

Developing a Landscape Scale Natural Capital Tool for Scotland

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Taking a natural capital approach

To take a natural capital approach, you first **need the tools to quantify the ecosystem services**

We conducted a review of existing natural capital tools and found that there were **no existing tools could meet our requirements** to support a **natural capital approach** at landscape scale in Scotland

This is why we are **creating a new tool with the following criteria:**



Open access
and **free** to use

No pay wall or
subscriptions
required.



GIS based so
you can see
spatial priorities
clearly on a
map.



Useable at the
landscape scale:

- Take a **holistic and integrated** approach to managing land.
- **Nature finance** opportunities. Many investors want projects worth £500 million +



Based on a
transparent and
scientifically
robust
methodology.



Simple and easy
to use. No
technical skills
required to
operate it.



Developed using a
co-design process
so that it meets
the needs of the
end user.

The Co-Design Process

Co-design is the act of **creating with stakeholders** specifically within the design development process to ensure the results **meet their needs and are usable.**



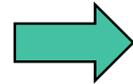
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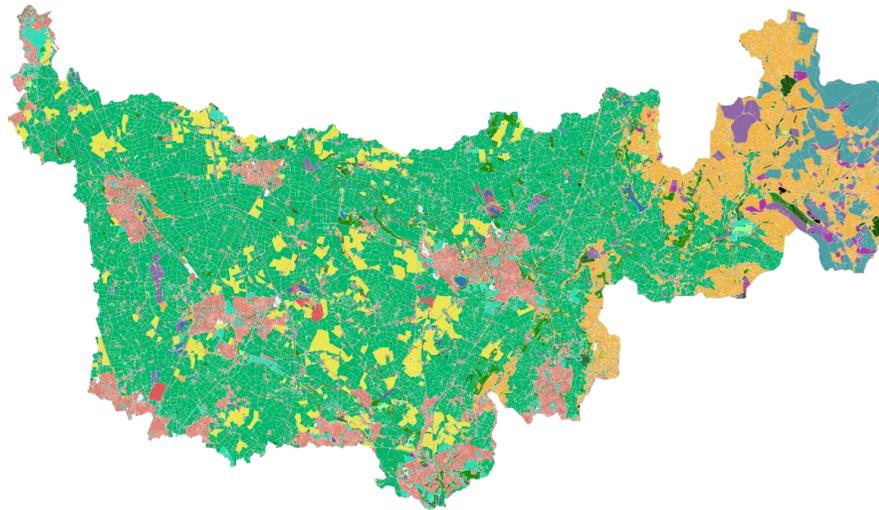
Geospatial data layers :

- OS MasterMap
- OS Greenspace
- Natural England Priority Habitat Inventory
- CORINE land cover
- Crop Map of England
- National Forest Inventory
- Terrain data (DTM)
- Public Rights of Way
- CRoW Open Access land
- Designated sites



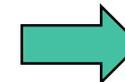
Environmental baseline

shows natural capital assets



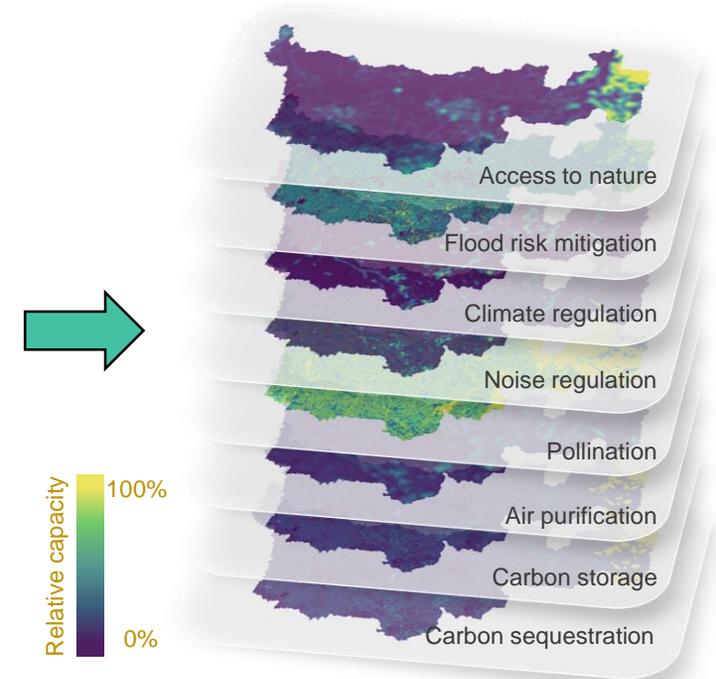
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Ecosystem service 'capacity' layers

shows where there is provision of ecosystem services



Ecosystem service 'demand' layers

shows where there is need for more ecosystem services

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Creating a user friendly front end that doesn't require technical expertise to operate



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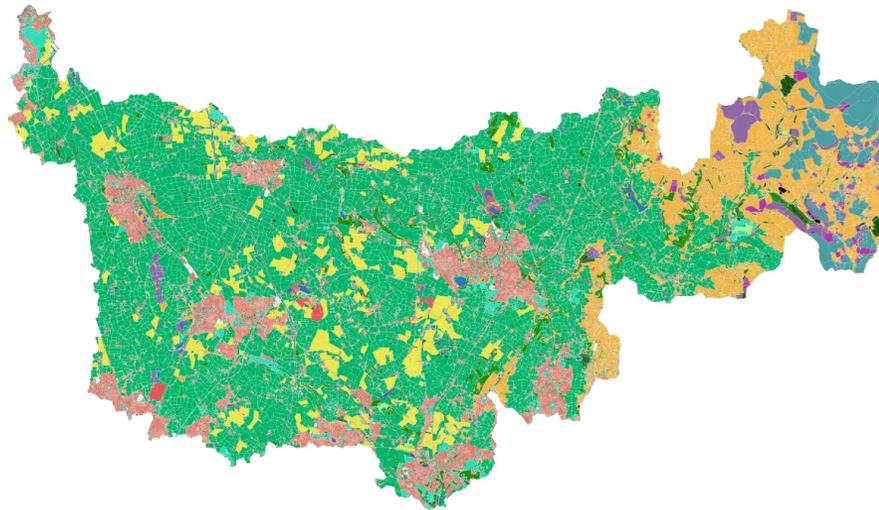
'Scotifying' the datasets so that they work in Scotland



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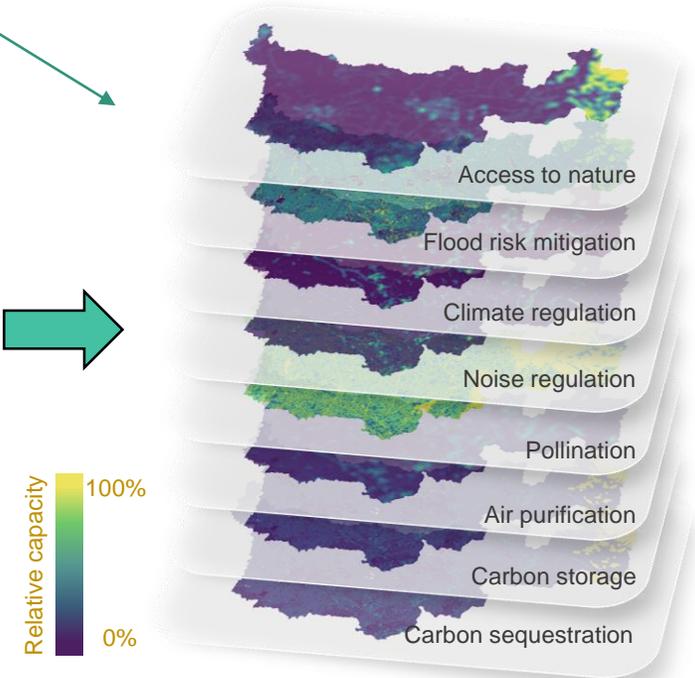
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Optimising the models to work in Scotland and meet the needs of the co-design group

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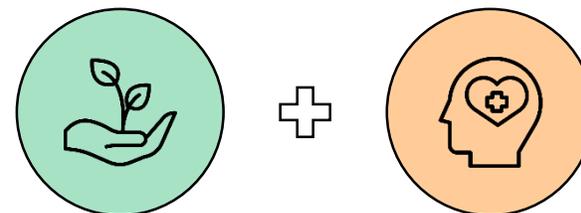
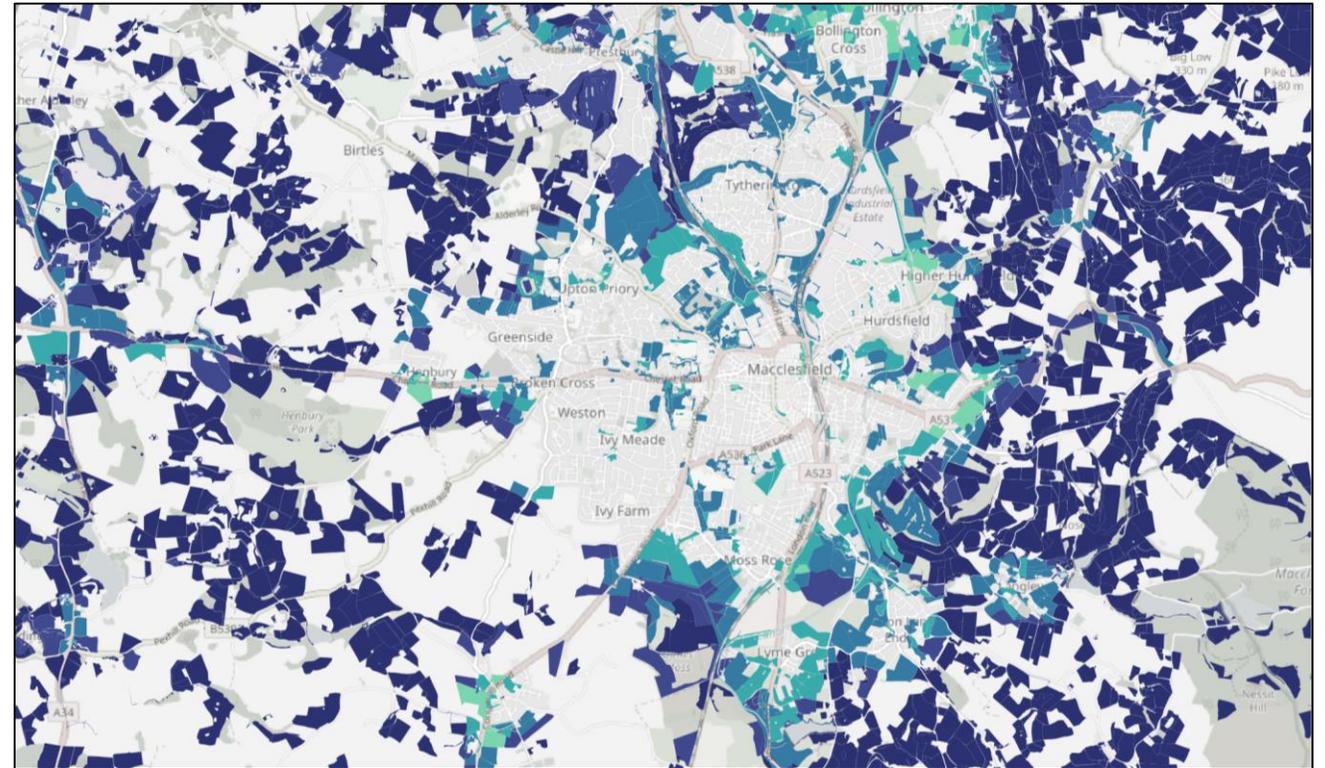
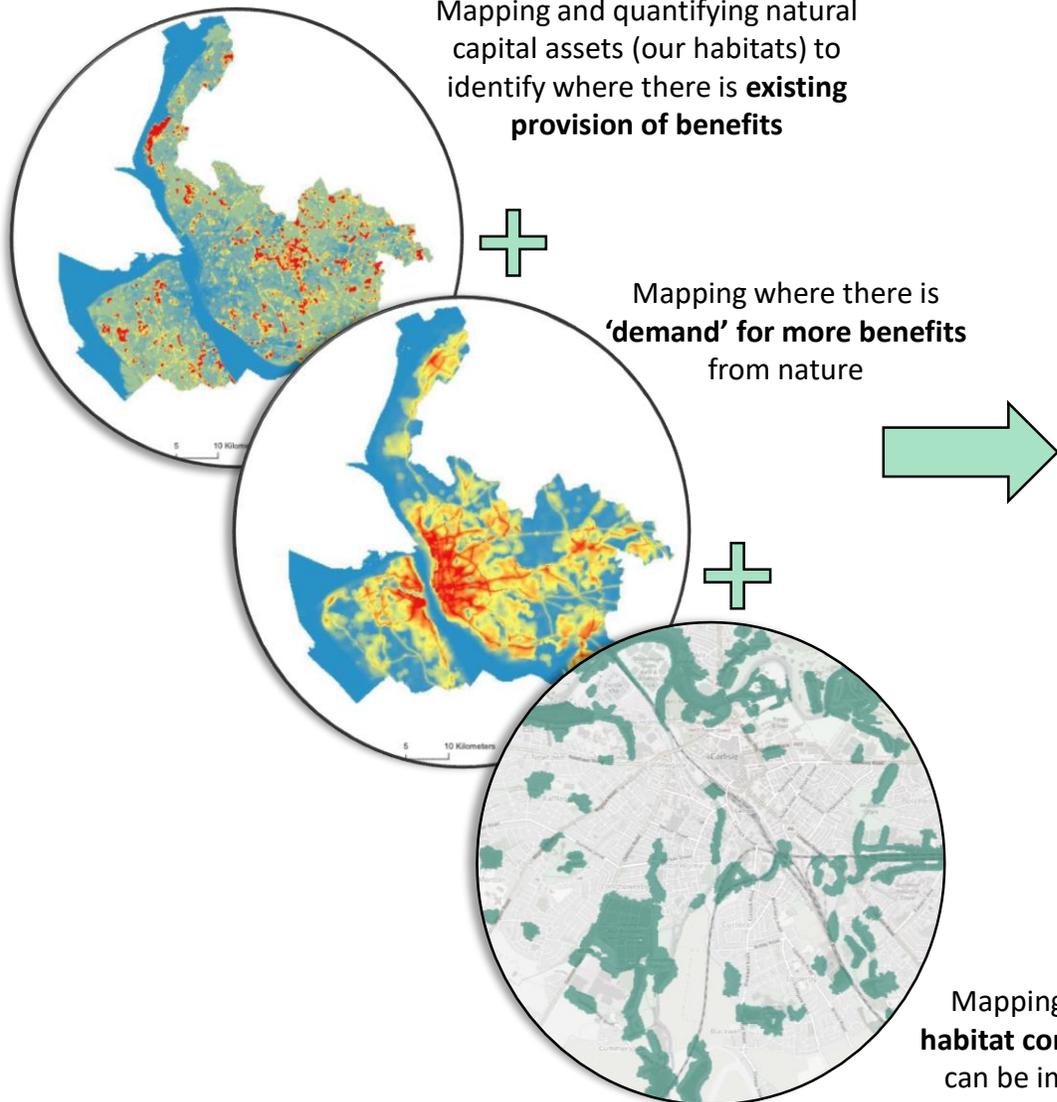
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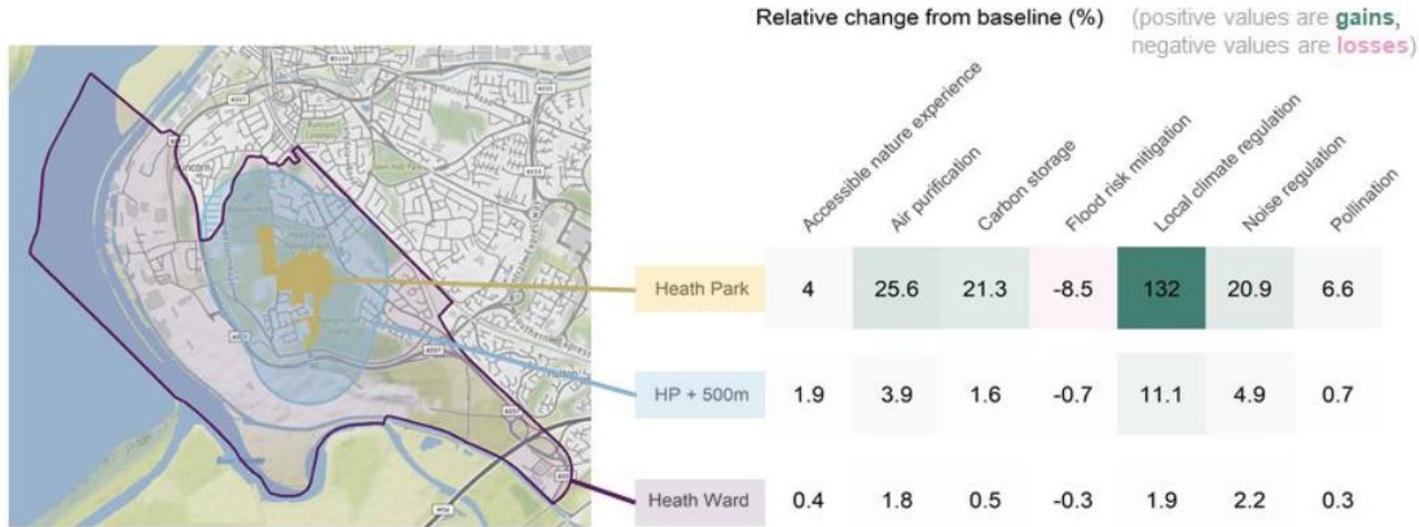
Mapping opportunities in the landscape

Combining this information to **identify opportunities** which have multiple benefits for both people and nature



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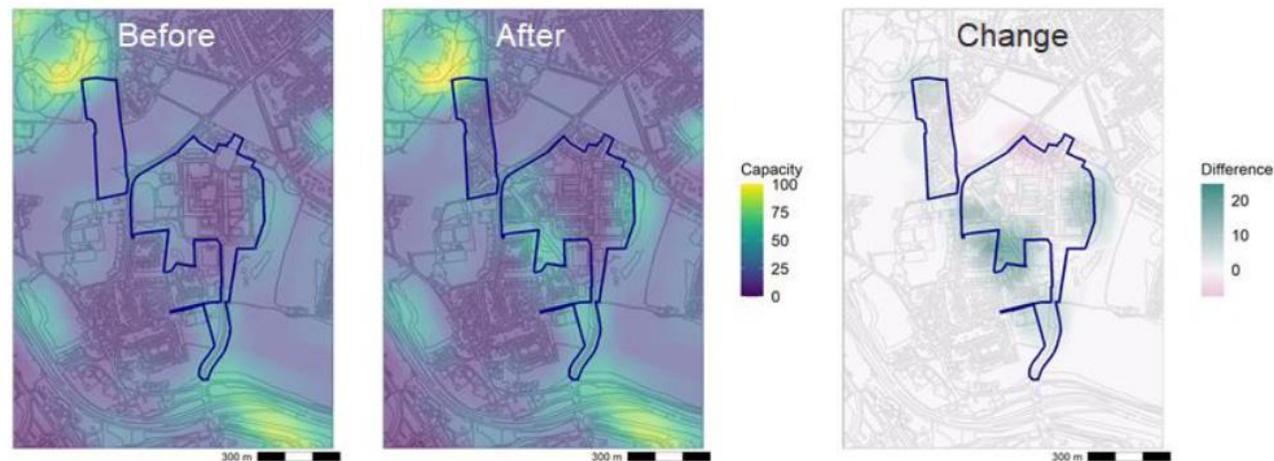
Running **scenario analysis and uplift calculations** to look at the potential gains and losses of ecosystem services



Plus much more potential for other types of functionality:

- Adding **biophysical and economic value** to certain ecosystem services
- Automated **reporting** functions

Air purification



How can this tool support decision making?

Based on the feedback we have gained from our **four co-design workshops** and the **prototype piloting with seven landscape scale partnerships**, the tool can support decision making in a variety of ways



Provide the **data and evidence** to:

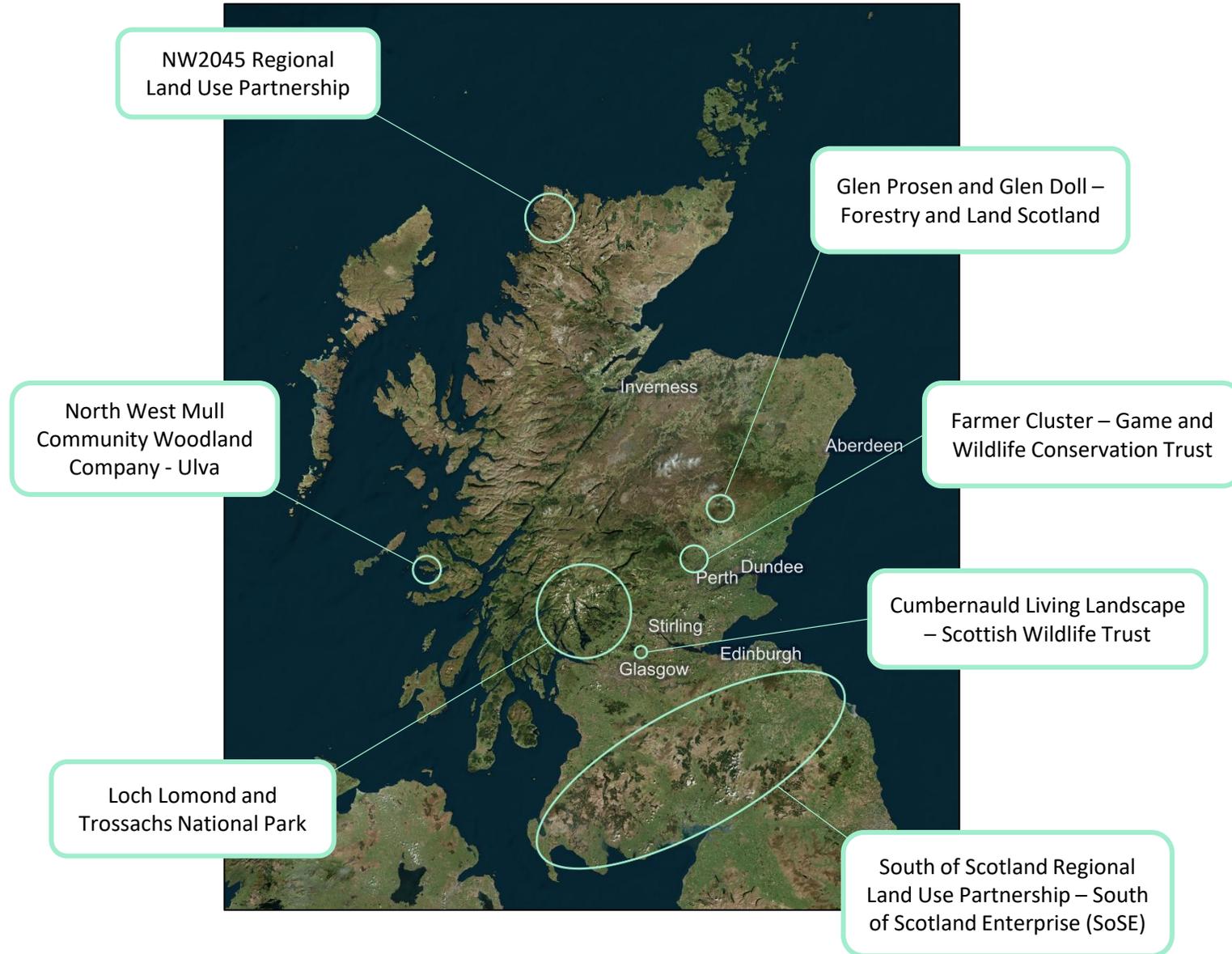
- Support internal decision making to **prioritise actions and resources**
- Apply for **funding** opportunities



Support **collaboration** with neighbouring landowners across the landscape



Facilitate community and other local stakeholder engagement



Thank you for listening

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