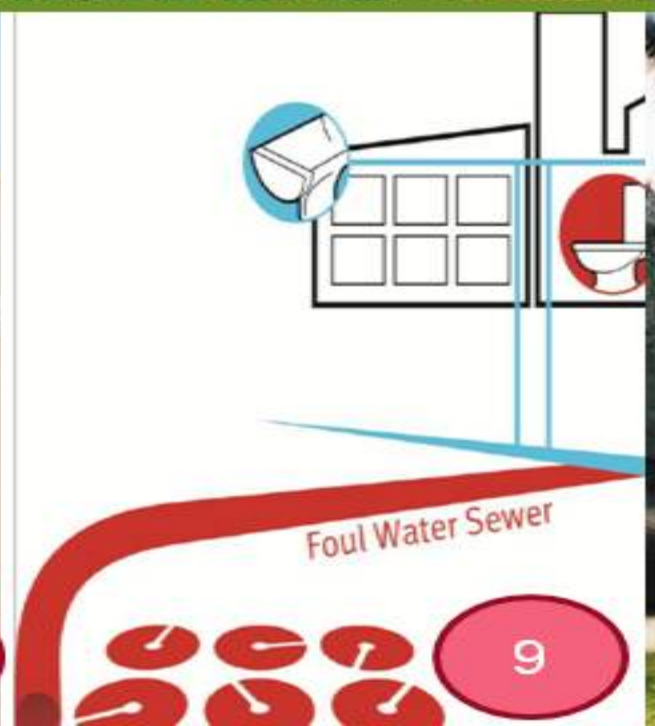
Estuaries

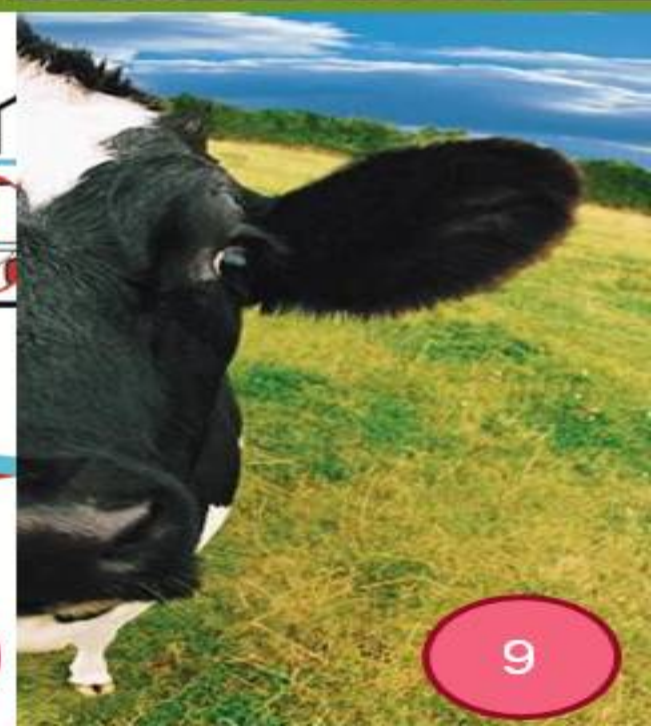
Coasts











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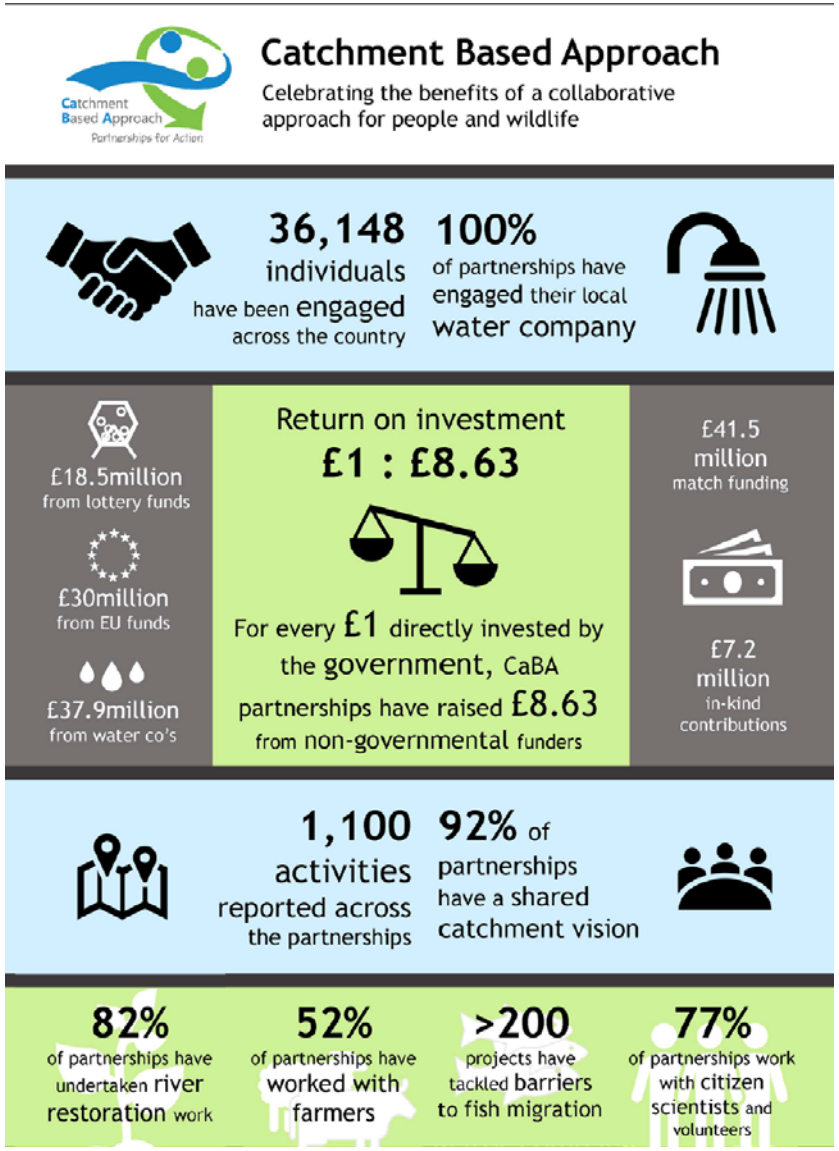

Pete Fox EA Director WLB

"Our CaBA partners are instrumental in protecting and improving our water environment across England……great progress so far, and impressive gearing for our money"

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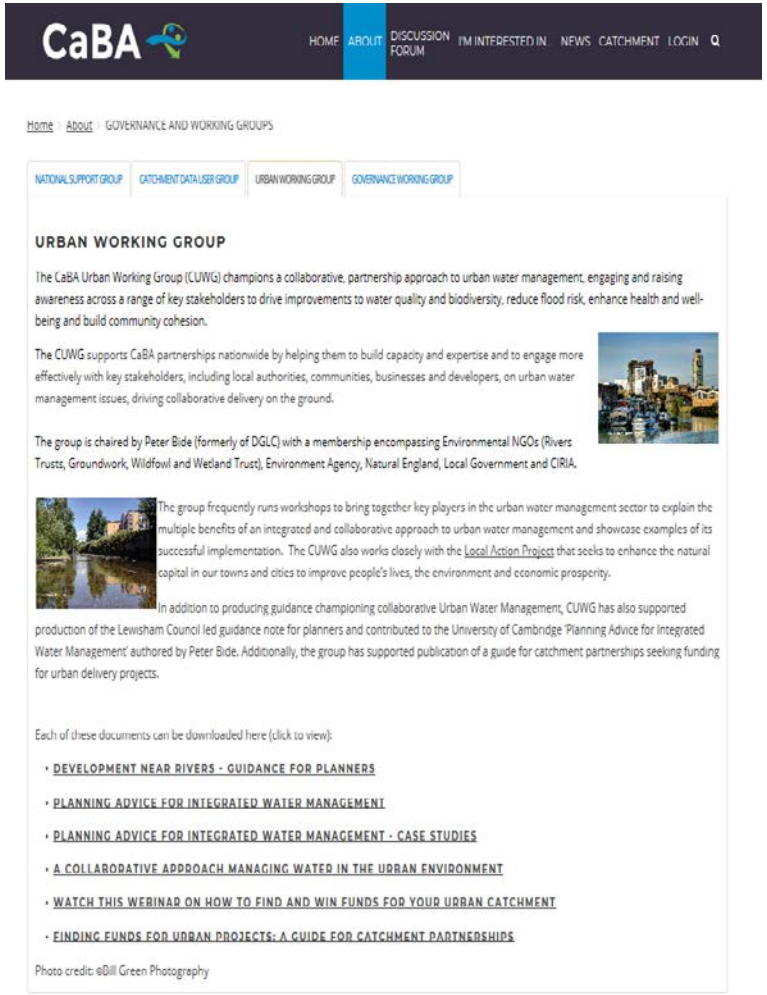
Funding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URBAN WORKING GROUP

The CaBA Urban Working Group (CUWG) champions a collaborative, partnership approach to urban water management, engaging and raising awareness across a range of key stakeholders to drive improvements to water quality and biodiversity, reduce flood risk, enhance health and well-being and build community cohesion.

The CUWG supports CaBA partnerships nationwide by helping them to build capacity and expertise and to engage more effectively with key stakeholders, including local authorities, communities, businesses and developers, on urban water management issues, driving collaborative delivery on the ground.

The group is chaired by Peter Bide (formerly of DGLC) with a membership encompassing Environmental NGOs (Rivers Trusts, Groundwork, Wildfowl and Wetland Trust), Environment Agency, Natural England, Local Government and CIRIA.

The group frequently runs workshops to bring together key players in the urban water management sector to explain the multiple benefits of an integrated and collaborative approach to urban water management and showcase examples of its successful implementation. The CUWG also works closely with the Local Action Project that seeks to enhance the natural capital in our towns and cities to improve people's lives, the environment and economic prosperity.

In addition to producing guidance championing collaborative Urban Water Management, CUWG has also supported production of the Lewisham Council led guidance note for planners and contributed to the University of Cambridge 'Planning Advice for Integrated Water Management' authored by Peter Bide. Additionally, the group has supported publication of a guide for catchment partnerships seeking funding for urban delivery projects.

Each of these documents can be downloaded here (click to view):

- DEVELOPMENT NEAR RIVERS - GUIDANCE FOR PLANNERS
- PLANNING ADVICE FOR INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT
- PLANNING ADVICE FOR INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT - CASE STUDIES
- A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH MANAGING WATER IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT
- WATCH THIS WEBINAR ON HOW TO FIND AND WIN FUNDS FOR YOUR URBAN CATCHMENT
- FINDING FUNDS FOR URBAN PROJECTS: A GUIDE FOR CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIPS

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Finding funds for urban projects:
A guide for catchment partnerships

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- webinar and report – 'Finding funds for urban projects' – applicable for TraC waters
- Host Funding - hoping to open an application window shortly
- similar to previous years;
- subject to final budgetary confirmation and delegated powers
- Trying to identify a TraC fund to replace the investigations fund

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