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Nature Based Solutions

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A brief history of Nature Based Solutions, focusing on Natural
Flood Management



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What are nature-based solutions?

Actions that work with nature to address societal challenges

Rainfall is increasing due to climate change

Important for climate resilience, biodiversity and flood risk reduction





Policy drivers and milestones in Wales

1990-2000

EU Habitats Directive and Water Framework Directive influence Welsh policy

2010

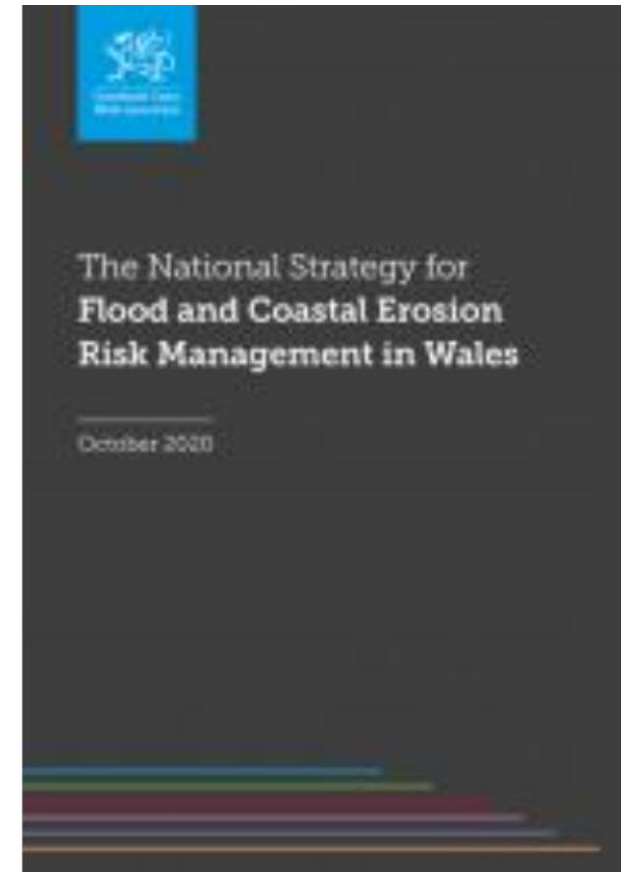
Welsh Government's Natural Resources Policy introduces NBS as a key principle

2016

Environment (Wales) Act has an emphasis on ecosystem resilience

2020

Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategy has NBS embedded in planning





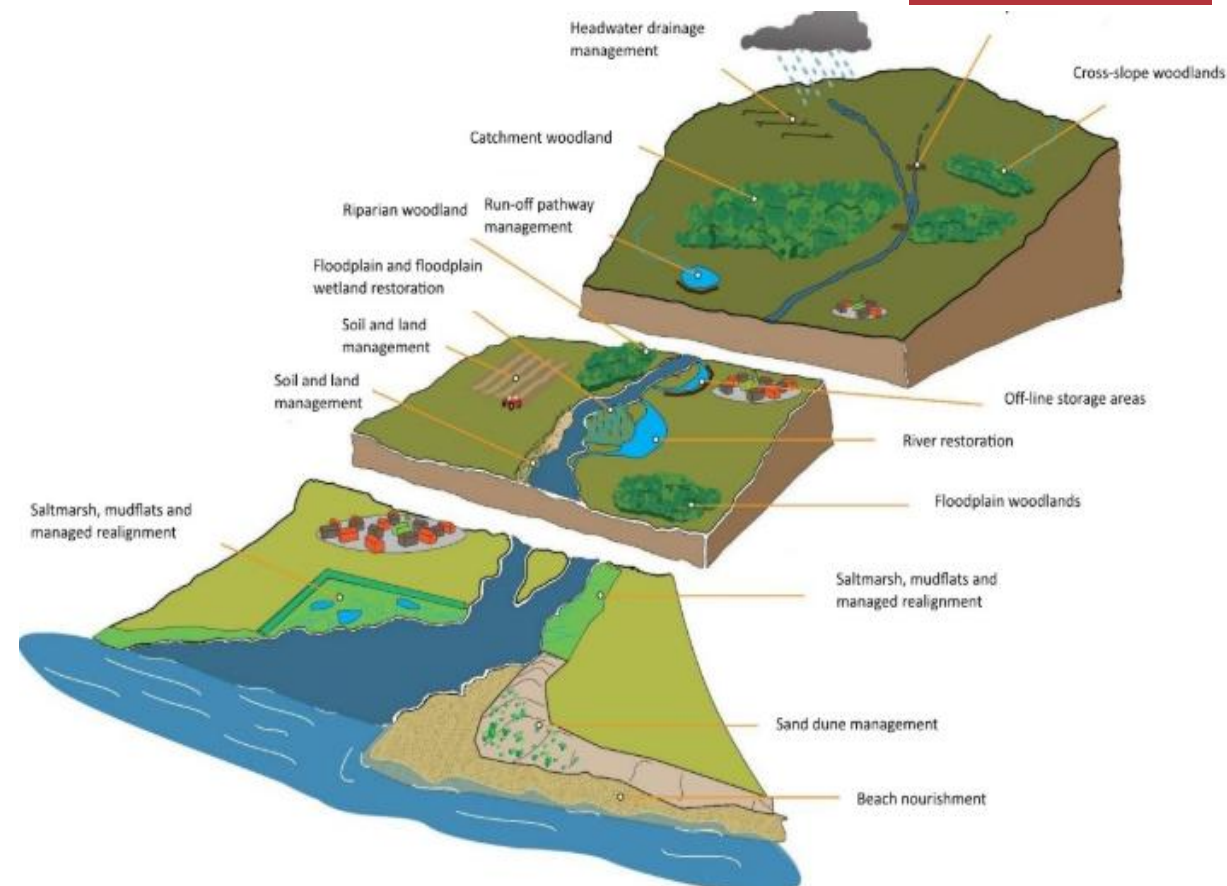
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What is natural flood management?

Welsh Government has had dedicated funding since 2020 for NFM

Using natural processes to slow the flow

Multiple benefits of NFM

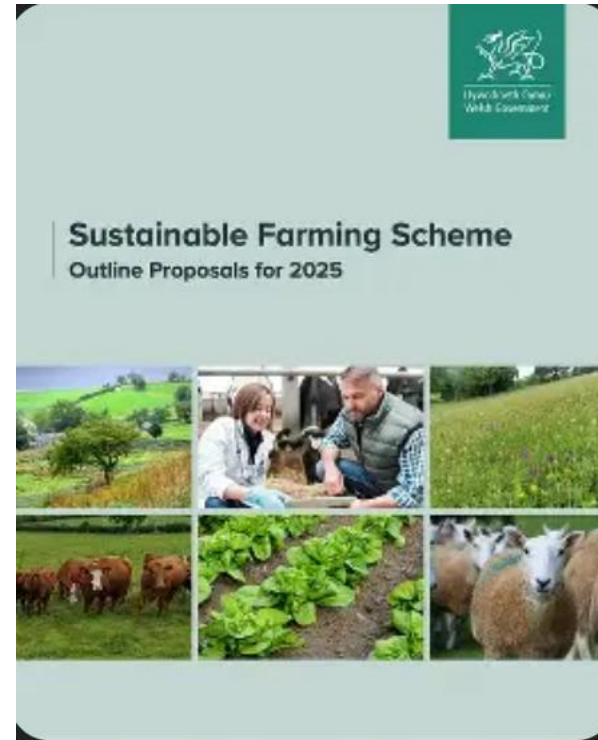


What's next?

Sustainable Farming Scheme

Examples of outside Government using NbS

Any questions?



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