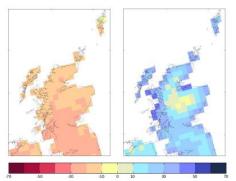
An overview of the ClimateXChange Adaptation Indicators for freshwater: approach, utility and the way forward

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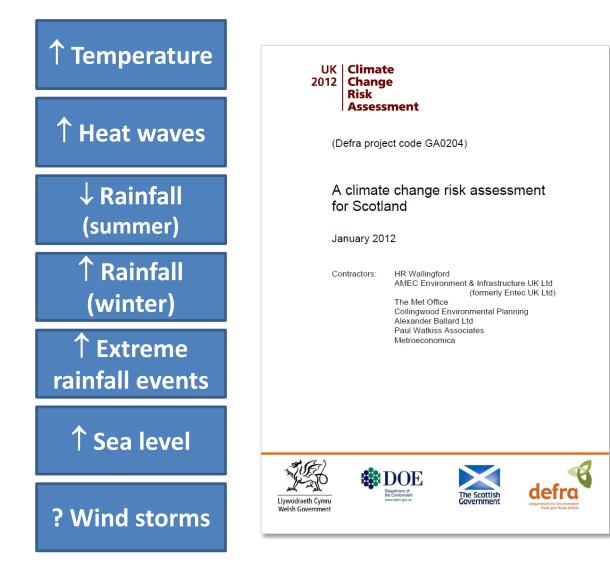
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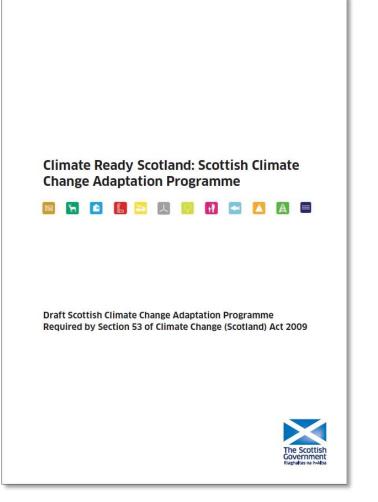


Adaptation Indicators- origin and policy context



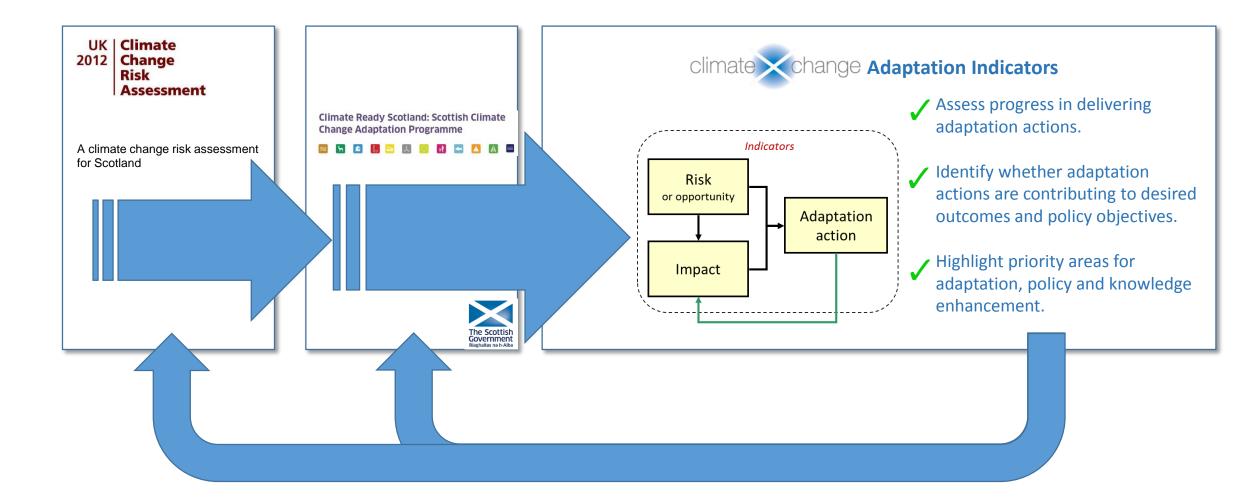
- Climate Change Act 2008: 5-yearly assessments of risk
- First Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) published January 2012
- Assessment of current and predicted threats and opportunities from climate change up until 2100
- Five themes:
- Natural Environment
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Business and Services
- Infrastructure and Buildings
- Health and Wellbeing

Adaptation Indicators- origin and policy context



- Objectives in relation to adaptation to climate change
- Proposals and policies for meeting those objectives
- Three themes:
- Natural Environment
- Buildings and Infrastructure Networks
- Society

Adaptation Indicators- origin and policy context





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Indicator approach

- Priority indicators relevant to Scotland
- Using existing indicators where appropriate
 - Use existing data but some new analysis also
 - High level and cross-cutting where possible
- Extensive stakeholder engagement







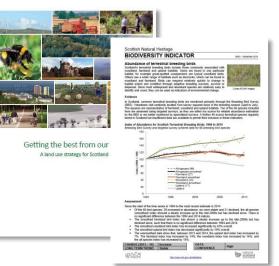
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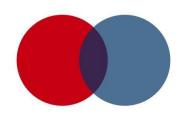




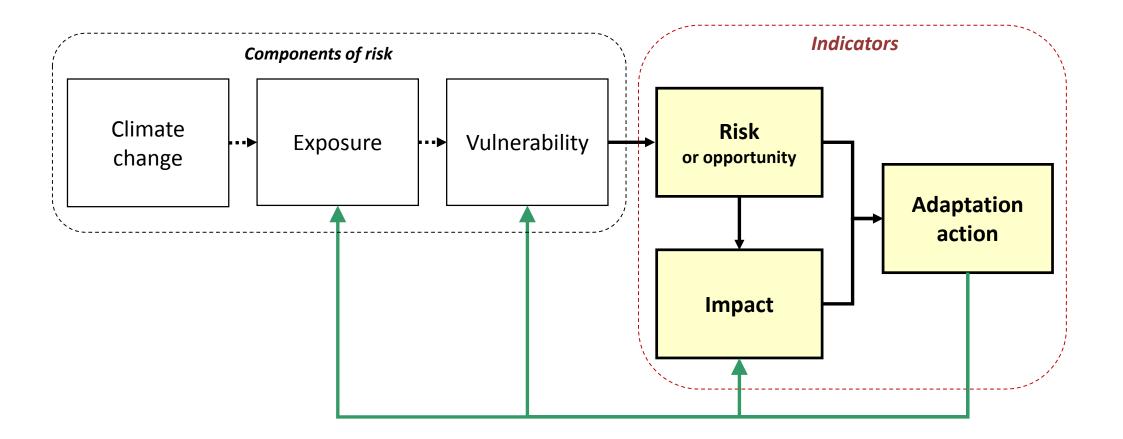


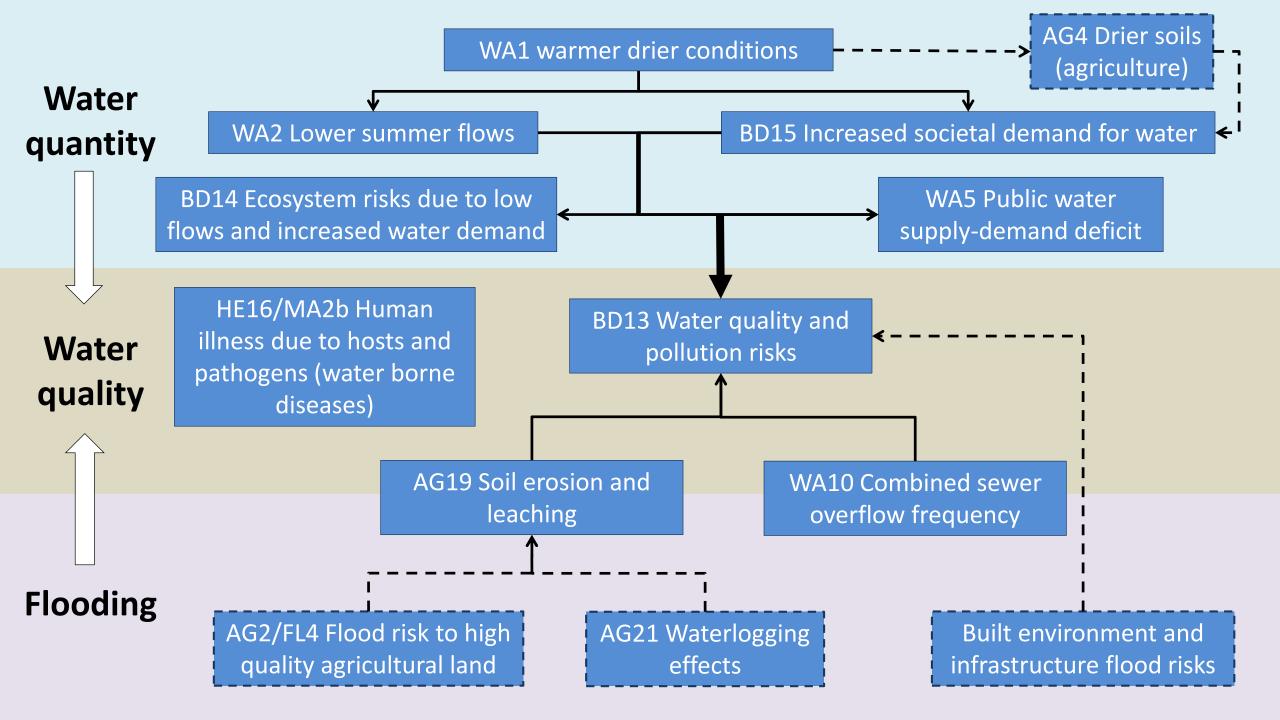






Indicator approach





BD5 Species unable to track changing climate space

BD3/4 Risks of pests and diseases to biodiversity

BD11 Generalist species more able to adapt than specialists

BD46 Loss of service through loss of keystone species

Risk

Proportion of water bodies not meeting Good Overall Status

Summer low flow events in Scottish rivers (Normalised Flow Index)

Drought risk to agricultural land

Agricultural land at significant flood risk

Wetness risk for agriculture

Impact

Freshwater bodies affected by diffuse pollution due to agriculture

Abstraction of water for irrigation

Freshwater habitats with reported presence of key invasive non-native species (INNS)

Condition and distribution of climate sensitive species: Arctic charr in freshwater lochs

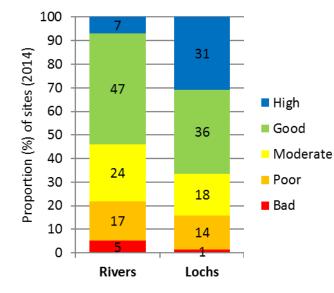
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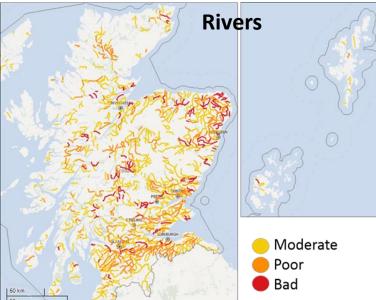
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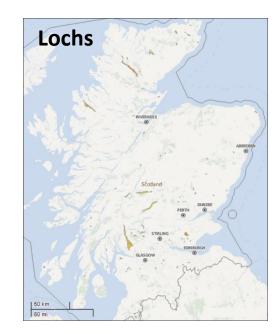
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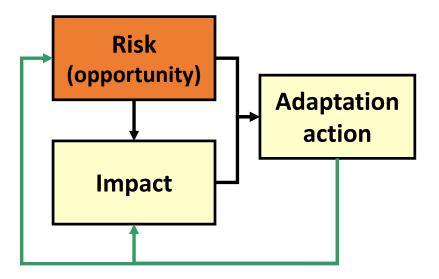
Freshwater monitoring: temperature

Risk Proportion of water bodies not meeting Good Overall Status



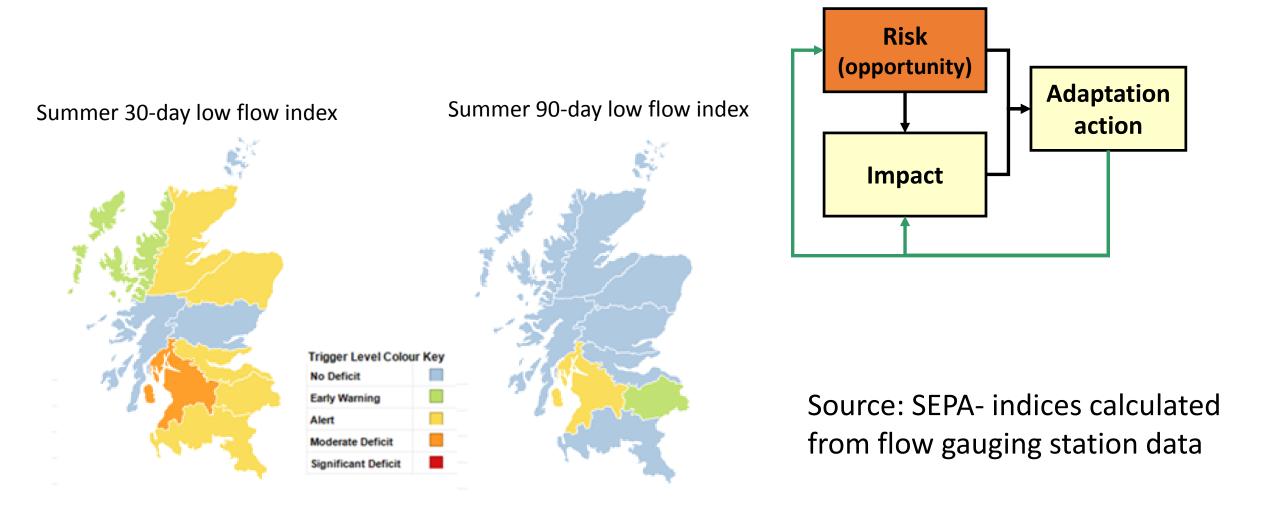




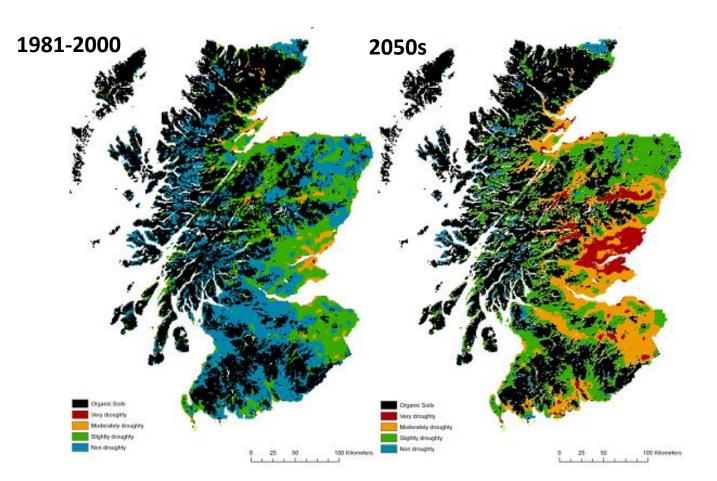


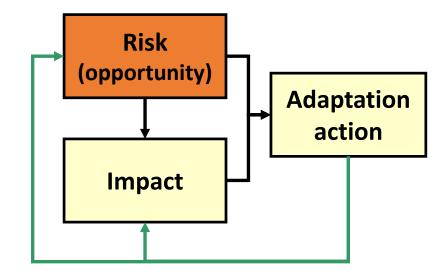
Source: SEPA WFD classification system

Risk Summer low flow events in Scottish rivers (Normalised Flow Index)



Risk Drought risk to agricultural land



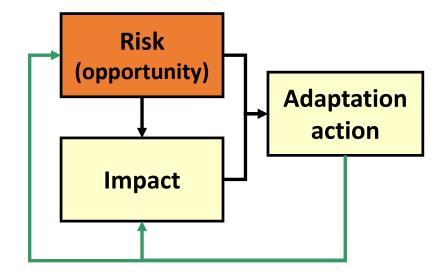


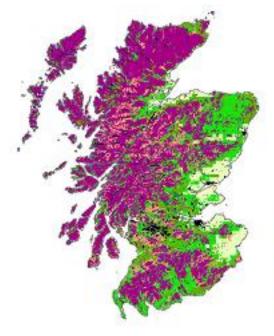
Source: JHI- Land Capability for Agriculture

Drought risk for wheat (HadRM3 SCP q3 scenario)

Risk Wetness risk to agriculture

	Arable land	Improved grassland
Low risk	ca. 24000km ²	ca. 27000km ²
Medium risk	ca. 4000km²	ca.7000km ²
High risk	ca. 44000km ²	ca.38000km ²





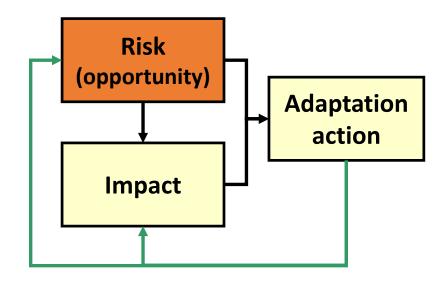
Poaching and trafficability risk for improved grassland 1991-2010

No Risk Very Low Risk Low Risk Medium Low Risk Medium Risk High Risk Source: JHI- Land Capability for Agriculture

Risk Agricultural land at significant flood risk

	Area of arable agricultural land at risk (ha)					
	10 year	50 year	200 year			
Fluvial	150,000	170,000	190,000			
Coastal	17,000	19,000	22,000			



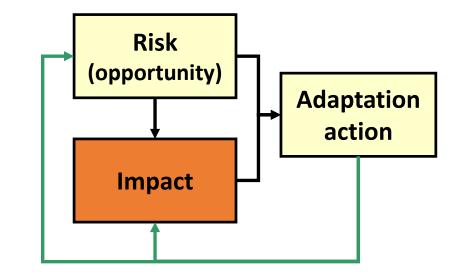


Source: SEPA- FRM Strategy Characterisation Data

Impact Freshwater bodies affected by diffuse pollution due to agriculture

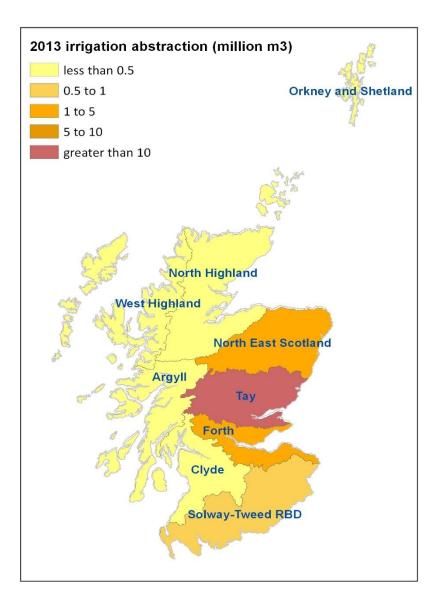
Water body type	Proportion of	Proportion of
	water bodies (%)	area/ length (%)
River	9.4	9.3
Lake	7.5	3.5
Estuaries	4.1	1.1
Coastal	0.0	0.0
Groundwater	9.9	6.6

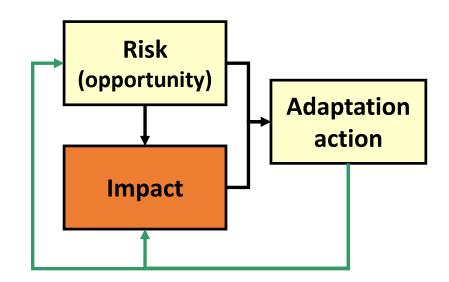




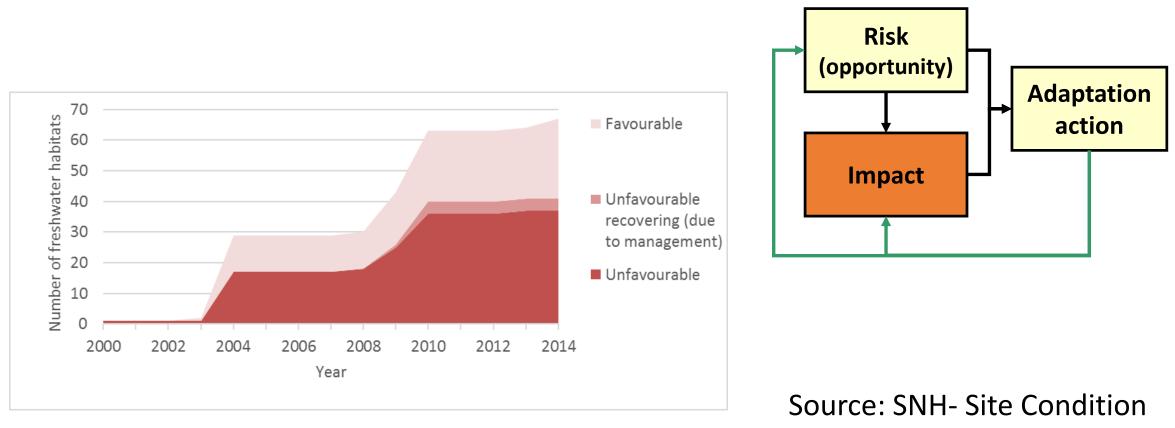
Source: SEPA- All pressure and measure data

Impact Abstraction of water for irrigation





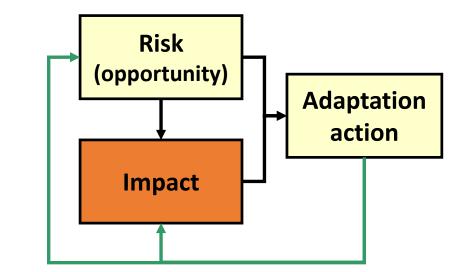
Source: SEPA- analysis of Controlled Activities Regulations Water Use Licences and Water Resources Data Returns Impact Freshwater habitats with reported presence of key invasive non-native species



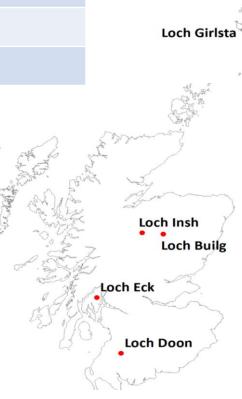
Monitoring

Impact Condition and distribution of climate sensitive species: Abundance of Arctic charr in freshwater lochs

Location	Significant trend (P <0.05)			
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Loch Doon	\downarrow			
Loch Eck	\downarrow			
Loch Girlsta	1			
Loch Insh	\downarrow			





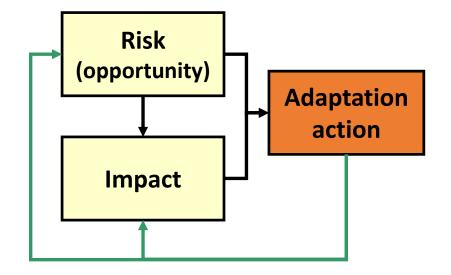


Source: Winfield *et al*-Hydrobiologia (2010)

Action Progress towards the environmental objectives of the River Basin Management Plans

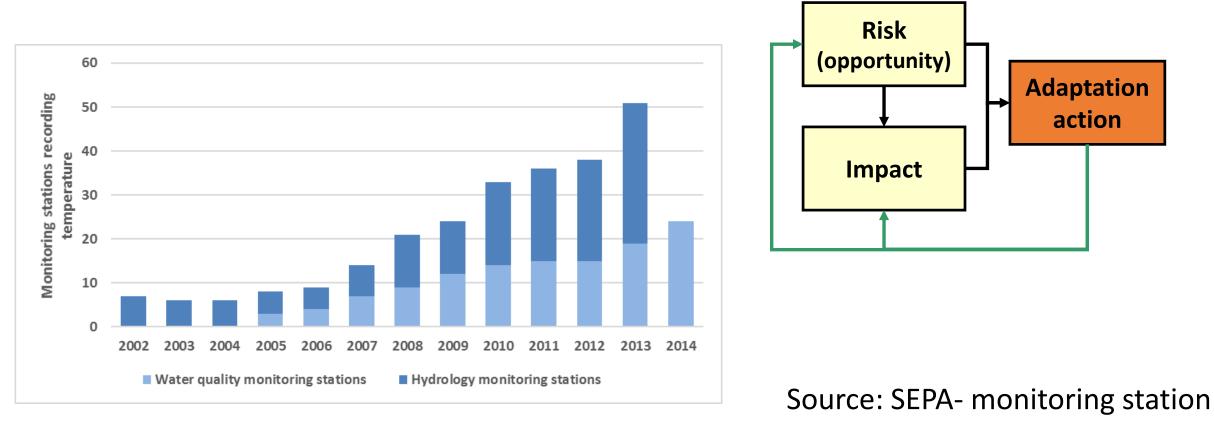
Surface water	Proportion meeting 2015 objective (%)	Proportion in good or better status (%)*			
bodies		Scotland RBD	Solway RBD		
Rivers	75	55 (63)	46 (52)		
Lochs	82	70 (71)	16 (52)		
Estuaries	82	90 (85)	90 (83)		
Coastal	83	97 (97)	100 (100)		
		* 2015 targ	get in brackets		





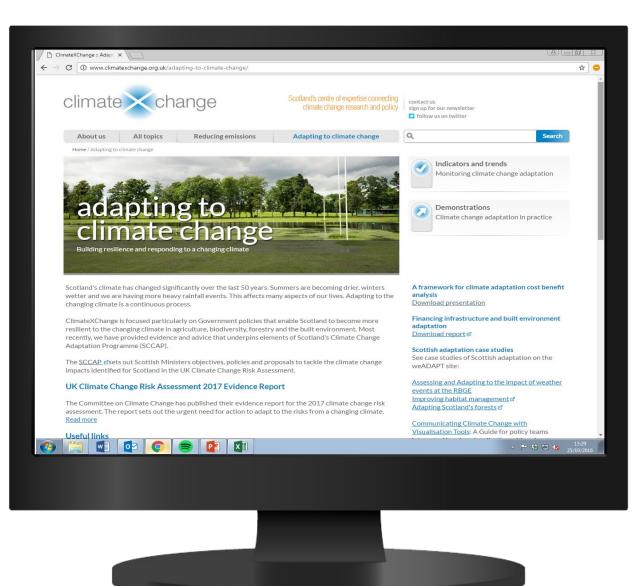
Source: SEPA- RBMP data

Action Freshwater monitoring stations: temperature



records

Communication of Adaptation Indicators: Website



Communication of Adaptation Indicators: Indicator guide



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A guide to the CXC Adaptation Indicators

The CXC Adaptation Indicators project capturing the 'state of the nation'

CXC has by mid-2016 published over 100 indicators measuring and monitoring progress in building a Climate Ready Scotland. The indicators support Scottish Government policy in

three key areas: Inform and analyse risks identified for Scotland i the UK's Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA Show progress towards the objectives set out in Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Programn

(SCCAP) Inform the independent assessment of the SCCA carried out by the Adaptation Sub-Committee of

the UK Committee on Climate Change RISK/OPPORTUNITY and IMPACT indicators explor risks and opportunities Scotland faces as a result of current climate change (identified from the CCRA/ SCCAP), and quantify the impacts across sectors and the regions of Scotland

Approach

The indicators were built around policy need. They objectives of the SCCAP.



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Overview of findings

Scotland, providing

messages;

information

policy context; and data sources and handy links for further

The CXC Indicators are the go-to document

for the complete in-depth story for a particular

climate risk/opportunity, impact or action in

rich depth of data and contextual information

summary of past and present situation, and future projections:

interpretation of trends and patterns of change

All the indicators are available on the CXC website - you can find them using either the indicator table

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ing 2010 - 2015 (NF1)

at-a-glance baseline and trend data and key

	Indicator ID and Name				Policy context			
			Type	Tread	SCCAP Disjective(s)	CORA Risks/ opportunities	Narratives	
	001/003	Property at risk of flooding (residential; non-residential)	Rek	0	82, 51,52,53	8610/8611/8613/ 8615/8618/16/9134	Specine and infrastructure, Climate change risks to, epidety and our paperity to adapt	
	886	Cultural Heritages in Flood Sisk Areas	Filek	<u></u>	83, 80	864/1115	Seeding and infrastructure	
	8811	Namine Decisions that do not reflect \$2.76's food risk advice	Atten	0	82	8610/8611/8613/ 8615/8618/FL0/FL34	Cooking and Infrastructure, Resilience and resource use	
lr ou	8813	Properties of local authority areas under impermeable surfaces /. Chanes in impermeable surfacing in bulb-up areas.	Action	0		8610/8611/8613/ 8615/8618/FLG/FL34	Electing and infrastructure	
	8816	Building Condition and Disressin	Raik	0	81, 83	8613/8631	Ecoline and infrastructure, Bealterce and resource use	
į	1011/	Cumpness: condensation in housing stock	Impact	0		8613/8631	Estreme weather and infrastructure	
	8820	Energy Renformance of Scottish Housing Stock	Action	- 02	82, 82	809	Easiliance and resource use	
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	867	Substations in areas at flood risk with completed Rood Risk Assessments	Action	52	81, 82, 83	FL11b	Oppoing and infrastructure, Resilience and resource use	

Navigating the indicators

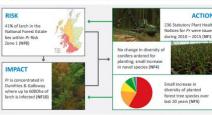
The table [pages 4 & 5] provides a complete at-aglance list of all 105 indicators, listed by SCCAP theme Natural Environment; Buildings and Infrastructure Networks: Society) and by sub-theme to help navigate the array of information. The SCCAP policy objectives and the CCRA risks/opportunities that each indicato addresses are presented together with the narratives that set the individual indicators in conte





www.climatexchange.org.uk/files/1214/7449/3602/ CXC_adaptation_indicator_full_list.pdf or via the Narratives: www.climatexchange.org.uk/adapting-to-climat change/indicators-and-trends/

kample 1: Related indicators: The risk of tree pests and diseases. Phythophthorg rai



Indicators NF8: Proportion and area of larch within Pr Risk Zone

NF10: Forest area infected by Pr NF11: Number of forest sites served with a Statutory Plan Health Notice (SPHN) for Pr NF4: Diversity of tree species ordered for planting in Scotland

NF5: Planted forest tree species diversity index

Scotland's forests

Scotland's commercially important larch forests. Pr has spread rapidly in recent years. As it thrives in mi and wet conditions; projected climate change could increase the IMPACT resulting from more wid ACTIONs and strategies which either target specific ontrol measures or increase the general resilience of

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Example 2: Individual indicator: CRS34 - Number of registrations for flood warnings/alerts



Going forward

Policy makers and practitioners are generally trying to meet multiple economic, social and environmental objectives. Climate change risk and adaptation action plays into many of these, sometimes magnifying existing challenges and other times offering ways of achieving multiple benefits. Our indicators recognise the complexity of decision making and provide a 'way in' to understanding climate change that explicitly links to other policy aims and challenges.

As well as successfully developing indicators, the project is important in identifying critical data gaps, and will continue to play a significant role in informing future cycle of policy development, for example by contributing evidence for the second SCCAP to be published in 2019.

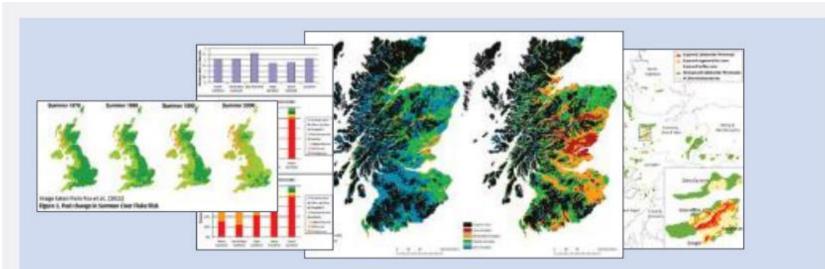
as trends increasingly become apparent and we can attribute success to particular policy drivers These trends will show the evolving risks and impacts of our changing climate;

The value of the indicators increases with time

 how well policy is working to address those risks and impacts; and where policy can be optimis

It is vital that we continue to gather evidence to ensure that Scotland's adaptation resp is informed, flexible and can achieve the best outcomes for all.

Communication of Adaptation Indicators: Narratives



Narratives bring interlinked indicators together to explore key adaptation questions

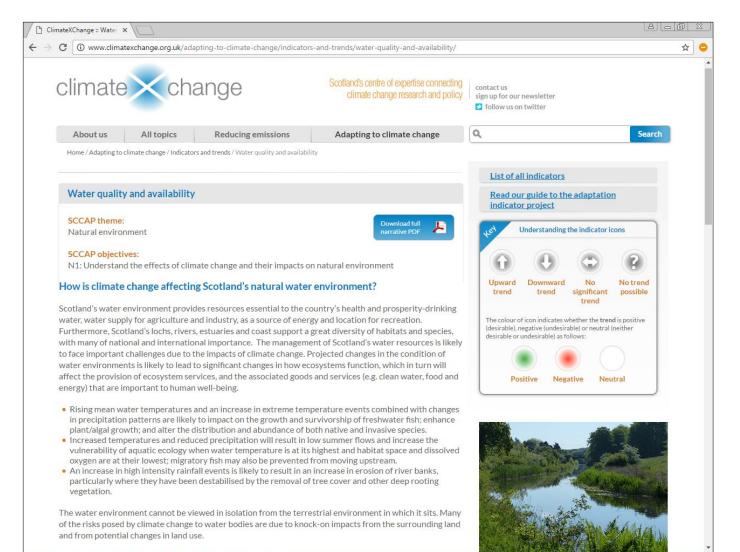
What is happening? What are the adaptation options? What are the policy levers?

An overarching storyline links related Risk, Impact and Action indicators in the context of the adaptation issue and policy landscape

Communication of Adaptation Indicators: Narratives

Natural Environment:

- Tracking suitable space in a changing climate
- Resilience of the natural environment (terrestrial)
- Pests, diseases and invasive species (forestry)
- Suitability and productivity (forestry)
- Suitability and productivity (agriculture)
- Sustainable agriculture
- Condition of agricultural soils
- Water quality and availability
- Marine and coastal change



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Communication of Adaptation Indicators: Indicator documents

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Indicator name				Version		
NB24 Proportion of wa	ter bodies not meeti	ng Good Overall S	itatus	15/04/16		
Indicator type:	Risk/opportunity	pportunity Impact		Action		
SCCAP Theme	SCCAP O	SCCAP Objective		risk/opportunity		
Natural Environment	diverse na	N2 Support a healthy and diverse natural environment with the capacity to adapt		Over-arching resilience t indicator of water quality • BD13 Water quality and pollution risk • BD14 Ecosystems risks due to low flow and increased water demand		

At a glance

- Water bodies which are not in good overall condition are likely to be less resilient to additional pressures due to climate change and therefore less able to provide a healthy esource that can benefit wider climate change adaptation.
- Between 2008 and 2014, all water body types showed no overall increase in the number of sites failing to meet good status, though changes in the assessment methodology make it difficult to assess the significance of any changes. Some real improvements have however been secured, largely by e.g. requiring licensed
- operators to reduce impacts arising from discharges of pollutants or water abstractions; collaborative working to remove barriers to fish migration.
- The River Basin Management Plan process aims to reduce the pressures on water bodies in a sustainable way via a legislative framework, supported by economic incentives and funding
- Latest Figure Trend Proportion* of water bodies not meeting Good Overall Status (2014): Rivers (2406) 46% 12% Loch 45 Lochs (334) 34% Estuaries →0% Estuaries (49) 14%

Data is for both the Scotland and Solway Tweed River

and education to promote, encourage and support action Change in proportion* of sites not GOS 2012-2014 2008-2014 →0% 44% →0% Coastal 43% Coastal (457) 3% N/A* Groundwater 22% Groundwater

oportion is based on numbers of site

Basin Districts

Data is for both the Scotland and Solway Tweed Rive

otal number of water bodies in brackets NB Changes are partly due to improvement of understanding of the water environment and adjustments to assessment methodology (see Interpretation of indicator trends' for detail # All the groundwater bodies were redefined in 2012. orical data for the current gro re available before 2012.

Scotland is renowned worldwide for the environmental quality of its water resources. Its water habitats support a great diversity of habitats and species, and some of these are of national and nternational importance. They also provide benefits essential to Scotland's health and prosperity fo example, by providing drinking water, water for use in industries such as whisky making and fish farming, energy from waves, tides and hydropower, and recreation opportunities. Scotland's water vironment is an 'integral part of Scotland's cultural fabric' (Scottish Government, 2009).

Why is this indicator important?

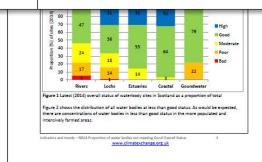
Projected climate change will have significant direct and indirect impacts on Scotland's water environment e.g. rising mean water temperatures and an increase in extreme temperature events; a increase in high intensity rainfall events and/or summer low flows. The ability to withstand these additional stressors and maintain important ecosystem functions will to a great extent depend upor their general condition. The Scottish Government (2013) identify the need to improve the condition of the water environment in order to make it both more resilient in itself to the consequences of climate change as well as to provide a healthy resource that can benefit wider climate change adaptation

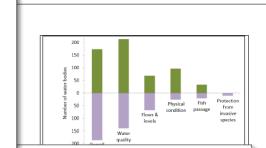
The monitoring of the status of Scotland's water environment is a requirement of the European Water Framework Directive and is carried out on behalf of Scottish Government by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). The Directive requires a broader and more holistic approach to the monitoring of water quality than previously. Under this monitoring, water management units, otherwise known as 'water bodies' are identified. Each year, each water body's overall status is classified as being either: High, Good, Moderate, Poor or Bad¹. The purpose of the classifications is t show where the water environment is in a good condition and where improvements need to be made. The classification of surface water bodies shows how much their condition differs from near natural conditions, with water bodies in a near natural condition being of High status and those whose ecological quality has been severely damaged as in Bad status. The classification of groundwater describes whether or not waters are polluted and whether or not the volume of any ater abstracted from them is sustainable. Two classes are used to describe the status of croundwater - Good and Poor.

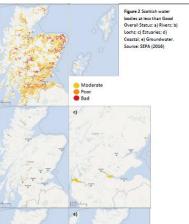
This indicator reports on the proportion of water bodies not meeting Good Overall Status, in other words, those classified as being in Moderate, Poor or Bad status under SEPA's classification system (see below for details). This indicator is important as it provides an understanding of the likely

Water bodies which are heavily modified by human activities are assigned an overall status of maximum good, moderate, poor or bad ecological potential. For simplicity, these have been presented as high, good moderate, poor or bad

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(Table 1). However, changes in the assessment

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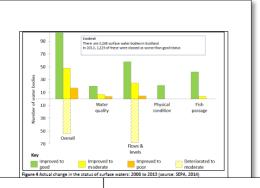
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Many of the water bodies which are currently at high status are in upland areas and they therefore upport species which are adapted to colder temperatures which may make these communities less esilient to projected increases in temperature.

Patterns of change

Between 2008 -13, there was not a consistent picture across water bodies in all eleven Area Advisory Groups² (Table A1, Appendix 2), NB this analysis does not include the latest (2014) available data.

There was an increase of over 17% in rivers in less than good status in the Orkney and Shetland area (though it should be noted that this AAG contains the smallest proportion of rivers in Scotland). The prestest improvements over this period were in the Forth and Tweed areas, with both decreasing the proportion not in good status by over 7%.

The proportion of lochs not in good status remained either stable or decreased in all AAGs during this period. Most notably, the Tweed area was assessed as having no lochs at 'less than good status' b the end of 2013.

The only change over this period was in the Solway area, which was assessed as having no stretches of estuaries in 'less than good status' by the end of 2013.

Over this period, the most significant change was in the Forth AAG which was assessed as being entirely at 'less than good' status by the end of 2013. Argyll and Solway areas showed the greatest improvement in condition between 2008 -13.

Interpretation of indicator trends

SEPA has been progressively improving the understanding of the state of the water environment in Scotland, and since 2009 a number of changes have occurred to the way data is collected and analysed:

- increasing the amount of environmental data on which the assessments are based; · developing and refining the models used to interpret data and make assessments;
- · and refining the delineation of bodies of groundwater and surface water to ensure there are
- not significant differences in environmental quality in different parts of the same water body (SEPA, 2014)

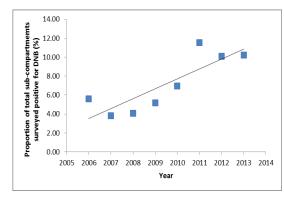
There are therefore some changes within the data over this period that reflect a change in inderstanding rather than an actual change in the water bodies. Figure 3 presents the number of sites that have been downgraded and those that have been upgraded as a result just of improved understanding over this period.

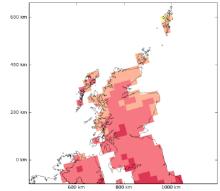
² 11 multi stakeholder advisory groups are in place to contribute to river basin management plan development and delivery with in their areas and contribute their local knowledge to the process

Indicators and trends - NB24 Proportion overall Status www.climatexchange.org.uk

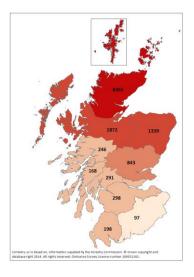
Communication of Adaptation Indicators: Context and analysis

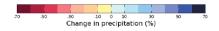
- Relevance: to the climate risk, to other indicators and policy context
- Current state; past trend; future projection
- Critical spatial, temporal or categorical patterns
- Context: climatic and nonclimatic drivers





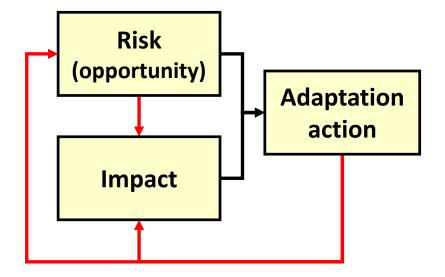






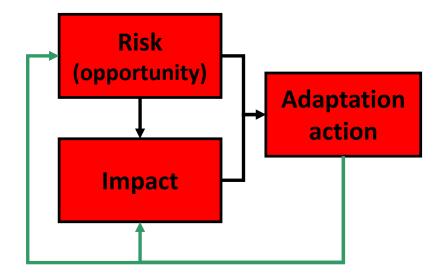
Adaptation Indicators- Development Quantifying the system

- How significant are climatic drivers in comparison to others?
- How effective are adaptation measures in reducing exposure or vulnerability to that exposure?

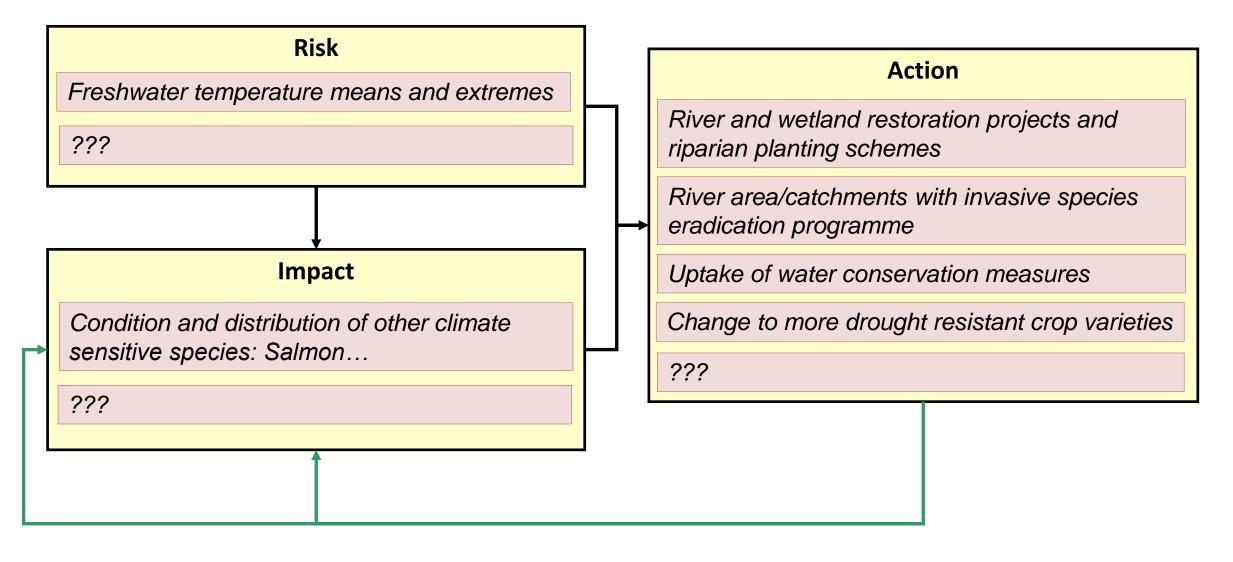


Adaptation Indicators- Development Data gaps

- Lack of data
- Lack of suitable data
- Lack of available data



Adaptation Indicators- Development Freshwater indicator gaps



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