Restoring estuarine & coastal habitats in the North East Atlantic

A joined up approach

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We can’t do this alone!
What unites us?

- Passionate about restoring our estuaries and coasts
- Underpinned by the Government’s 25 Year Environment Plan

How can we collectively fill this outcome gap? **Estuarine and coastal restoration**!

‘We will achieve a growing and resilient network of land, water and sea that is richer in plants and wildlife. At sea, we will do this by reversing the loss of marine biodiversity and, where practicable, restoring it…’ 25 Year Environment Plan
Why Restore?

100% Seagrass loss in >50% of English Waters

95% Native Oyster loss

85% saltmarsh loss

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Intertidal seagrass; Pembrokeshire. ©Mike Best

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Challenges

- Regulation and Planning
- Innovative Funding
- Estuarine and Coastal Restoration
- Research and Development
- Communication and Engagement (Building Capacity & Sharing Knowledge)

Programmes and Projects
Progress to date

• Marine Outcome System Support
• Identification of habitat loss and restoration potential
• Developing the ReMeMaRe (Restoring Meadow, Marsh and Reef) brand
• Engaging Practitioners
Conference: Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats in the North East Atlantic
(REACH North East Atlantic)
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