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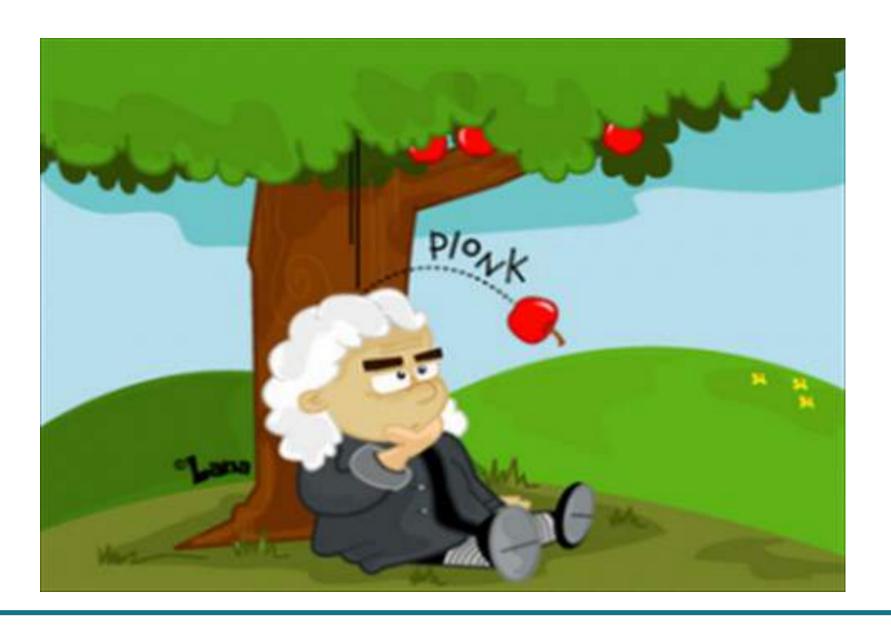
Natural Capital and Climate Adaptation

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What is Natural Capital?

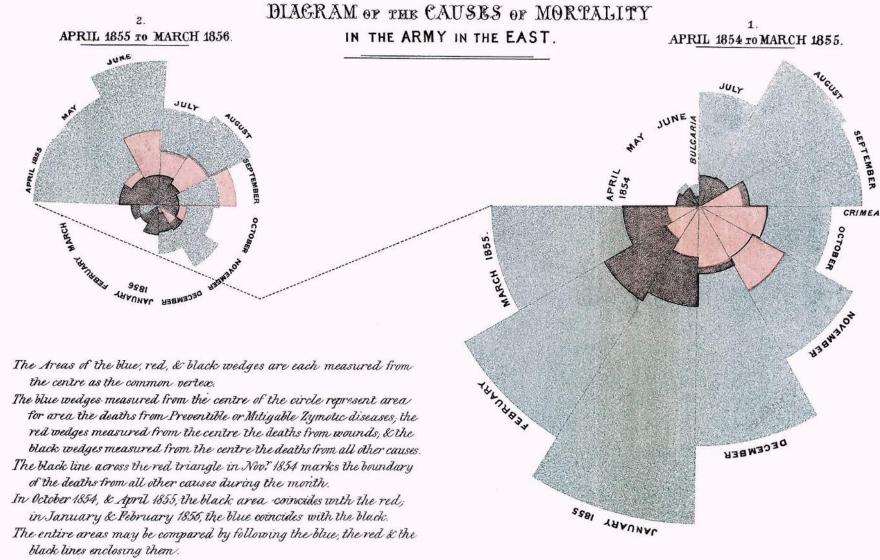


The Tool: Natural Capital Accounting





The Need: Adaptation



Climate Change Adaptation

Committee on Climate Change. Land use report. November 2018:

The Government needs to address climate change, which threatens the land's ability to **provide critical services including clean water**, healthy soils and timber, and ensure sufficient food production for an increasing population and space for new homes.

New land use policy should promote transformational land uses and **reward landowners for public goods** that deliver climate mitigation and adaptation objectives. New policies should also reflect better the **value of the goods and services** that land provides

New land-use policy must promote radically different uses of UK land

How?

Catchment scale

Adaptation costs are nationally significant

Climate scenarios: 1.5°C is happening, understand 4°C

Local distribution of changes are important

Low regrets actions vs transformational adaptation

Organise data: Natural capital accounts

Natural Capital Accounting – 5 Questions

What natural capital assets are owned, or managed, or
depended on?

• Natural Capital Asset Register - Registry of all natural capital assets owned / managed / dependent on

What flows of benefits do the assets produce?

• A statement of physical flows — Benefits, both for the organisation and for wider society, in biophysical metrics

What is the value of the benefits and to whom do they accrue?

• A benefit valuation statement - in monetary terms where possible

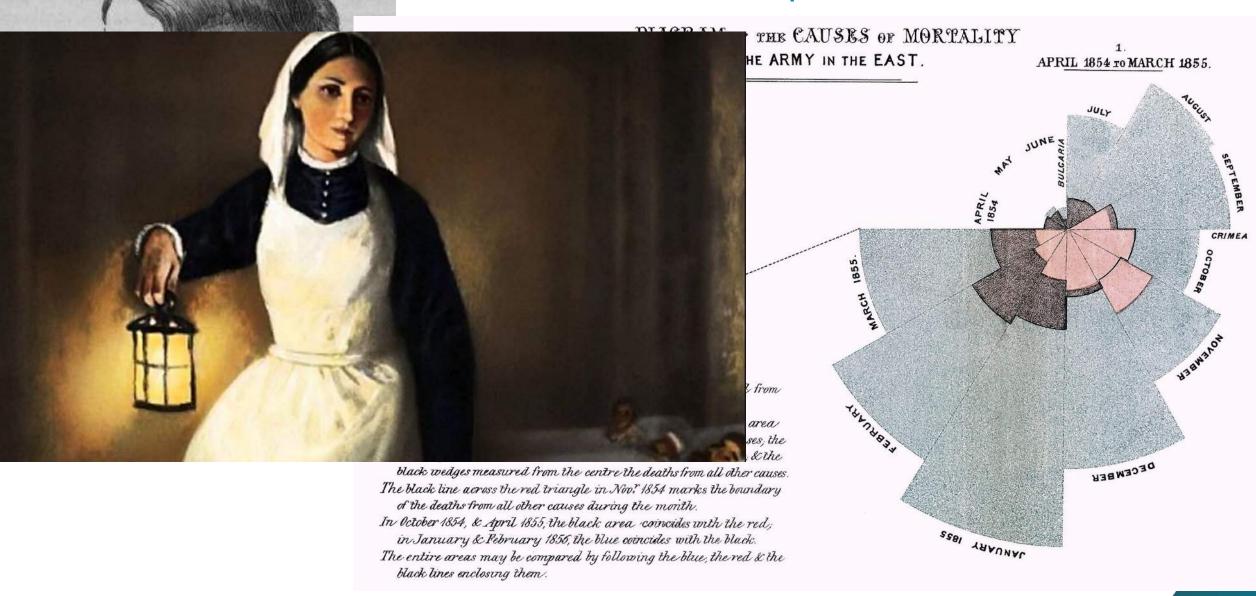
What does it cost to maintain the natural capital assets?

• A schedule of maintenance costs - Relevant activities and their costs

What's the net impact on natural capital?

• A natural capital balance sheet - Sum of natural capital benefits over time vs the sum of costs to maintain the natural capital assets in a condition that generates the benefits

Adaptation



Thank you

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