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Safeguarding European wild pollinators

Urban greening for pollinators: from policy to practice.

Background to the workshop & the Safeguard project





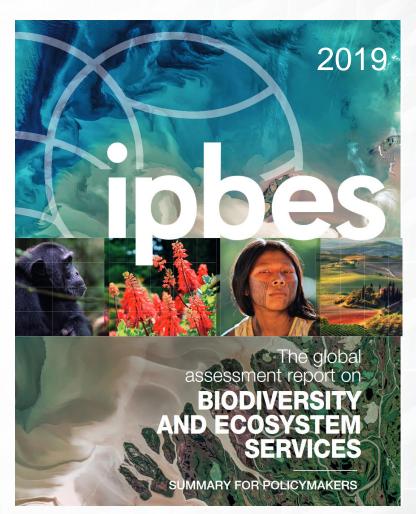
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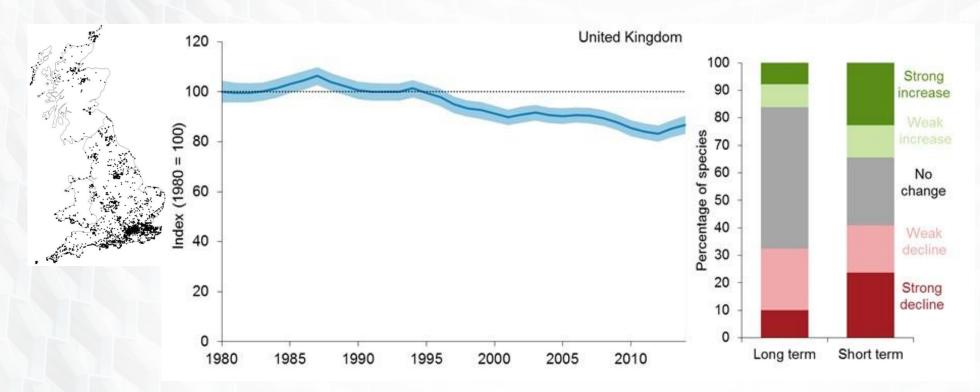
There is a global biodiversity crisis....

- Severe decline of biodiversity.
- Interactive effects of global change drivers might accelerate biodiversity loss.
- Loss of natures benefits to human societies.
- Past efforts to halt biodiversity declines have largely been unsuccessful (although a few wins).





Pollinator decline: example UK



Isaac et al (2014) Methods in Ecology and Evolution

Powney et al (2017) UK Biodiversity Indicators 2017: D1c pollinating insects. JNCC/ CEH.

Pollination Indicator (2017): Mean relative change in the distribution of 389 species of wild bees and hoverflies from 1 km occurrence records.





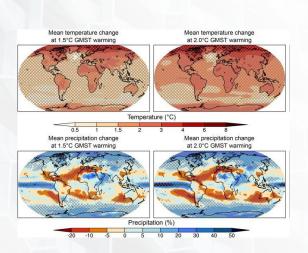






Pressures on Pollinators

- Land use change
- Land management (type, intensity, etc.)
- Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides
- Pollinator diseases & bee husbandry
- Climate change
- Invasive alien species.

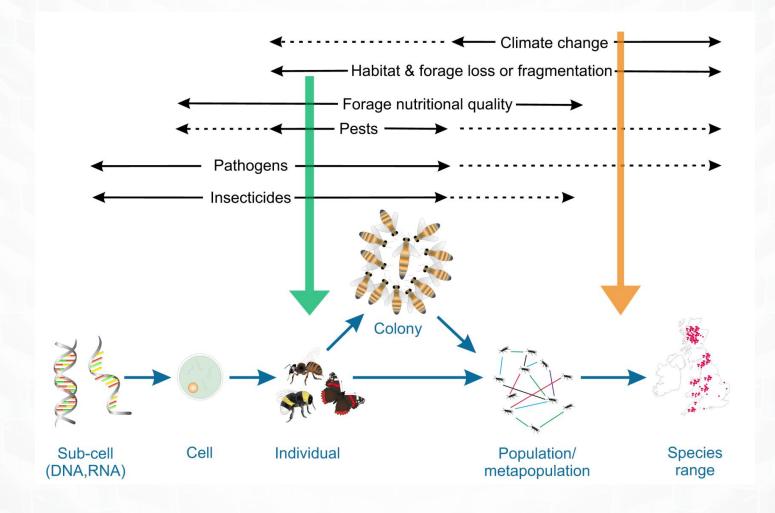




The assessment report on

2016

Multiple, interactive impacts across biological scales?





Urban Pressures on Pollinators

- Reduction in food, nesting or other resources for pollinators by:
 - Habitat Loss, Fragmentation or Degradation
 - Intensive land management (cutting, mowing)
- Pesticide use (lethal & sublethal)
- Ecosystem pollution (chemical, metal, nitrogen, vehicle emissions)
- ALAN (Artificial Light At Night)
- Urban honeybee keeping (disease & competition risks)



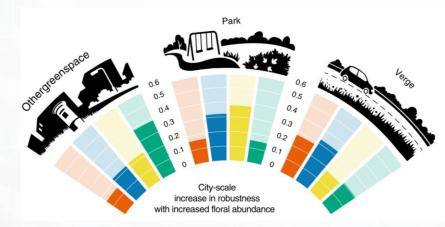


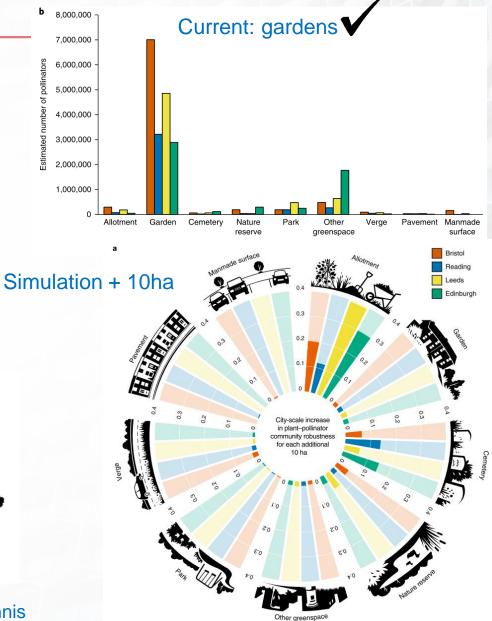


Urban can be good for pollinators

- Urban areas are highly heterogeneous
- Pollinators will move according to availability of nest sites and flowers
- Pollen & nectar sources most of the year
- 'Waste lands' provide weeds & bare ground
- Urban conservation strategies need to consider the extent and diversity of urban land uses

Baldock, et al 2019. A systems approach reveals urban pollinator hotspots and conservation opportunities. Nature Ecology & Evolution, 3, 363-373.





Simulation + Trifolium repens, Taraxacum, Bellis perrennis

'Greening' Reponses to Restore Pollinators

Parks & public space



Cemeteries





Allotments



Private gardens



Flowers & nest sites

Brownfield sites







Europe: One managed honey bee, many wild bee, fly and other insect species...



1 x Managed honey bee *Apis mellifera*





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Hoverflies, other flies, wasps, butterflies, beetles....

Wild social and solitary bees > 1000 species 9% threatened; 56% data lacking





 Our ambition: make a significant contribution tackling major challenges to reverse pollinator declines, inspire the development of management and policy guidelines to safeguard wild pollinators and the benefits they provide





EU SAFEGUARD project

 European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (GA 101003476).

25 institutions

14 European countrys + China

Budget 5.3 €M

• 2021-2025

48 Deliverables

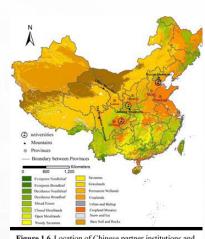


Figure 1.6. Location of Chinese partner institutions and



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Pollinators & Cities: framing the issue for evidence-informed decisions





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Task 5.1 Conceptualise an integrated assessment framework (IAF) of the separate and combined effects of DPSIR components on wild pollinators and pollination

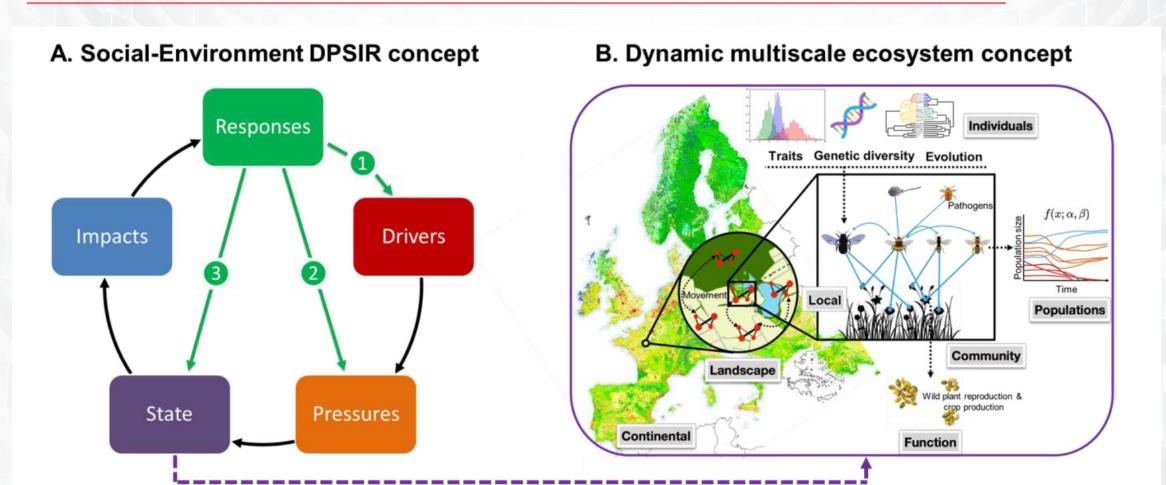


Conceptual framework: Drivers-Pressures-States-Impacts-Responses (DPSIR)

- Drivers: economic, social and institutional systems that trigger pressures on the environmental state (e.g. human demography, global markets & demand, laws and regulations...)
- Pressures: environmental pressures induced by humans (e.g. land-use, land management, climate change, ...)
- State: status of the environment (e.g. pollinators, pollinator-dependent cultivated and wild plants, their interactions and their ecosystems).
- Impact: changes in environmental functions affecting social, economic and environmental dimensions, (e.g. crop yields, human health, livelihoods, cultural values of landscapes, effects on wider biodiversity through disrupted wild plant pollination)
- Response: changes in policies or management actions, which are triggered by (the
 perception of) impacts and which attempt to prevent, compensate or reduce their consequences
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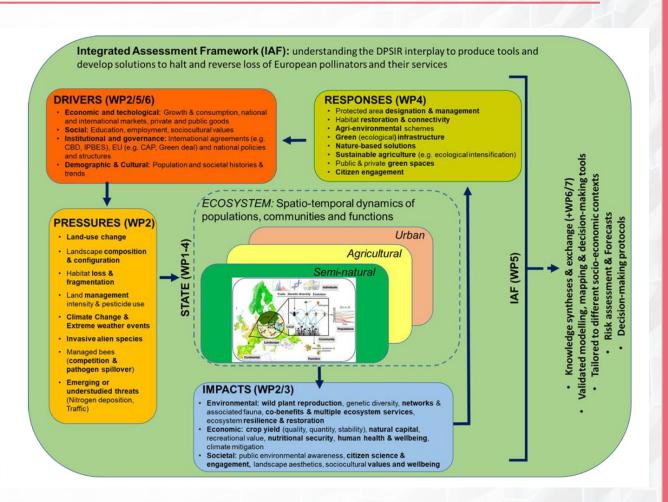
Linking socio-environmental and ecosystem concepts





What is an Integrated Assessment Framework (IAF)?

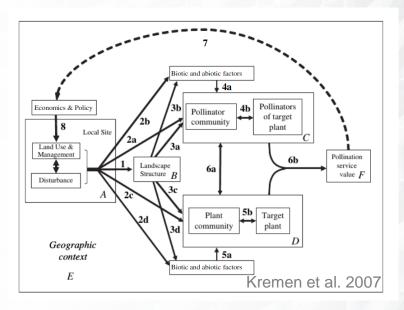
- (i) accurately framing the specific problem/issue/aspect;
- (ii) integrating different knowledge sources (existing and new);
- (iii) experimentation and testing of response options, decision-making processes or tools.

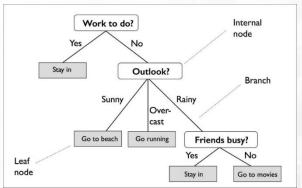




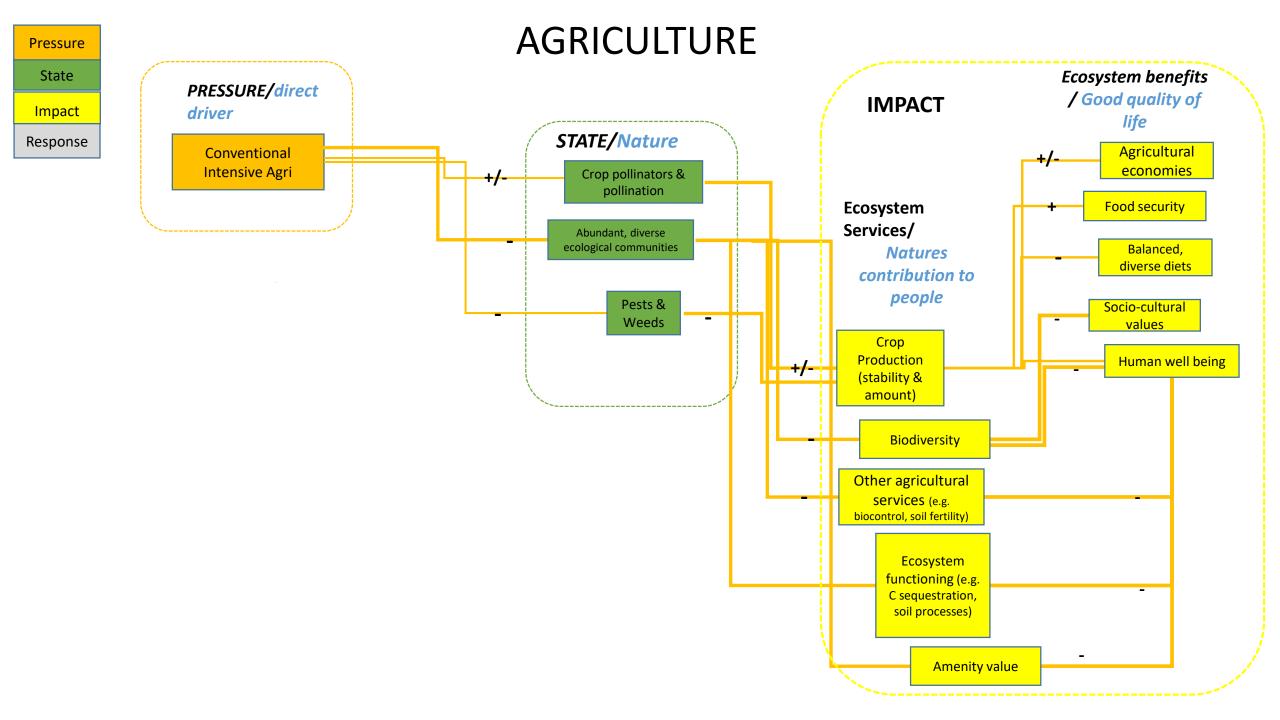
Integrative Assessment Framework (IAF): concepts, tools and solutions

- Assesses existing knowledge and uncertainty regarding the effects of DPSIR on wild pollinators and pollination
- Co-development, testing and validating of the IAF between scientists and stakeholders from different sectors and governance levels
- Identify specific problems (drivers, pressures, status, impacts) and potential solutions (responses) affecting pollinators and their values in different socio-ecological systems
- Facilitate evidence-informed and mechanism-based decision making for safeguarding pollinators at different scales, contexts and organisational levels





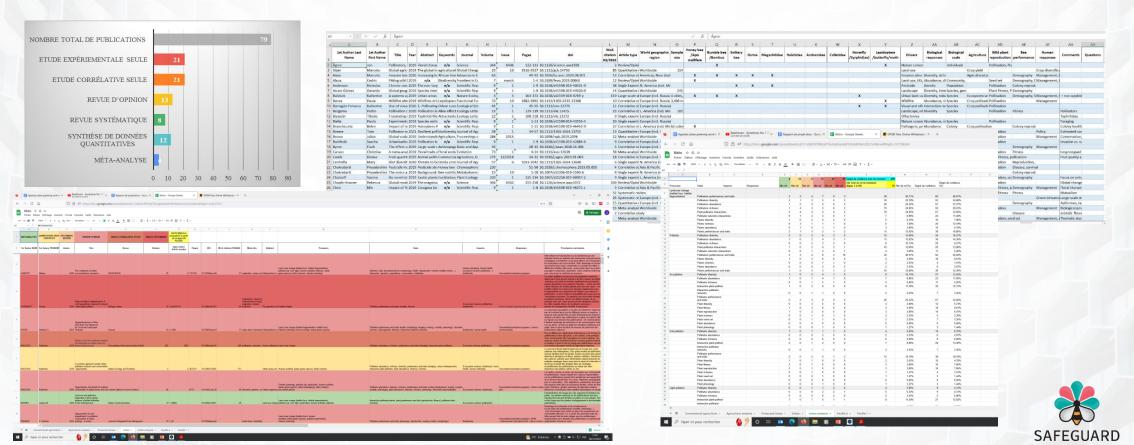




Pressure **AGRICULTURE** State Ecosystem benefits **IMPACT** PRESSURE/direct **Impact** / Good quality of driver Response life STATE/Nature +/-Agricultural Conventional economies Intensive Agri Crop pollinators & pollination Food security Ecosystem Abundant, diverse Services/ ecological communities Balanced, Natures diverse diets contribution to people Pests & Socio-cultural Weeds values **RESPONSE** Crop Production Human well being Ecological (stability & Intensification amount) + Biodiversity Ecological restoration Other agricultural +/services (e.g. biocontrol, soil fertility) Crop diversification (space x time) Ecosystem functioning (e.g. C sequestration, Managed bees soil processes) ILM ?? Amenity value Integrated landscape (habitat) management

Evidence-informed IAF

- Searching the scientific literature
- Creating a data base to support the IAF
- Ranking the type, direction (+/-) and strength of evidence for each DPSIR link



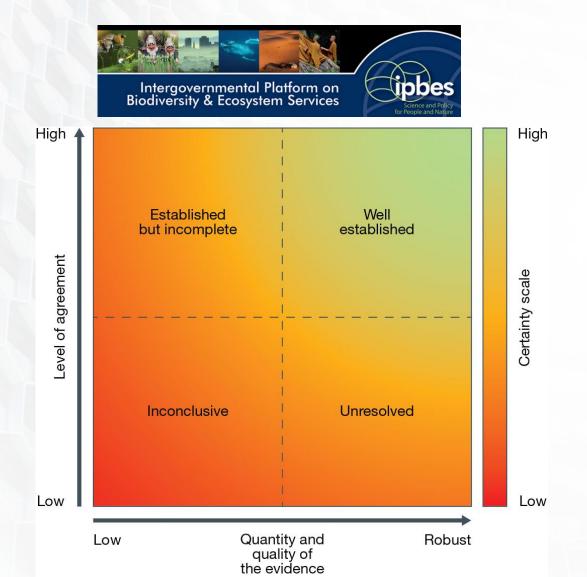
PRESSURE /direct driver

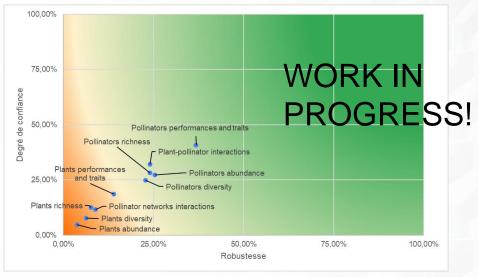
Impact

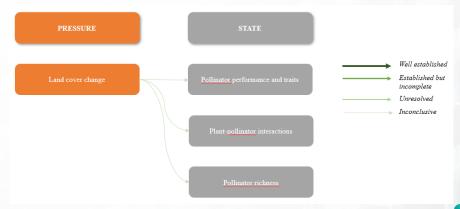
Response

STATE /Nature

Communicating certainty in simple ways









Todays Activity 1115 – 1200:

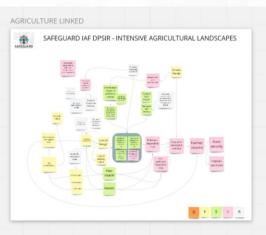
Co-developing a tool to do strategic urban planning for pollinators

45 minutes

3 break out groups

Miro White Boards (post-its and links)

Co-design of the 'Urban' DPSIR Conceptual framework





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Todays Activity 1115 – 1200, specifically:

- 1. Short demo of MIRO by each facilitator & Ethics of engagement : raise hands for questions
- 2. Each participant practices by creating a post-it with their name, affiliation and 1-3 key words describing their job/interest (2 mins max)
- (D)PSIR rapid list key words on post-it for P (pressures) for 5 minutes followed by 5 minutes of the facilitator leading a discussion (clarify, grouping together, and ranking the importance...) of different aspects. Then repeat for Responses (10 min total) = 20 min for (3).
- 4. Discuss and draw as a group the logical links between P-S-I-R (15 min)
- 5. 3 mins plenary wrap up & next steps by Adam.



