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Farm scale ecosystem services Pilgrim, Macleod *et al.* 2010







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Ecosystem Service A

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Service	Description
Agricultural Production	Provisioning ES from MEA: food, water, fuel, fibre etc
Climate Regulation	GHG key in regulating climate. Different land uses affect GHG emission & C sequestration
Air Quality	Agricultural grasslands act as sources & sinks for atmospheric compounds e.g. NH_3 , O_3 , aerosols & dust which affect air quality
Water Quality	Grassland systems this is affected by nutrient loss e.g. N, P, sediment & pathogenic organisms from field to surface water
Hydrological Regulation	Changes in land use affect surface flow rates & water storage potential of the soils, plants etc which can affect flooding.
Erosion Regulation	Soil erosion influenced by soil structure, landscape, vegetation cover, water runoff, wind and rainfall
Nutrient Cycling	The movement of essential nutrients (N, P, K etc) within & between the biotic & abiotic entities in which nutrients occur in the environment
Biodiversity Conservation	Nearly all research is at level of whole organism/assemblage though diversity of genes, populations & sp underlies all grassland ecosystem processes
Landscape Quality	Landscape affected by natural and/or human factors.Importance of landscape quality to people

	Agricultural production	Climate Regulation	Air quality	Water quality	Hydrological regulation	Human health	Erosion regulation	Nutrient cycling	Biodiversity conservation	Landscape quality
Agricultural production		↓ * **	↓ ***	↓ ***	↓ **	↓ **	↓ **	↓ ***	↓ ***	↓ ***
Climate Regulation	↓ **		↑ ***	^***	↑ **	↑*	↑ **	↓ **	↓ * *	↓ * *
Air quality	↓ * *	↓ * *		↑ ***	↑ *	↑ ***	0	↑ **	↑ ***	↑ ***
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Hydrological regulation	↓ **	↓ * *	\leftrightarrow	↑ **		↓ * *	0	↑ ***	↓ * *	↓ * *
Human health	\$ *	↓ **	↓ **	↓ **	↓ * *		0	0	↑ **	↑ **
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Biodiversity conservation	↓ **	↓ **	\leftrightarrow	↑ **	↑ **	↓ * *	↑ **	↑*		↑ ***
Landscape quality	\$	\$ *	↓ *	↑ *	↑ *	↑ **	↑ **	\$ **	↑ ** *	



North Wyke Farm Platform Provisional Farming Systems

Legend





Development of the Farm Platform











Macleod and Ferrier in press

Examples of the broad scale service provision by different temperate grassland types.

*Service provision as judged by the authors. Weak positive = +, medium positive = ++, strong positive = +++, Weak negative = -, medium negative = --, strong negative = ---, no clear service provision = o, +/- = mixed relationships.

Service	Se	mi- natural grasslar			
	Acid grassland*	Neutral Grassland	Calcareous grassland	Intensive Grassland	Flood meadow
Provisioning	(I	111.00	1.0. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.		
 Food Meat Milk 	+ 0	÷ +	++ +	++++	** **
Fibre	+	+	++	+++	+
Regulating					
Water quality	+	*	+	1	++
 Soil infiltration 	+	+	+	+/-	+
 Groundwater recharge 	0	0	÷	++	+++
 Flood attenuation 	+/-	+	+	+	+++
Supporting					
C Sequestration	++	+	+	+	++
GHG emissions	+/-	+/-			4
 Biodiversity 	+/-	+/-	+++	-	+++
Pollination	+/-	+/-	++		++
Cultural					
 Traditional practices 	+/-	+/-	+++	1 34497	+++
Recreation	+	+	++	1	+/-





BBSRC SuperGRaSS

Linking the biology and physics of temperate multifunctional forage grasses and soil hydrological function

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Complementary traits in ryegrass (Lolium) and fescue (Festuca)

Trait	<i>Lolium Multiflorum</i> (Italian ryegrass)	<i>Festuca Arundinacea</i> (Tall Fescue)
Establishment	++++	+++
Spring growth	++++	+++
Summer growth	++++	++++
Digestibility	++++	+++
Winter hardiness	+	++++
Drought resistance	+	++++
Water-use-efficiency	+	++++
Root development	+	++++
Persistency	+	++++

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Plant material



To test the hypothesis that grasses with genes derived from *Festuca*-species have lower surface runoff during periods of water excess than *Lolium* species.











Established June 2006 on Typic Haplaquept (USDA-NRCS, 1975) clayey non-calcareous pelostagnogley (Avery, 1980) of the Hallsworth Series.



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Student-Newman-Keuls test

Latin	Common name	Cultivar name	Runoff as % of
name/origin	(abbreviation)	(representative)	rainfall
Lolium perenne	Perennial rye	Aber Star	66.94
	grass (PRG)		
Festuca	Meadow fescue	BF993	50.48
pratensis			
L. perenne	Hybrid of the	Prior	34.22
xF.pratensis	~two above		

s.e.d. 2.53

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Integrated catchment managing (ICM) requires:

 1) the legislation and policies that aim to achieve ICM, must be combined with existing and future legislation and policies,
 2) the science that is required to support ICM and provide the evidence base also needs to be integrated across natural and social science disciplines,

3) the management of catchments should be based on integrating land management with a wide range of stakeholder requirements, policies and scientific evidence base.

Common set of qualities are required to achieve integration, these include: **curiosity, confidence, credibility, capacity, communication, collaboration and connections**.

MLURI Interdisciplinary workshop v2 Monday 8th November

Participants: Kit Macleod, Simon Langan, Julian Dawson, Bex Holmes, Katrin Prager, Kerry Waylen, Mike Rivington, Jose Munoz-Rojas, Keith Marshall, Andy Vinten, Julia Martin-Ortega

Aims:

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1) To provide an opportunity to share experiences of interdisciplinary research (from the gene to earth system scale).

2) Highlight the challenges, benefits and lessons learnt of interdisciplinary research.

3) To learn as a group how we can be more effective in interdisciplinary research activities.

4) To feed into the ACES workshop on Enhancing environmental sustainability through inter-disciplinary action. ACES Workshop for early career researchers interested in working in interdisciplinary research.





Macleod et al. 2008

Mechanisms to Improve Integrative Research at the Science-Policy Interface for Sustainable Catchment Management

Integrative research, as defined by Winder (2003), covers both interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research projects.

CLOSING-DOWN MECHANISM: DIFFUSE POLLUTION USER MANUAL

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An Inventory of Methods to Control Diffuse Water Pollution from Agriculture (DWPA)

USER MANUAL

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Purpose of the workshop:

Toward greater levels of shared understanding or experience of the science required for integrated and adaptive management

Understanding the situation





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Summary of Gaps -Policy integration / drivers (especially market)/ objectives -Understanding socio-ecological system characteristics, interactions, functioning and responses -Data-information-knowledge-evidence -Cost of change and adaptation: reorganization and loss of skills, increased breadth required for interdisciplinary science -Education / understanding of scientists and stake holders -Role of science re: right questions / research directions (funding)

NERC Environmental Virtual Observatory

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Vision:

- Make environmental data more visible and accessible to a wide range of potential users and free to use for public good applications;

- Provide tools to facilitate the integrated analysis of data, greater access to added knowledge and expert analysis, and visualisation of the results;

- Develop new, added-value knowledge from public and private sector data assets to help tackle environmental challenges.

http://www.environmentalvirtualobservatory.org/

Likens *et al.* 2009



Fig. 1. Diagrammatic representation of the current temporal and spatial scales of research (shaded ellipses), showing the disconnection in the scales at which federal, state and regional policy and management (open ellipses) operate.

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Knight et al. 2008 Knowing but not doing

- 1. Acknowledge the research-implementation gap is real.
- 2. Source research questions from practitioners.
- 3. Situate research within a broader conservation planning operational model.
- 4. Expand the social dimension of conservation assessments.
- Support conservation plans with transdisciplinary social learning institutions.
- 6. Reward academics for societal engagement and implementation.
- 7. Train students in skills for doing conservation.



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Ecosystem services: From eye-opening metaphor to complexity blinder

- 1) The richness of the ecological sciences
- 2) ES and sustainability in a general equilibrium framework
- 3) Become serious about env governance



Thank you



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Robert Cartaino http://blog.stackoverflow. com/2010/09/goodsubjective-bad-subjective/

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