

Developing a Saltmarsh Network & Action Plan Cymru

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Developing a Saltmarsh Network & Action Plan Cymru: Scoping

- Define the vision and objectives
- Identify key stakeholders
- Establish a series of stakeholder workshops
- Set up a steering group and associated governance documents
- Develop an action plan outline
- Identify early funding sources & resources needed

PROJECT LAUNCH

SEP 2025

Project launch at UK Saltmarsh Symposium 2025. Questionnaires and workshop used to gather ideas.

01

EMERGING THEMES

OCT 2025

Key themes identified using information gathered at UK Saltmarsh Symposium and online.

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INITIAL GOVERNANCE OUTLINED

JAN 2026

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WORKSHOP 2

JAN 2026

First official SmNC workshop where we discussed governance structures and began initial insight gathering to help develop the National Action Plan.

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STEERING GROUP FORMED

FEB 2026

First steering group meeting Feb 2026.

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WORKSHOP 3

MAR 2026

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WORKSHOP 4

~ MAY 2026

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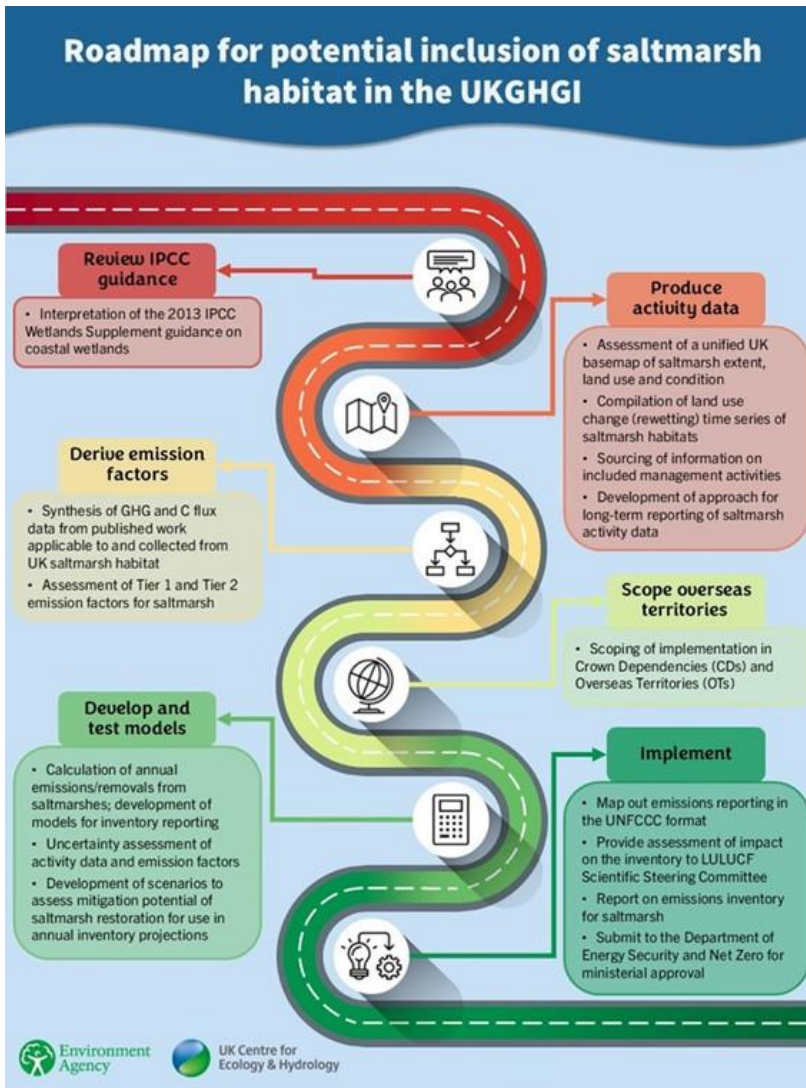
Emerging Themes

- Data and evidence
- Management
- Water quality and catchments
- Enhancement
 - Restoration
 - (Managed) realignment
- Funding and investment
- Licensing, policy and advocacy
- Stakeholder and community engagement





Alignment with SmNC



- Embed/align with National Saltmarsh Action Plan
- Blue carbon as a cross-cutting theme
- Build capacity
- Connect scientists, practitioners, regulators and landowners
- Provide a coordinated interface for potential investors
- Collaborative data collection and alignment of monitoring across sites
- Priority action area?



Next Steps

- Workshops 3 and 4
- Developing the priority action areas with network members
- Integrating these into a finalised National Saltmarsh Action Plan
- Begin formation of Task and Finish Groups to drive forward these areas
- Working closely with NSAP Manager (Carl) and other networks
- Driving towards seascape development

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- Help shape our National Saltmarsh Action Plan by contributing ideas, priorities, and practical insights
- Bring your expertise and perspective – we welcome diverse experience from different sectors and disciplines
- Connect and collaborate with others working on saltmarsh restoration, research, policy, and management
- Be part of a network driving action to support healthier and more resilient saltmarshes

Thinking Seascape Scale



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1. Is a focus on seascape scale enhancement supported by members of the forum?
2. What are the main arguments for and against? Ecologically, functionally, financially?
3. What practical steps are required to enable the validity or feasibility of seascape scale restoration to be clarified?