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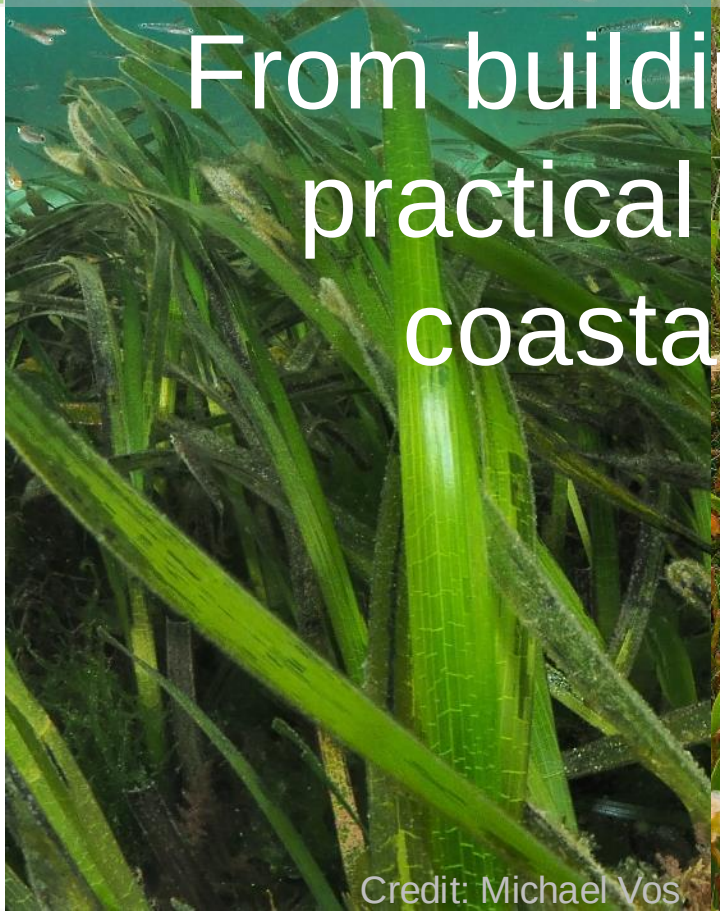
2024

From building foundations to taking practical action on estuarine & coastal habitat restoration



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Why restore?

Over the last 150 years, we have lost:

- 85% of saltmarsh
- seagrass meadows from up to 50% of historic locations
- 99% of native oyster reefs

So what?

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Benefits and services to society

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2018

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ReMeMaRe Partnership (so far…)

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Vision

Restored estuarine & coastal habitats that benefit people & nature

Mission

Restore at least 15% of our priority habitats along the English coast by 2043

ReMeMaRe's evolution

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

ReMeMaRe first explored within EA

First ReMeMaRe Steering Group Meeting

First Partnership Group Meeting

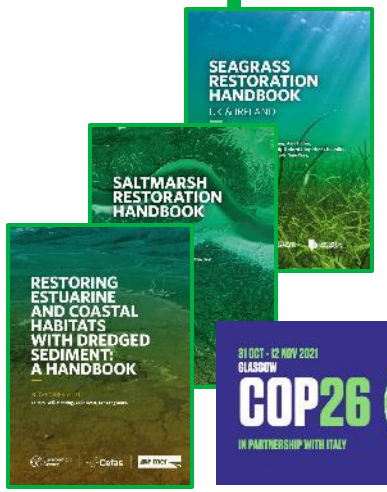
Restoration potential maps published

ReMeMaRe target included in EIP

ReMeMaRe Conference in Scarborough

1st REACH (Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats) conference at the Natural History Museum

Native oyster restoration handbook published



3 restoration handbooks launched at COP26

Joint EA / NE Restoration Principles published

ReMeMaRe Programme Office launched

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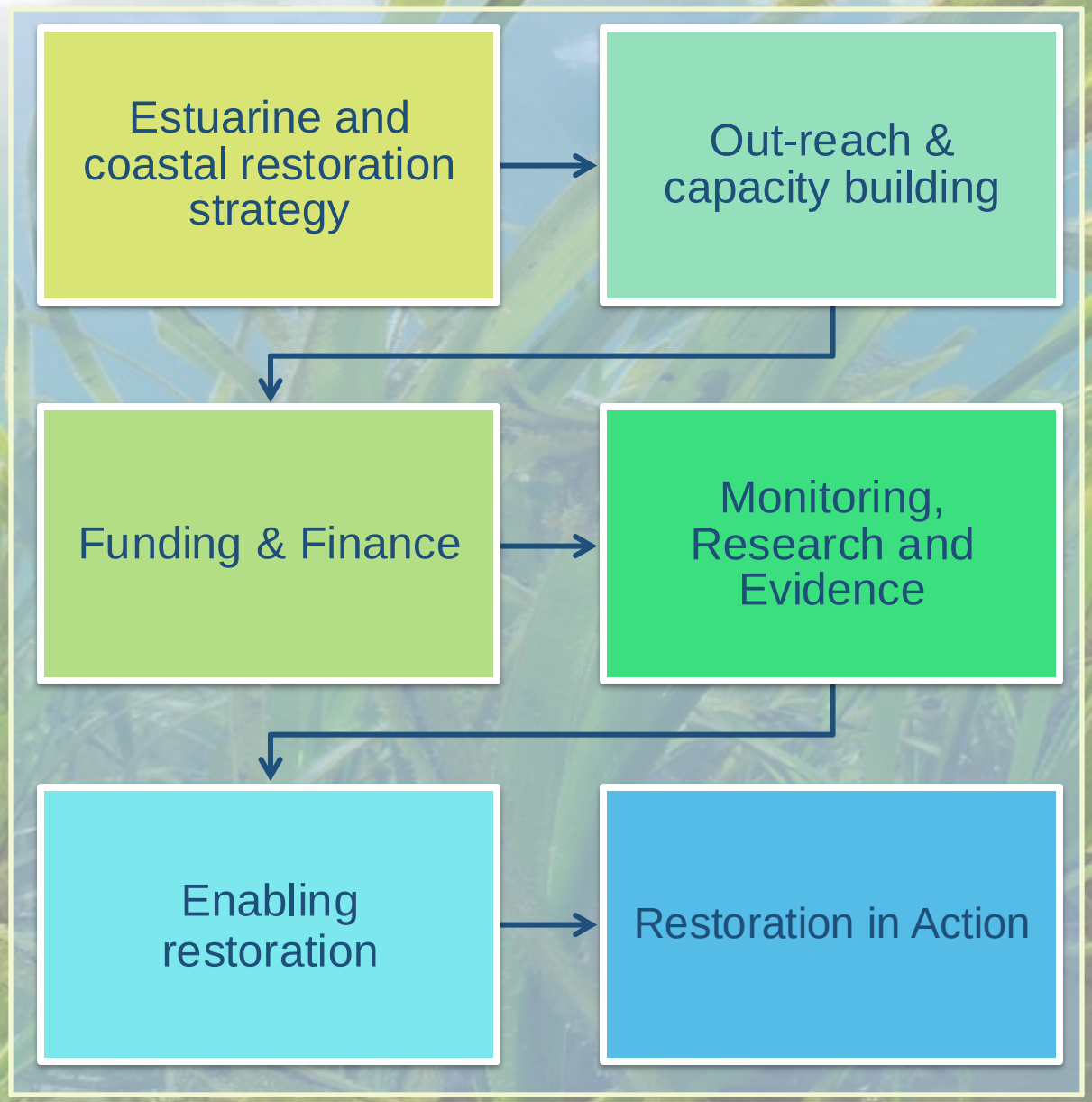
ReMeMaRe Themes



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ReMeMaRe in 2024

ReMeMaRe Programme Office established to focus on practical restoration on the ground

- Commission new projects
- Build a Project Pipeline
- Support feasibility studies on saltmarsh areas
- Link up projects across programmes
- Articulate benefits of restoration
- Explore future funding

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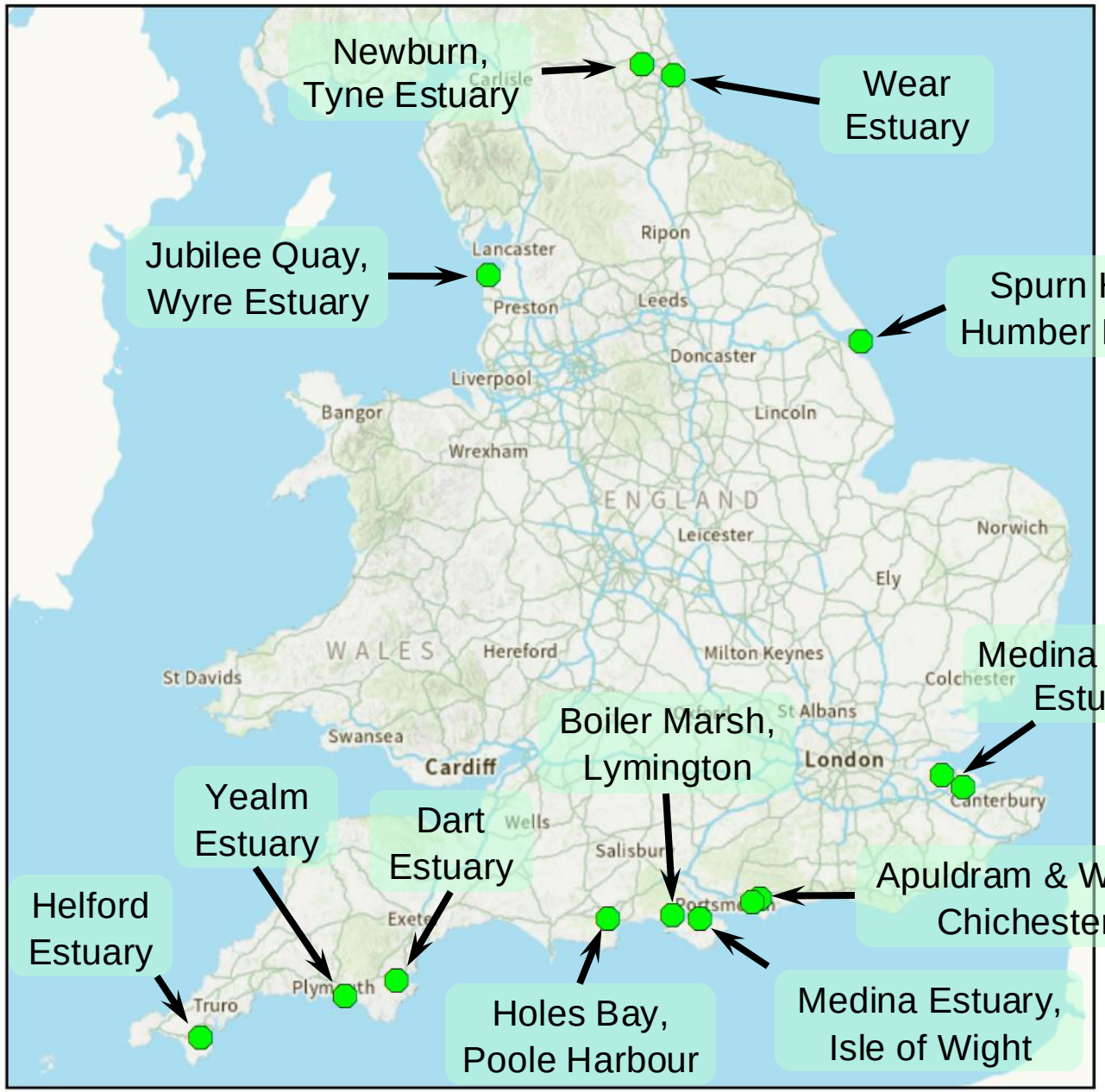
Environment Agency funded projects 2024/25



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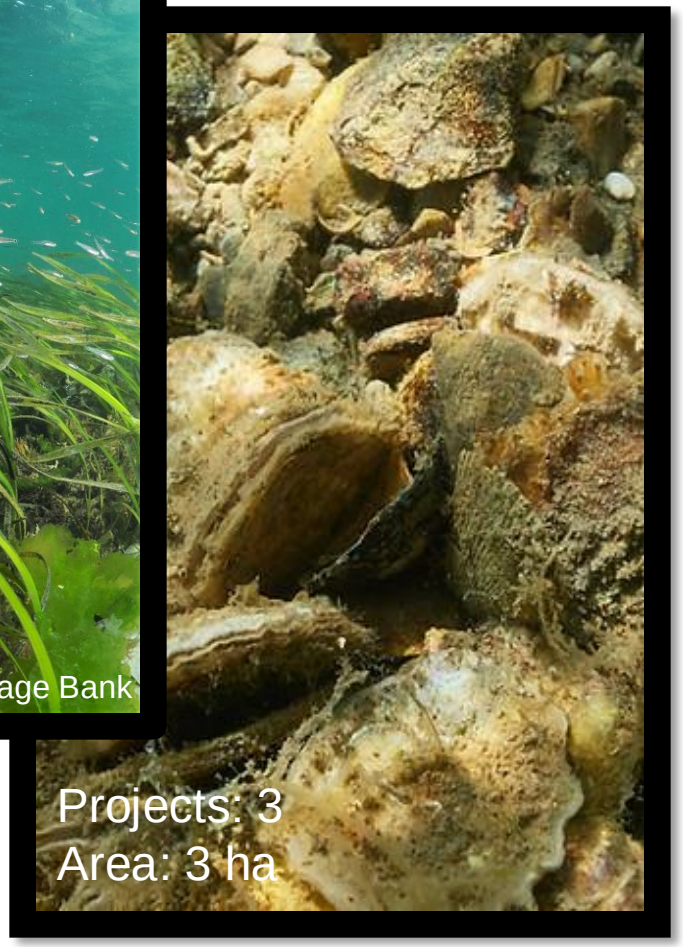
Project Pipeline (Sept 2024)



Estimated funding needed is ~£24M!

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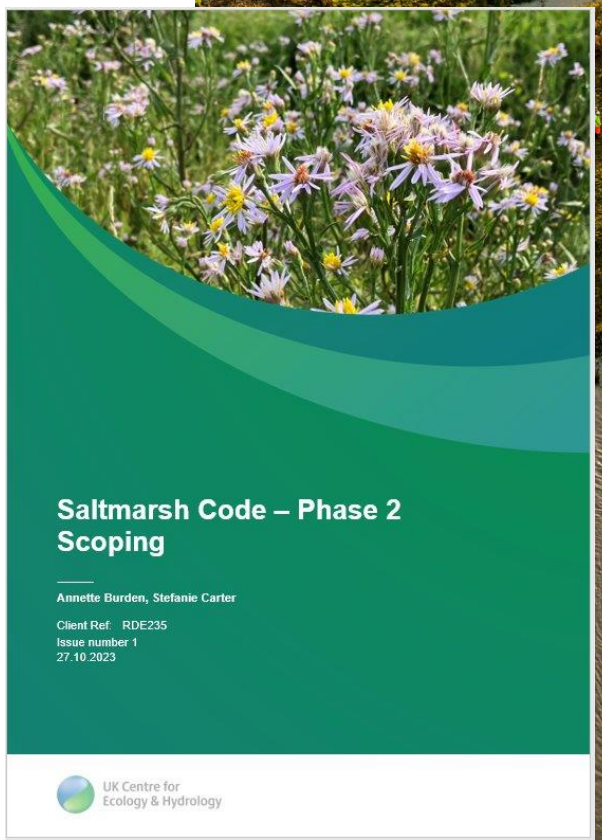
SALTMARSH CODE

A voluntary certification standard to attract private funding for habitat restoration/creation.

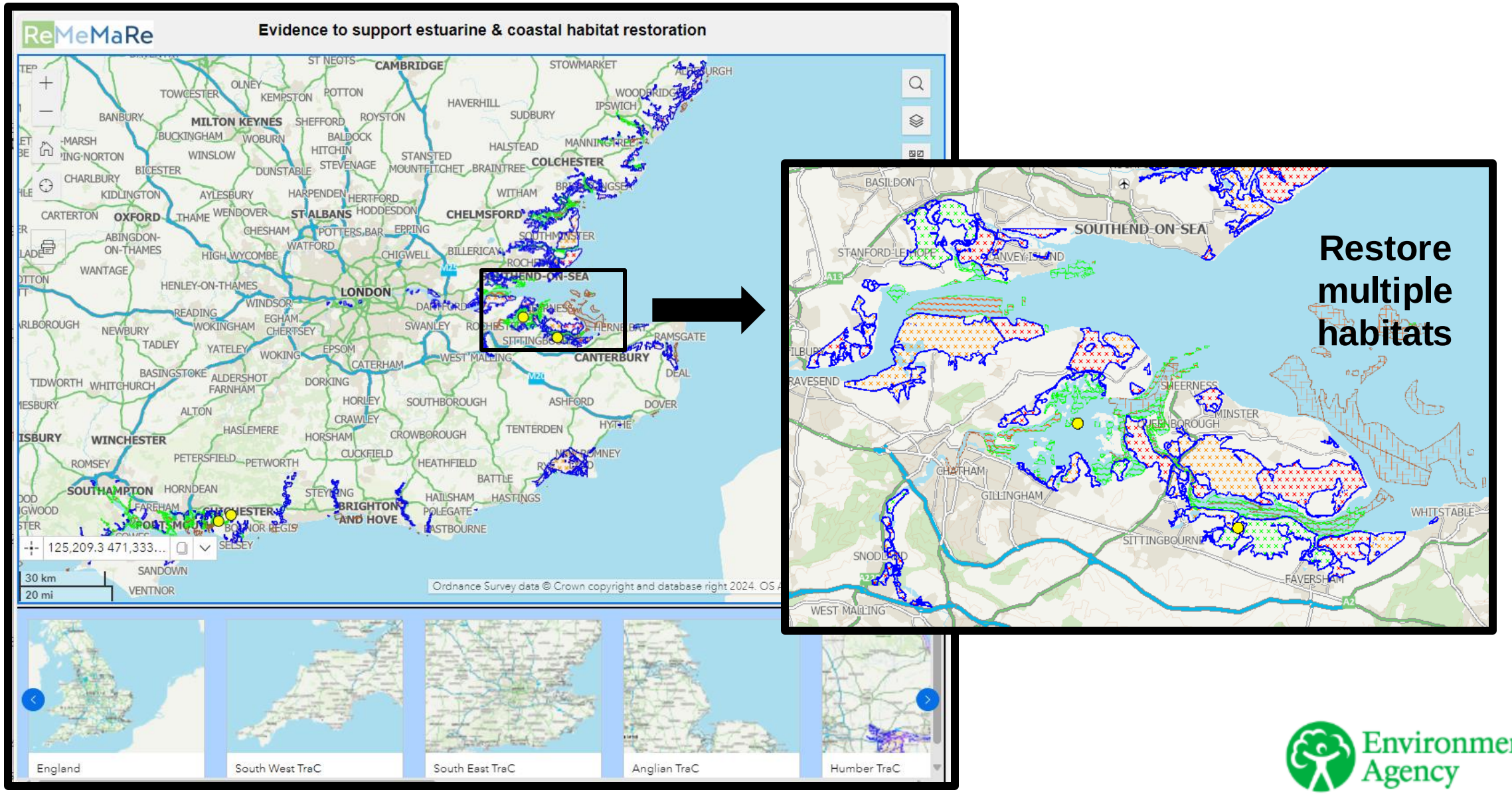
Currently focussed on carbon credits for managed realignment (MR) projects only.

Woodland Carbon CO_2de

PEATLAND CODE



Identify opportunities for *Seascape Restoration*



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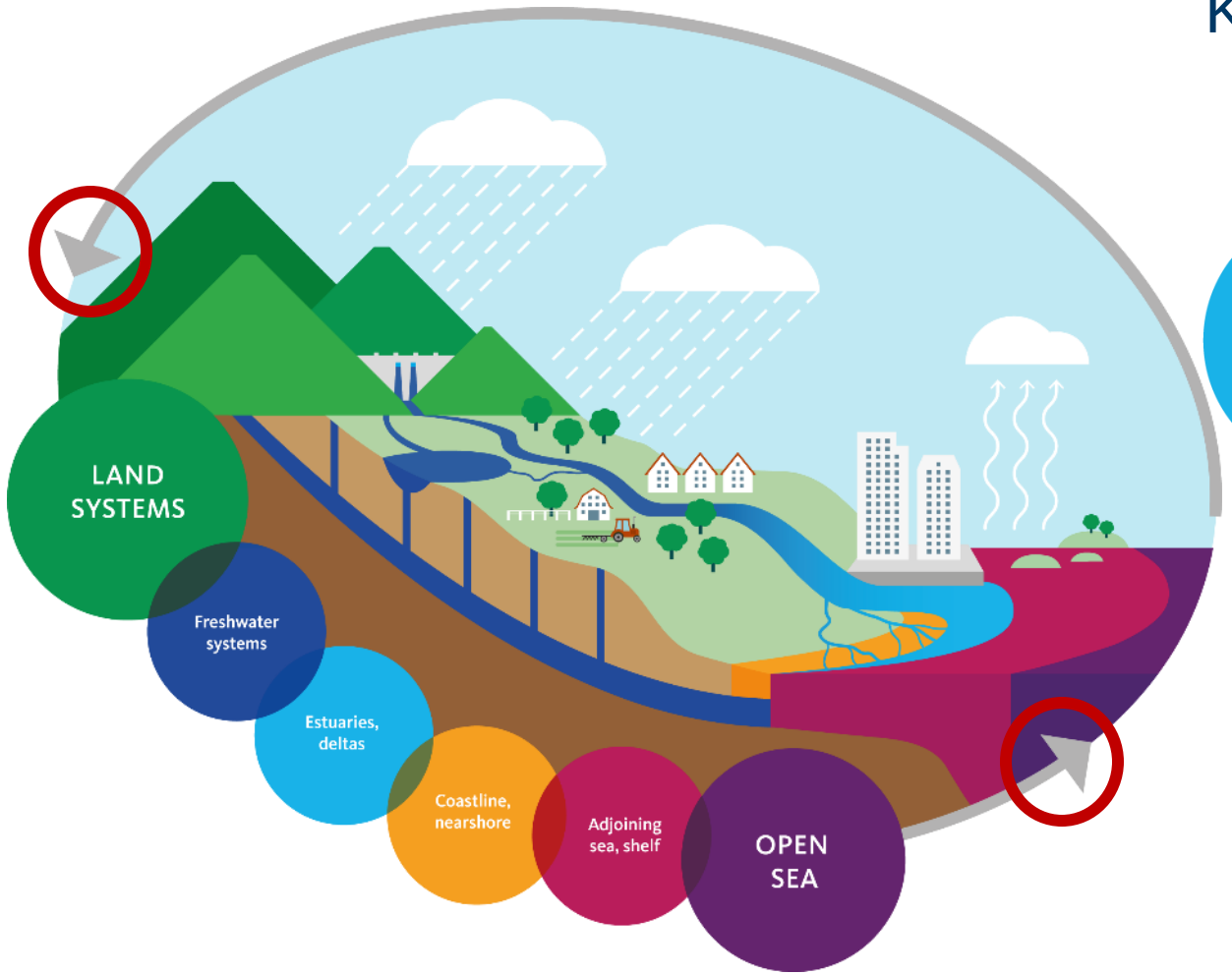
Source-to-sea – recognising system linkages



Key flows connect the source-to-sea system from land to open ocean.

Source-to-sea management considers the entire aquatic system and addresses source-to-sea challenges

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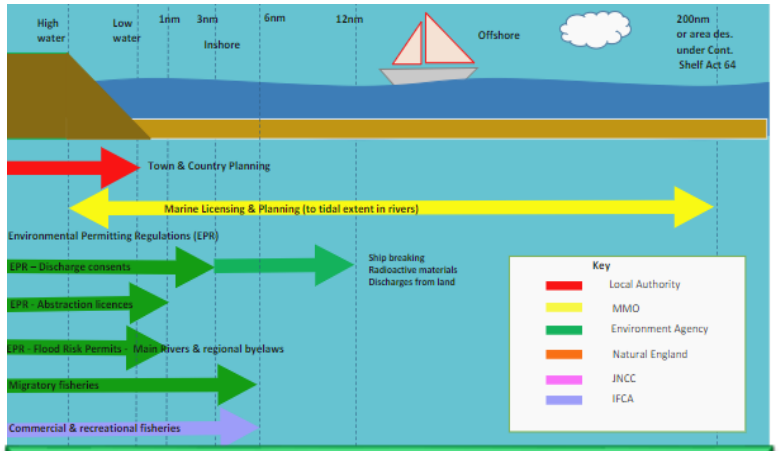
Credit: Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

ReMeMaRe - providing a ‘helping hand’



Sharing experiences to simplify regulatory processes

Collaborating to secure long-term funding

Developing skilled people & building local capacity

Sharing of knowledge, evidence & best practice

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Thank you

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