

# Introduction to today's CRCG



# **SEERAD Programme 3: Environment- Land Use and Rural Stewardship**

## **Waters Objective**

**Catchment Research Consultative Group  
Dundee 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

# Catchment Research Consultative Group

## - purpose

- to provide advice and guidance to the research teams to ensure that their *strategic and applied research* is tailored to end-user needs, and that the opportunities for co-operative working, knowledge exchange and dissemination are maximised.



## CRCG- core functions

- raise awareness of the research programme and its outputs with the relevant stakeholders;
- enable dialogue/knowledge exchange and identify tactical opportunities for “synergies”  
e.g. ensuring that field sites are chosen which complement other interests; awareness and integration with other initiatives
- advise on the planning and delivery of the required research outputs;



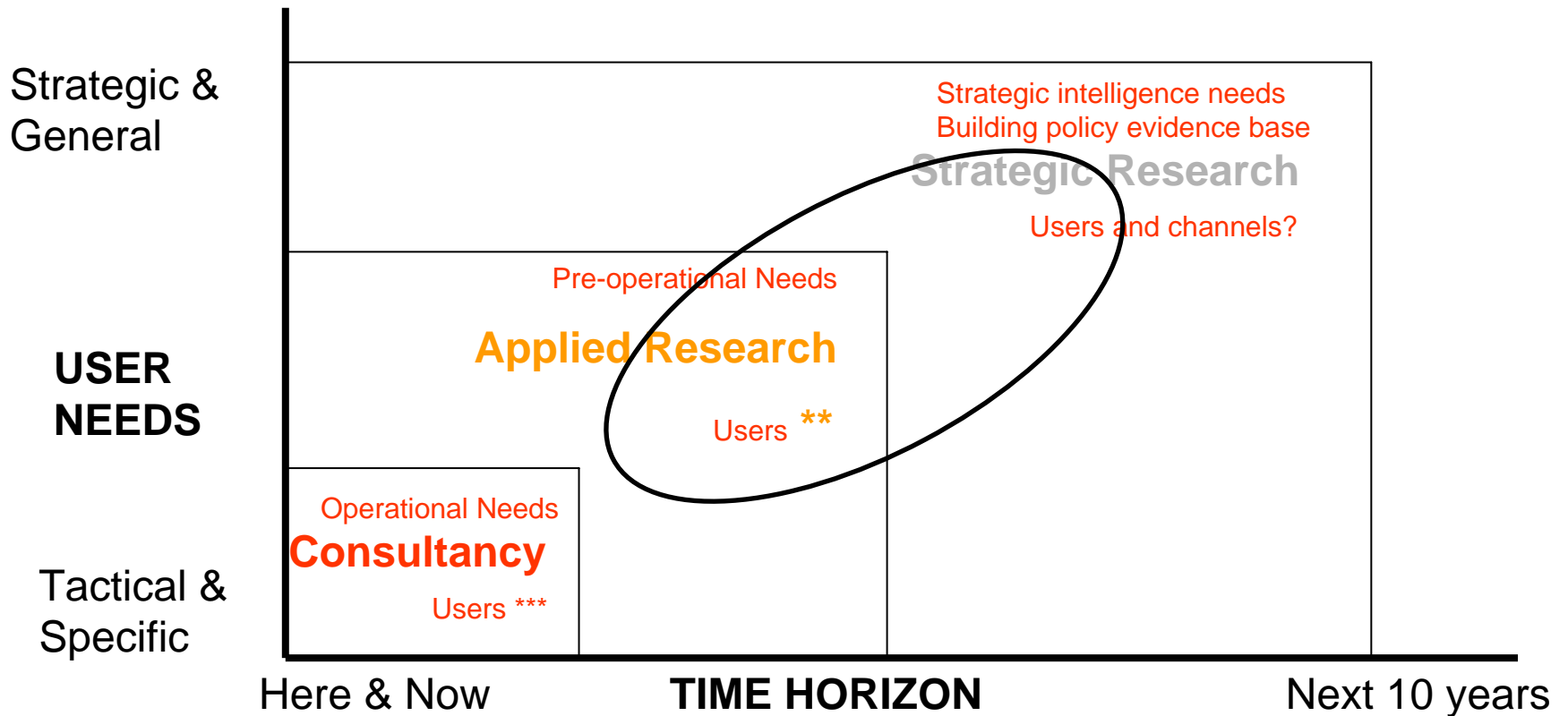
## CRCG - core functions

- provide a forum to discuss end-user needs and facilitate technology transfer and wider stakeholder engagement and dissemination;
- provide information on the effectiveness of the communications from/to the research teams and evidence of where and how this has influenced stakeholder behaviour (e.g. in policy development terms; management practice).



# CRCG : Context

*“Challenge is to develop and maintain effective communication  
between users and research communities”*



# **CRCG - today's objectives**

- **“Water under pressure” – a film about the waters research at the Macaulay Institute**
- **Introduction to the RERAD programme on Environment, land use and rural stewardship**
- **Introduction and progress presentations on activities within the Waters Objective**
  - Methodologies to assess water quality
  - Management to enhance water quality
  - Questions arising from the presentations relating to the current and future research?
  - What issues do stakeholders think are coming over the horizon?
- **Afternoon discussion forum on Climate Change**
  - What are the key challenges both now and into the future ?
  - How can we add value through collaborative approaches ?
  - How can we ensure greater knowledge exchange between our communities ?
  - Issues, timelines and priorities

