



Bringing the data revolution to nature recovery

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THE UK'S BIODIVERSITY IS DECLINING



15%

of species are threatened with extinction from Great Britain



133

of 8431 assessed have already become extinct from Great Britain

SINCE 1970...

More species have seen their populations decrease than increase:

41%

have decreased

33%

little change

26%

have increased

We have seen big changes in where the UK's wildlife is found:

27%

found in fewer places

52%

little change

21%

found in more places

The biodiversity crisis

HM Government

A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment



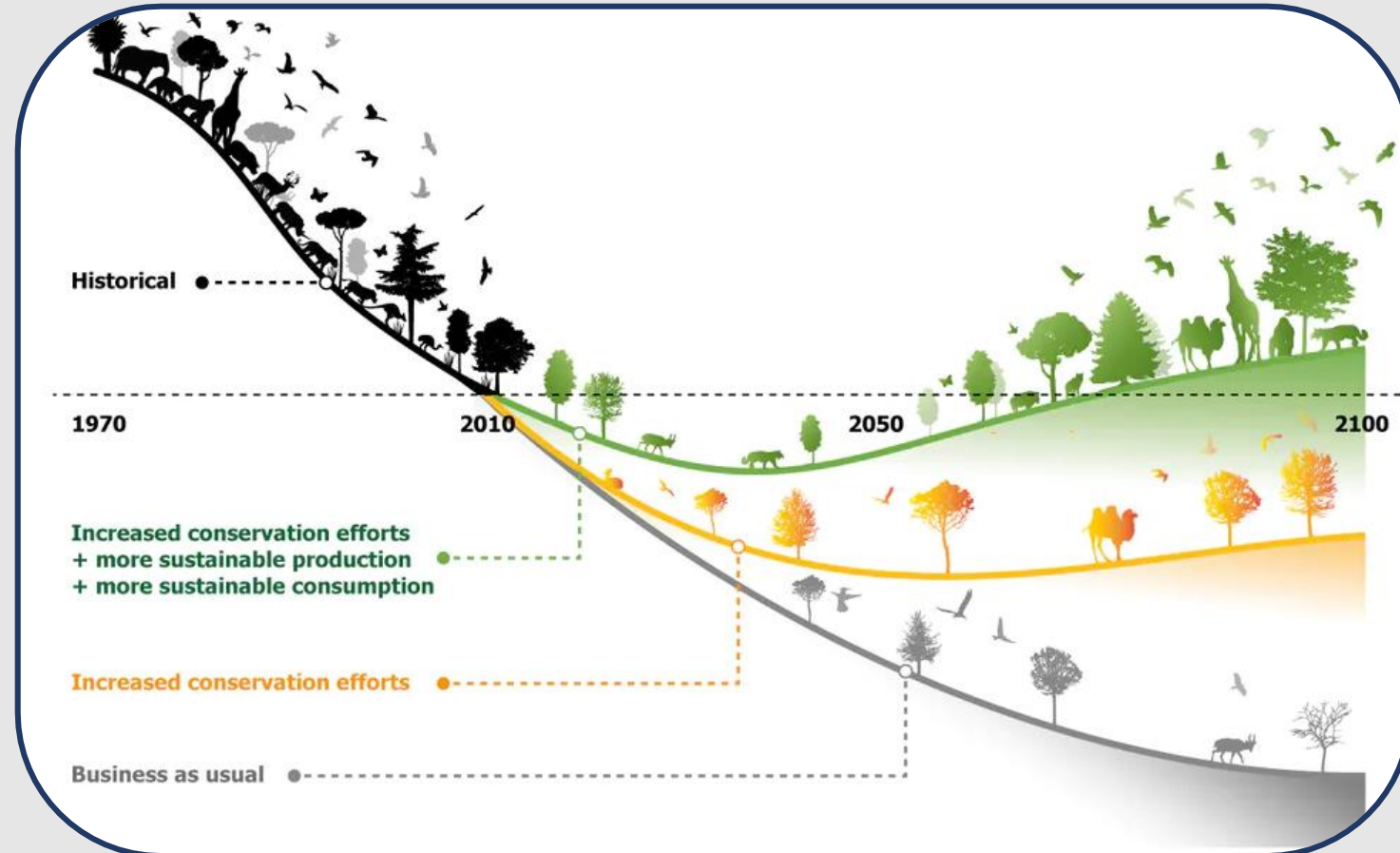
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Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

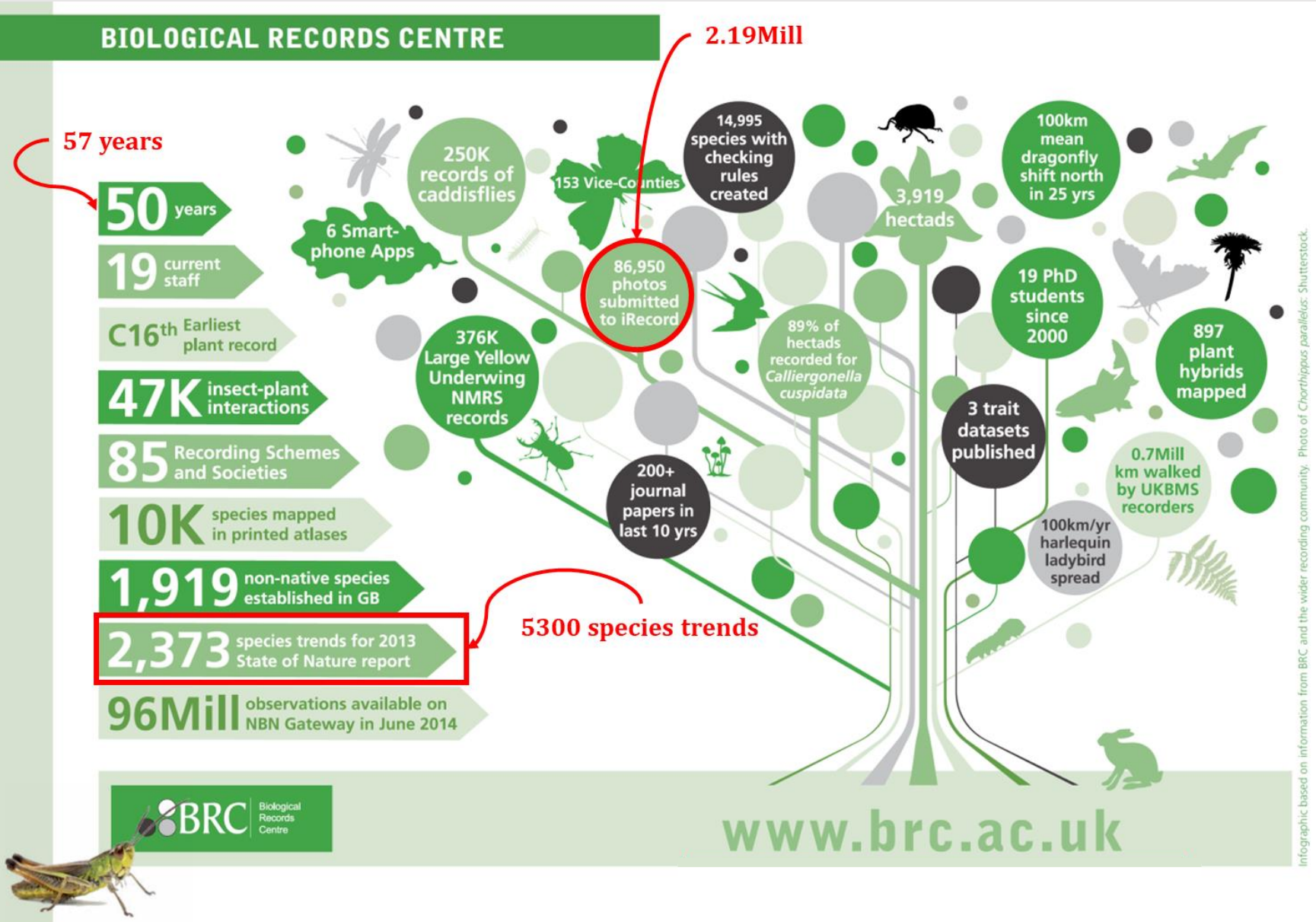
Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland
Public Discussion Document



THE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY FOR SCOTLAND:
VISION AND OUTCOMES



Monitoring biodiversity



- 85 national recording schemes/societies, mostly volunteer-led
 - Collate species records from multiple sources
- 8 structured monitoring schemes
 - Collect species records as part of defined monitoring protocols
- c. 120 distribution atlases published, covering over 10,000 species

Methodological advances

Methods in Ecology and Evolution



Methods in Ecology and Evolution 2014

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Statistics for citizen science: extracting signals of change from noisy ecological data

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Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](#)

Ecological Indicators

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/ecolind



Original Articles

Prior specification in Bayesian occupancy modelling improves analysis of species occurrence data

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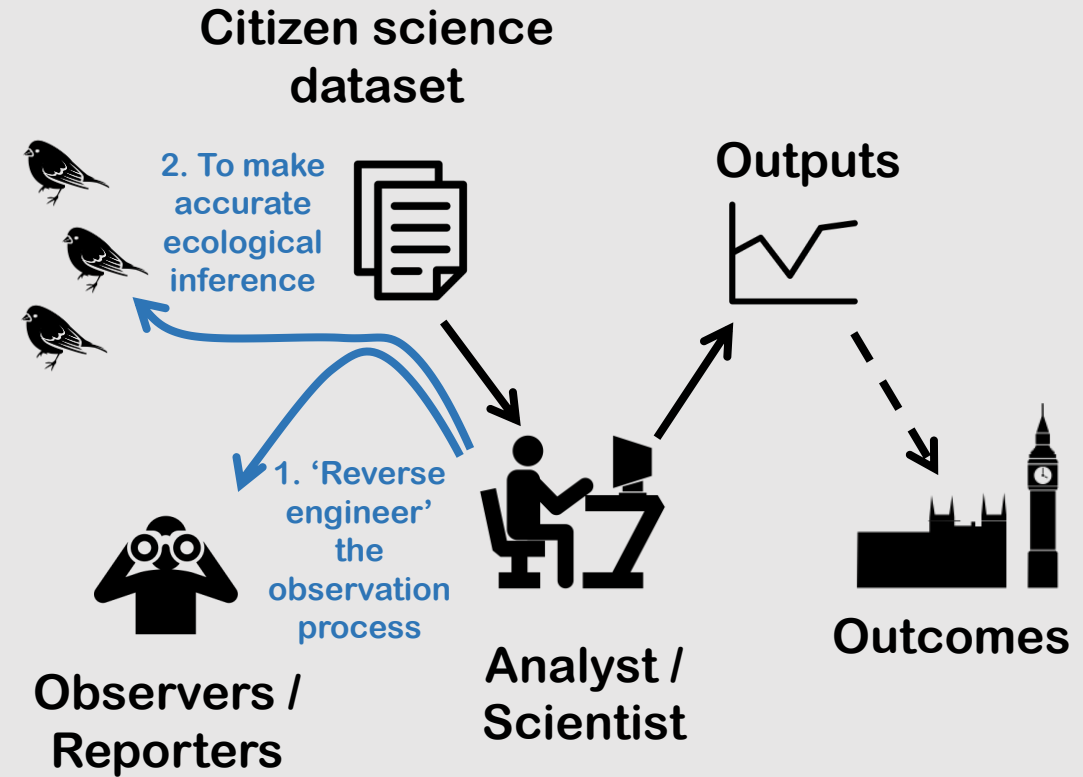


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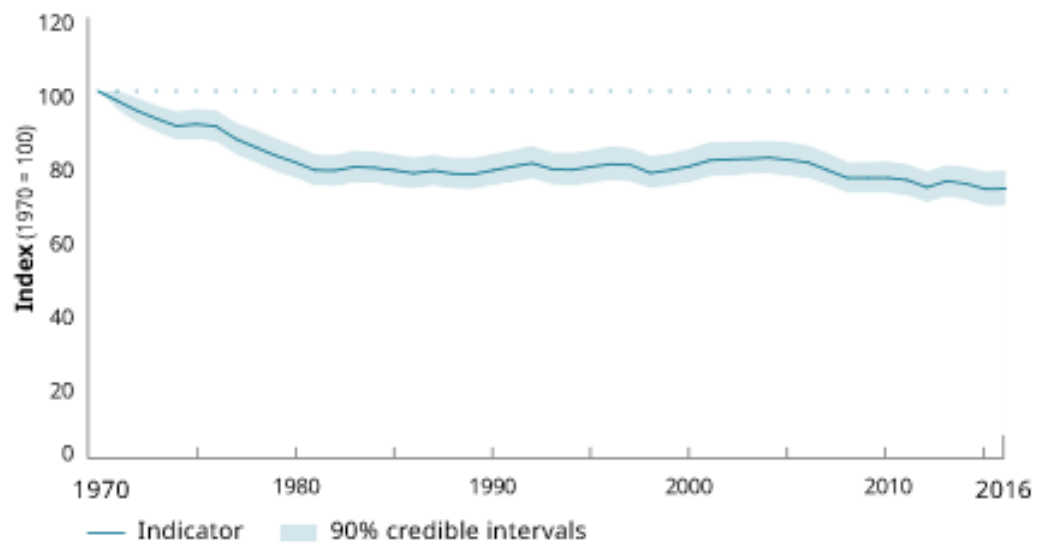
STATE OF NATURE

2019



UK Biodiversity Indicator: Change in the distribution of UK priority species, 1970 to 2016

Occupancy indicator (395 species)

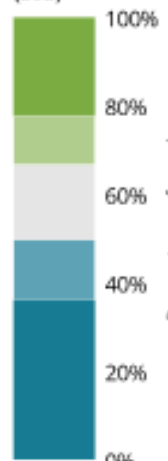


Source: jncc.gov.uk/ukbi-C4b

Long term
1970-2016
(395)



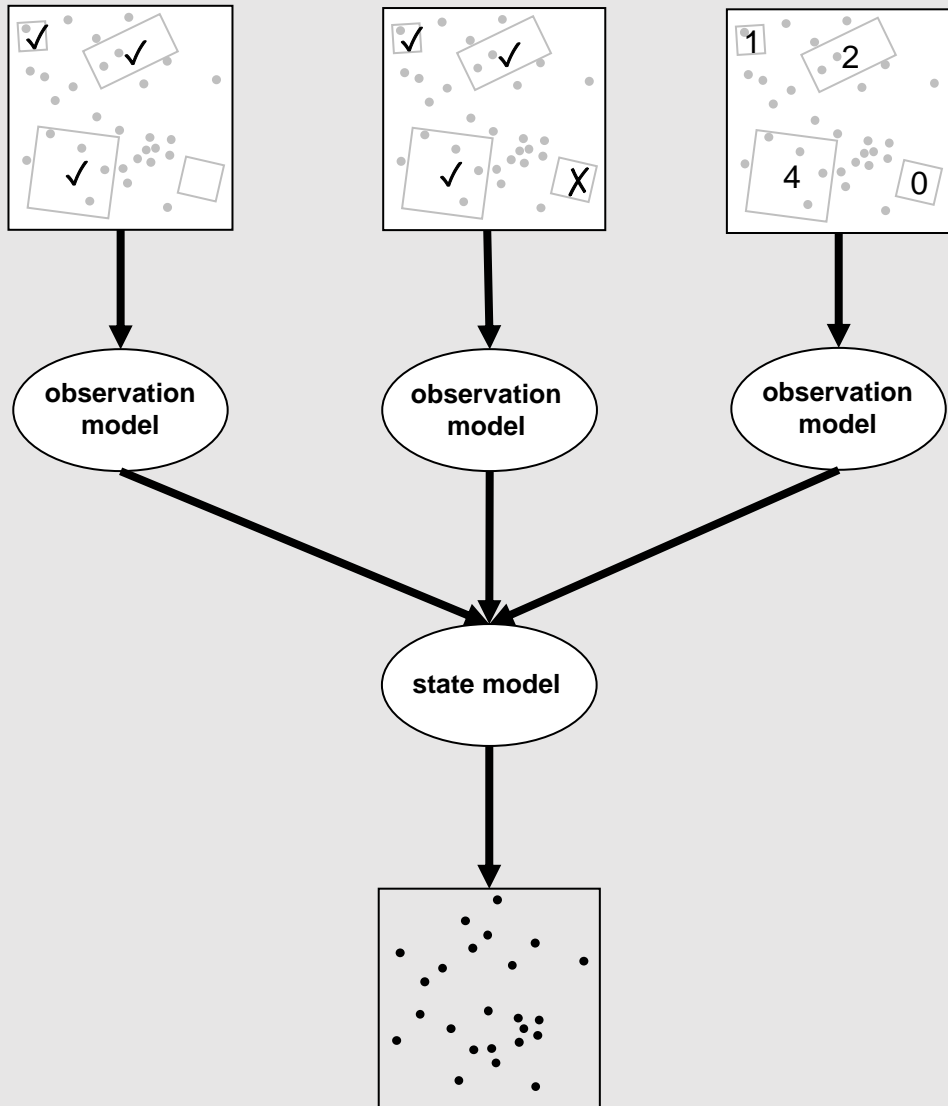
Short term
2011-2016
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- Strong increase
- Moderate increase
- Little change
- Moderate decrease
- Strong decrease

Percentage of species

Methodological advances



Trends in Ecology & Evolution

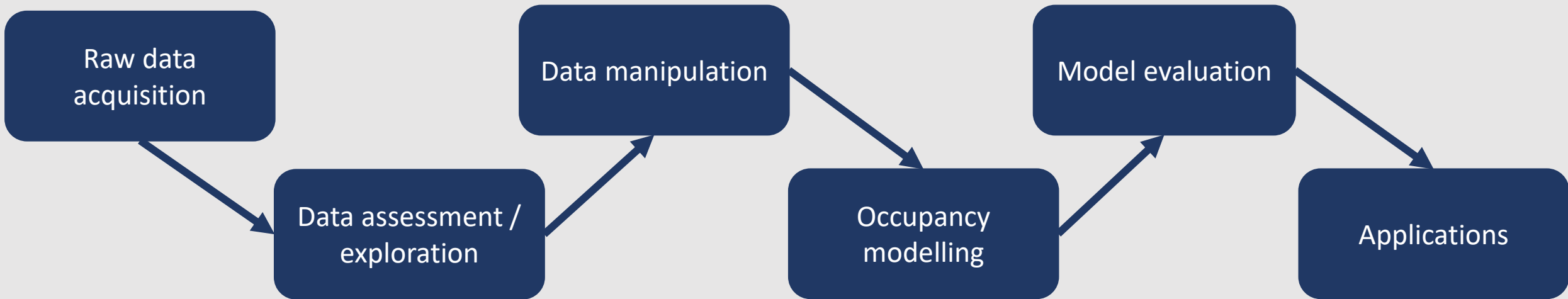
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REVIEWS

Review

Data Integration for Large-Scale Models of Species Distributions

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Outputs – Workflow, Software and Products



Software

SP^ARTA

OccAssess

BRCindicators

wrapper

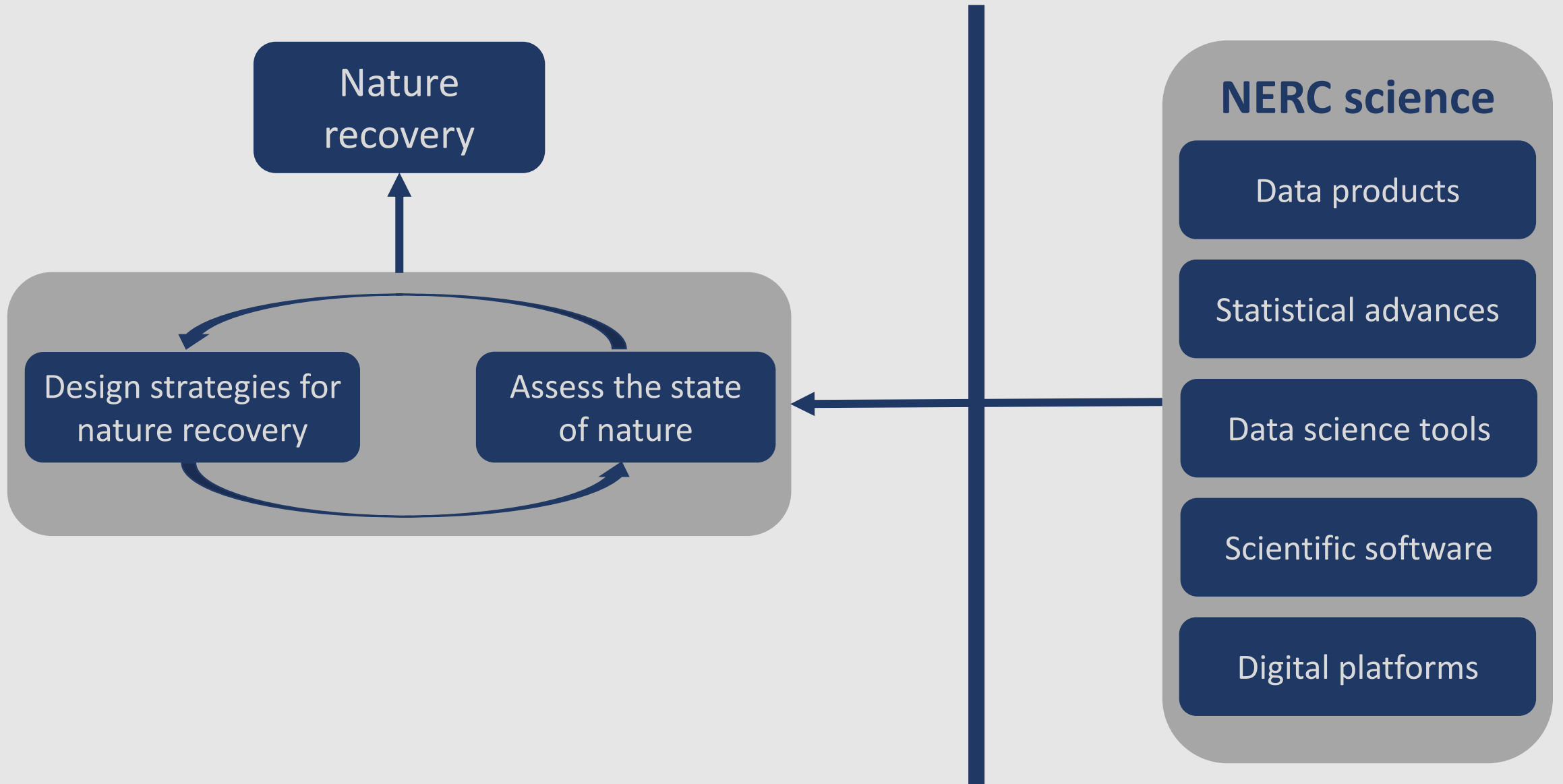
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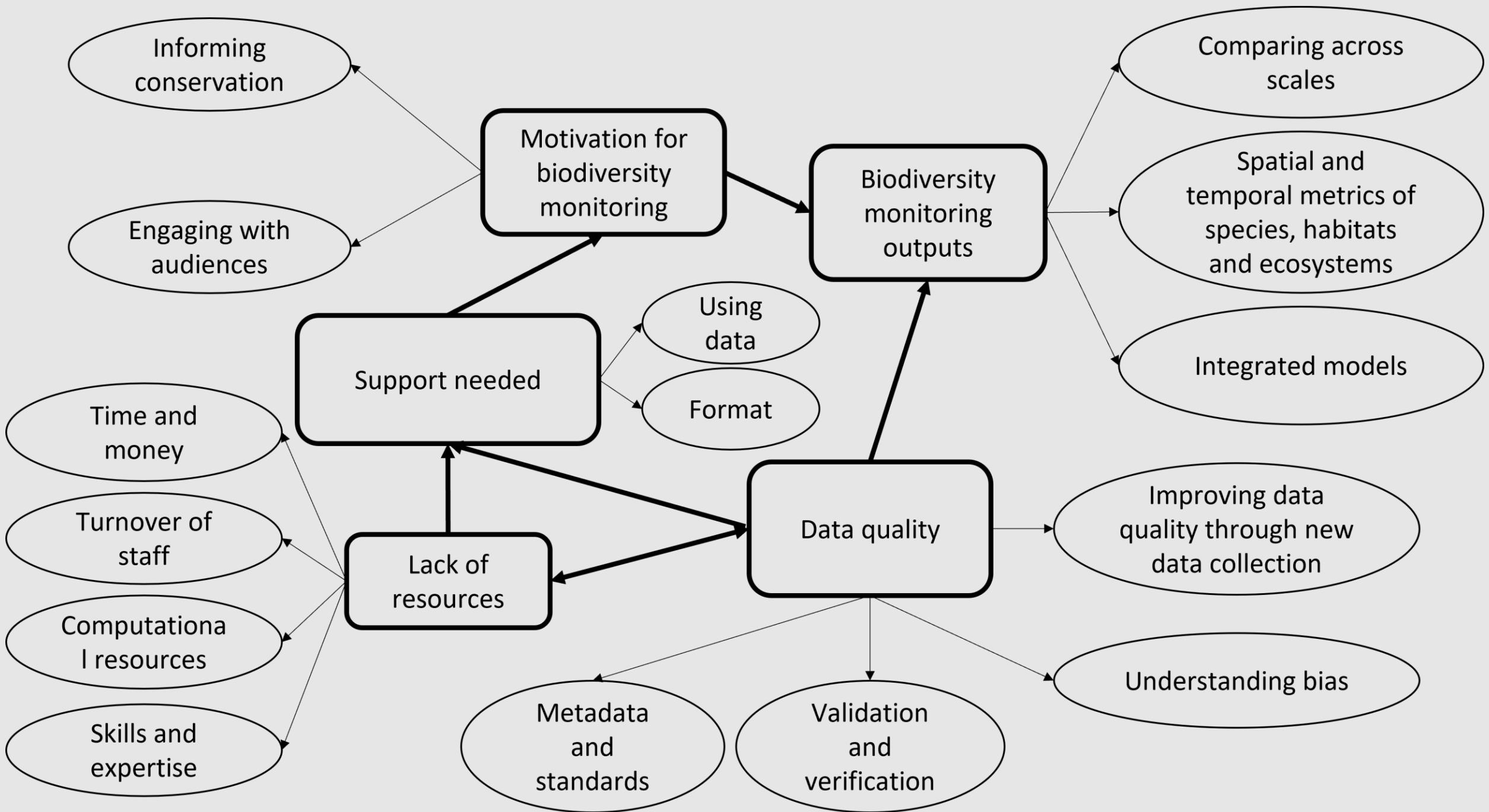
SCIENTIFIC DATA 

OPEN Annual estimates of occupancy
for bryophytes, lichens and
invertebrates in the UK, 1970–2015

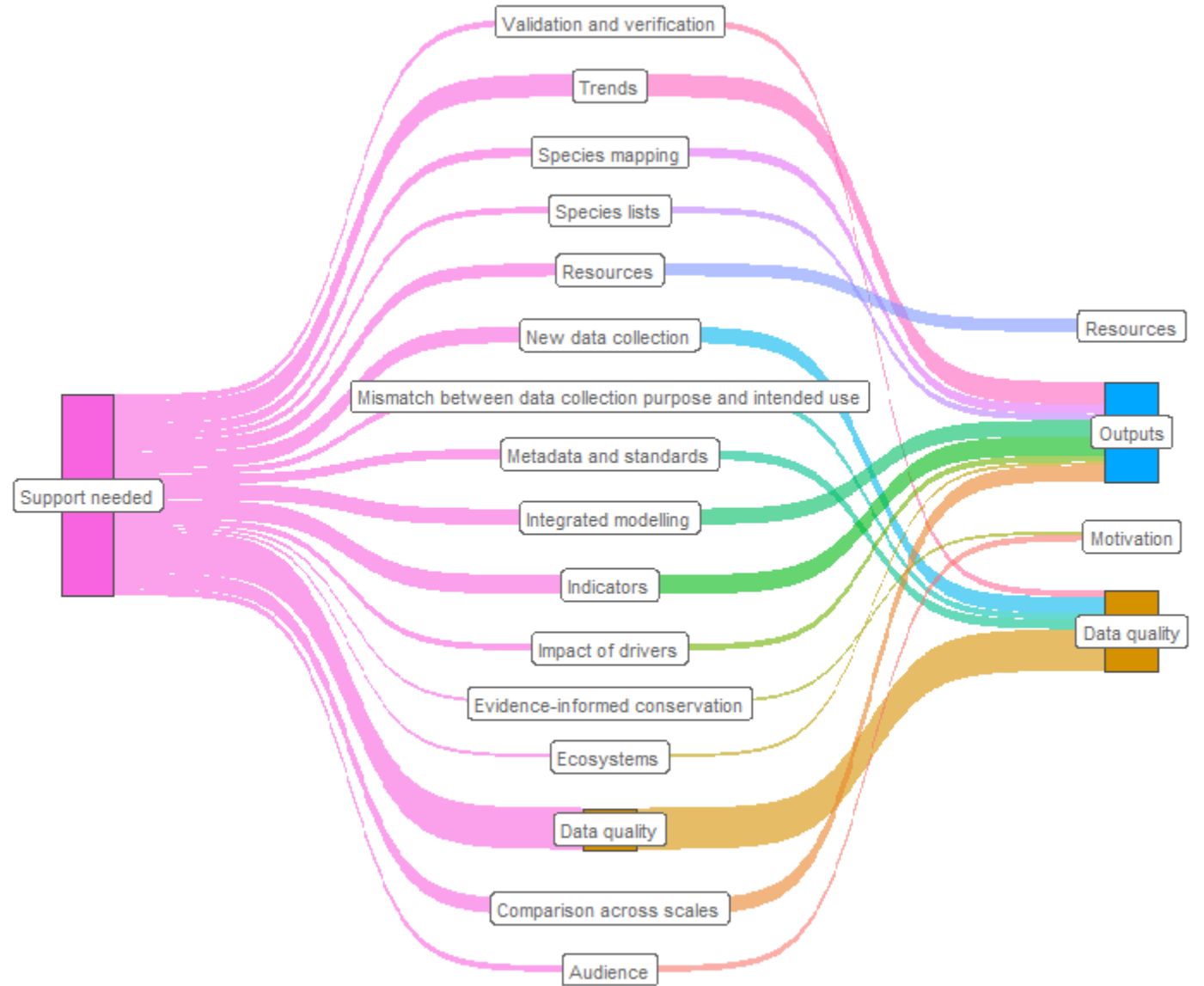
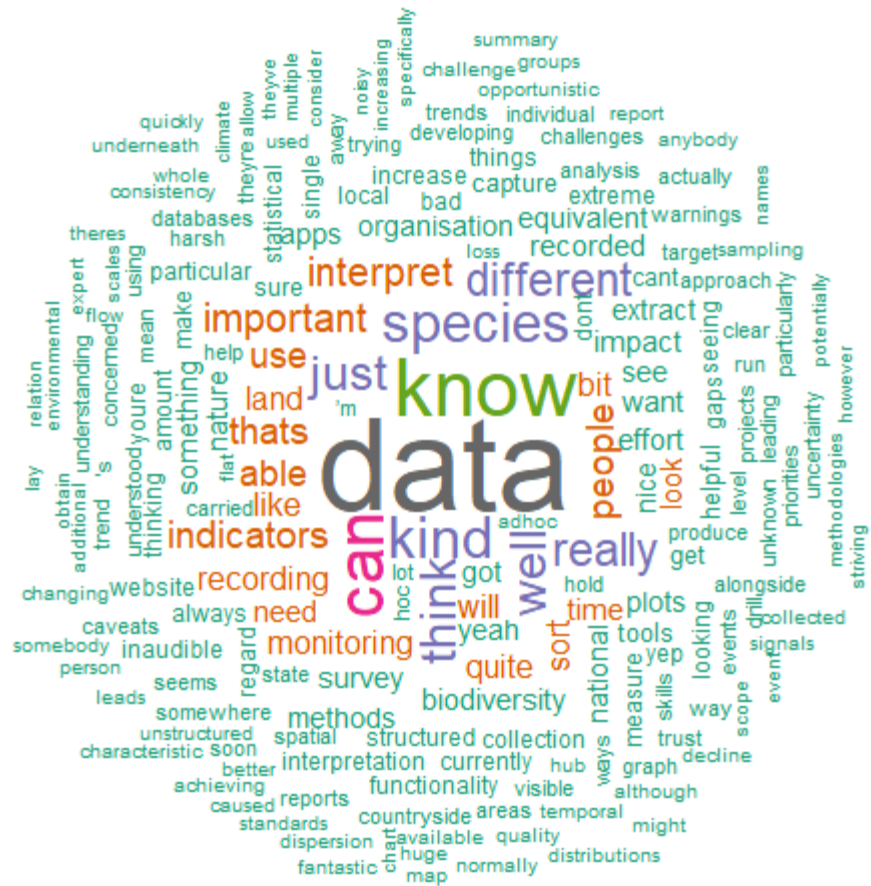
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The need for Knowledge Exchange





Support needed

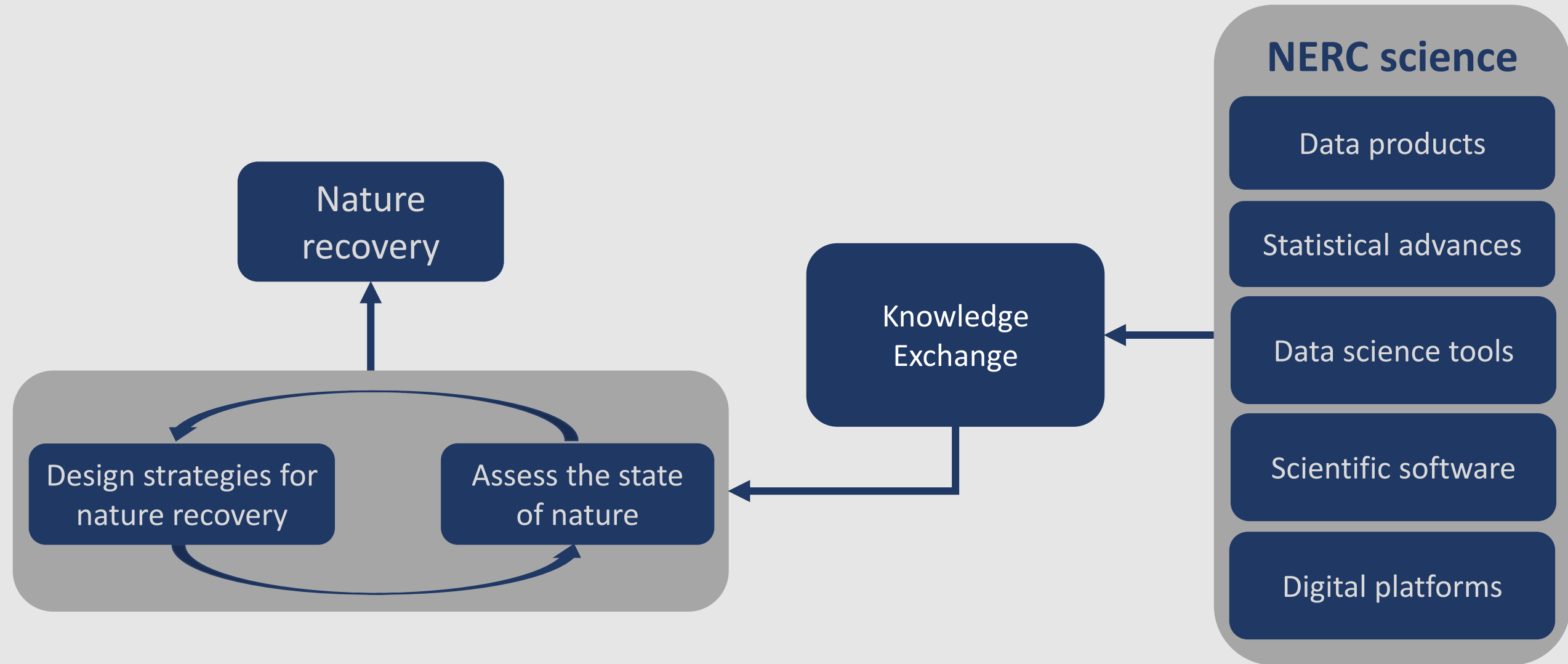


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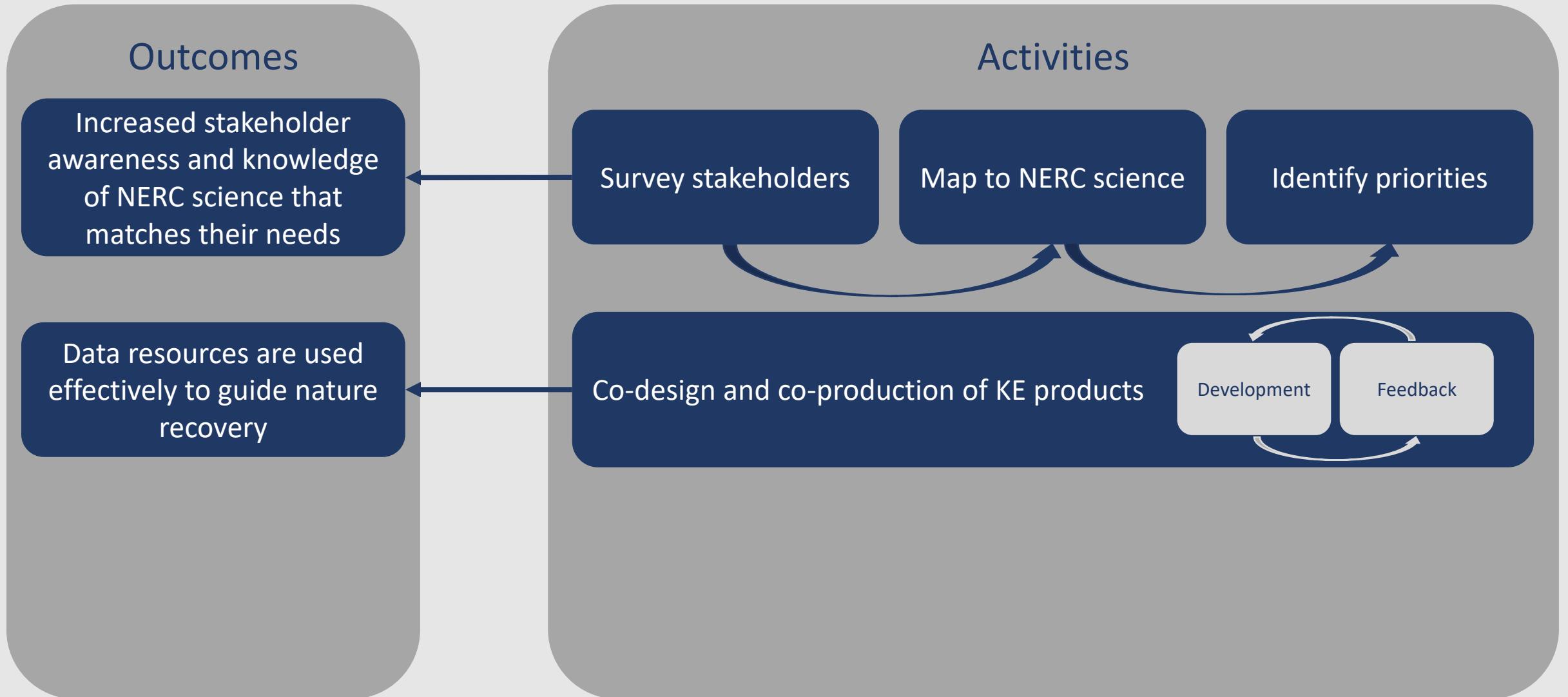
Code

Theme

Closing the gap



Co-designing the fellowship



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Status and trend summary

Broad taxonomic group

Bee

Species

BOMBUS pascuorum

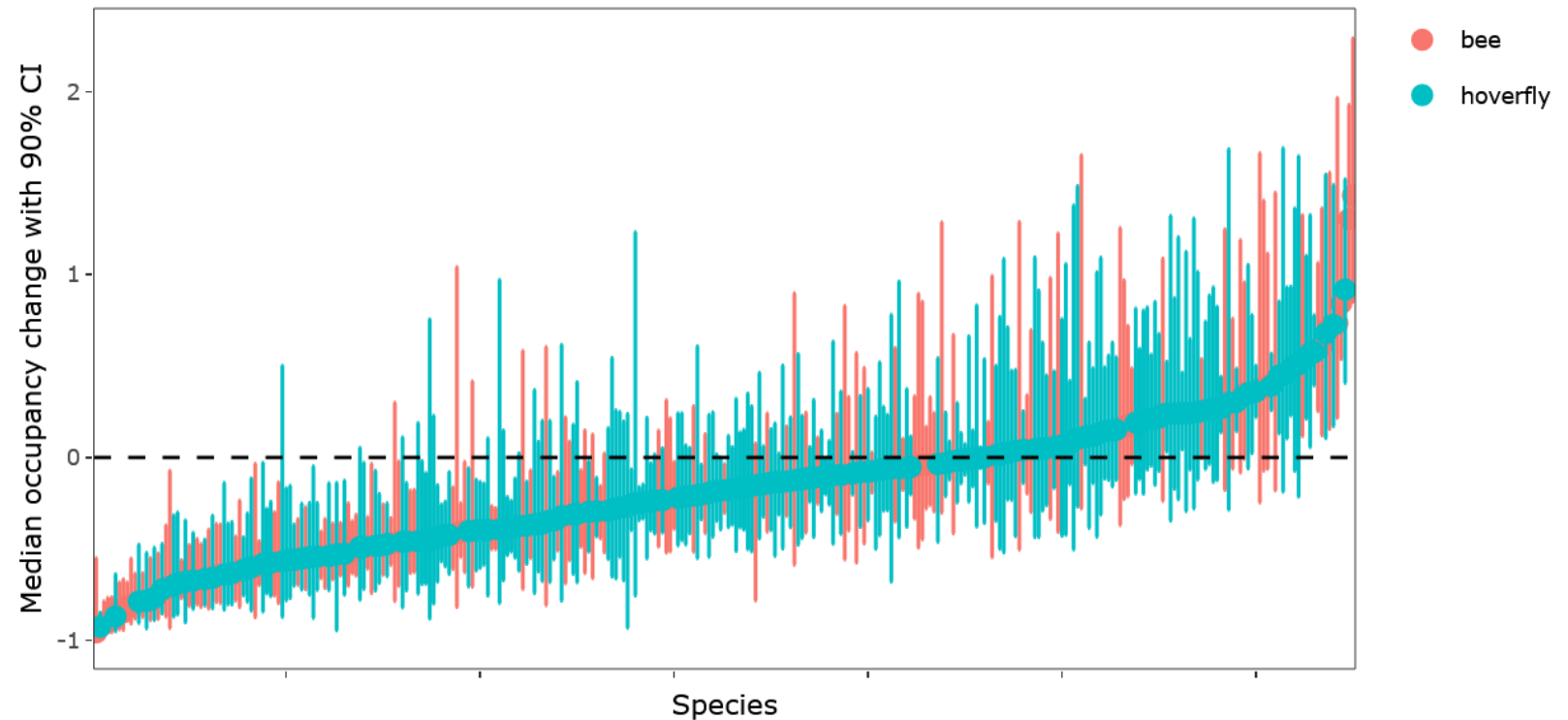
Currently under development, SDM tab will not display for hoverflies.

PLOT

TREND

SDM

Interactive plot showing proportional change in occupancy between 1980 and 2014.
Uncertainty represented as the upper and lower 90% CI.



Impact - What is the impact that this Knowledge Exchange fellowship project will have for your organisation?



The impact

Effectively use data to inform the management of the National Park and mitigate the drivers of change for example climate change, pollution and land use change



creating capacity and sharing knowledge and skills through our network



more effective communication of biodiversity trends to decision makers

inspiring the future generation



Knowledge Exchange Fellowship: Bringing the data revolution to nature recovery

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Project overview

This NERC Knowledge Exchange Fellowship will co-develop solutions to allow conservation stakeholders to use state-of-the-art data science techniques to assess biodiversity status. Over the next three years I will be working to translate methodological innovations in biodiversity monitoring and analysis into a form that is directly accessible to data holders, land managers, policy makers and conservation practitioners. The ultimate goal of the project is to create a community of practice around data science for conservation, where practitioners and policy makers will no longer need to rely on researchers and data scientists to monitor their environment and assess the impact of their policies and interventions on biodiversity.

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<https://www.ceh.ac.uk/our-science/projects/knowledge-exchange>

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