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Land and Environment

A Land Use Framework for Devon

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DLUF objective

Objective - To establish an integrating, collaborative and place-based approach to land use decision making, to mediate complex requirements from land and to generate multiple benefits for nature, communities and a fair and sustainable future

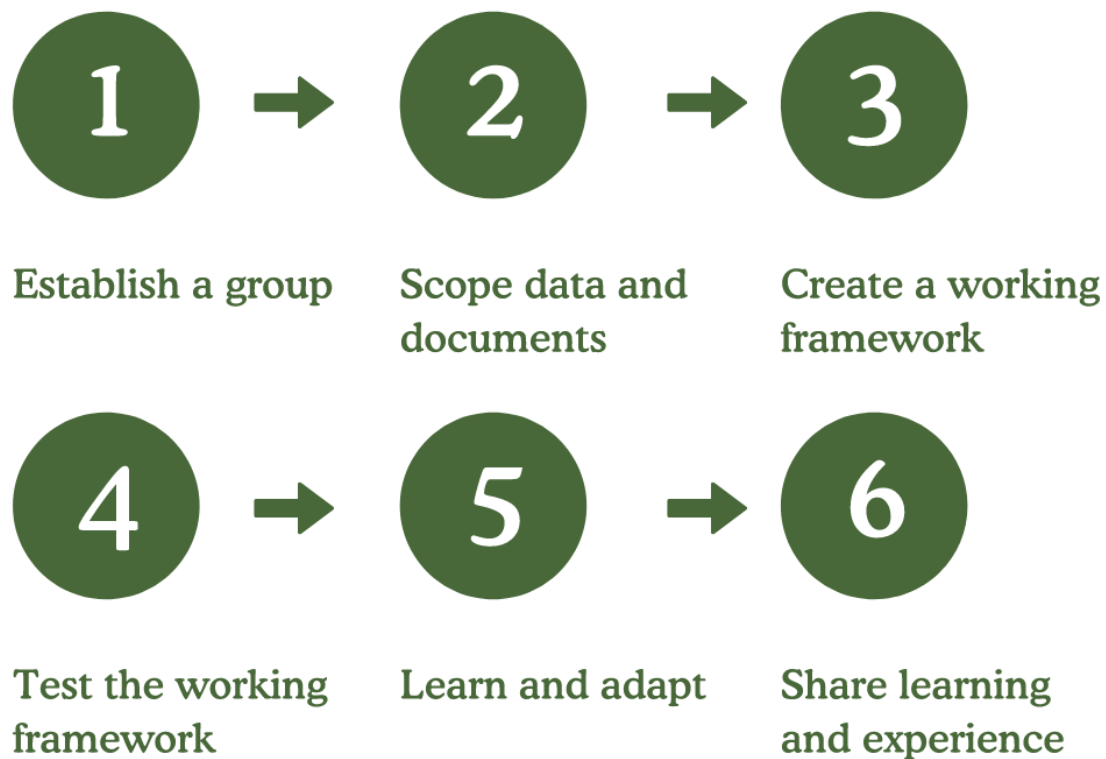
The framework consists of a set of principles and processes/practices, agreed collaboratively, that inform and guide decision making.

It is not a new layer of strategic planning, nor is it a new overarching map (although it may incorporate maps and spatial data).



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The pilots' approach



Tangible outputs

- A set of principles
- A summary of the benefits generated
- A spatial model/map
- A written plan charting the process
- A decision tree
- A report on learning and recommendations
- Platform for data, maps and evidence



Stakeholder identification

1. Existing contacts
2. Suggestions from the leadership group
3. Identification of different categories
4. Open 'call to action' letter

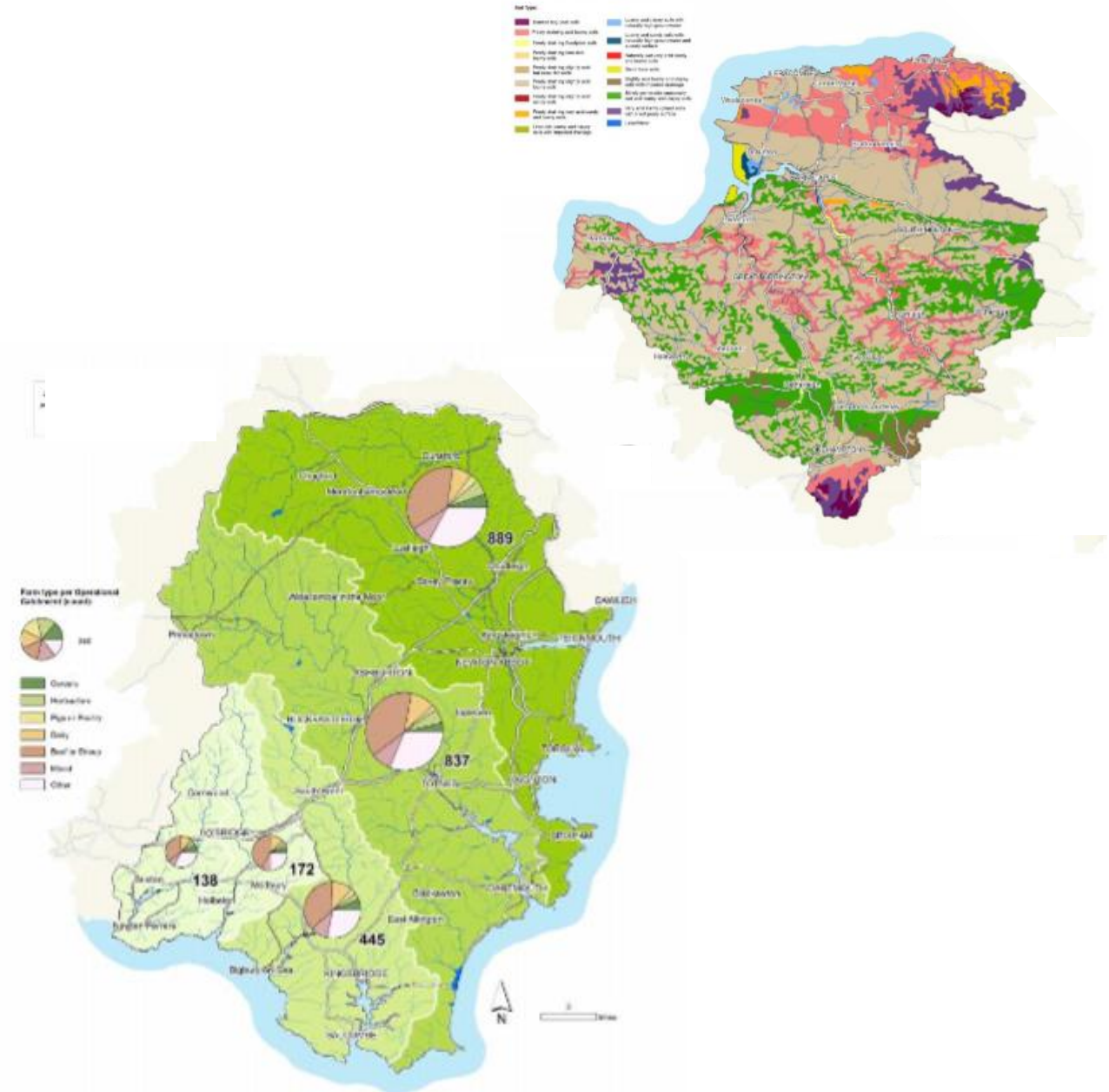


Figure 1 Land Use Framework Principles



Data & Evidence Strand

- DLUF - role of data and evidence
 - Key part of land use decision making.
 - Understand existing data and tools – their value and also challenges and gaps.
 - Understand any analysis or compilation of data that has been carried out, for example to produce strategies, reviews, etc.
- National Land Data Programme (NLDP)
 - Geospatial Commission project running until Jun 2023



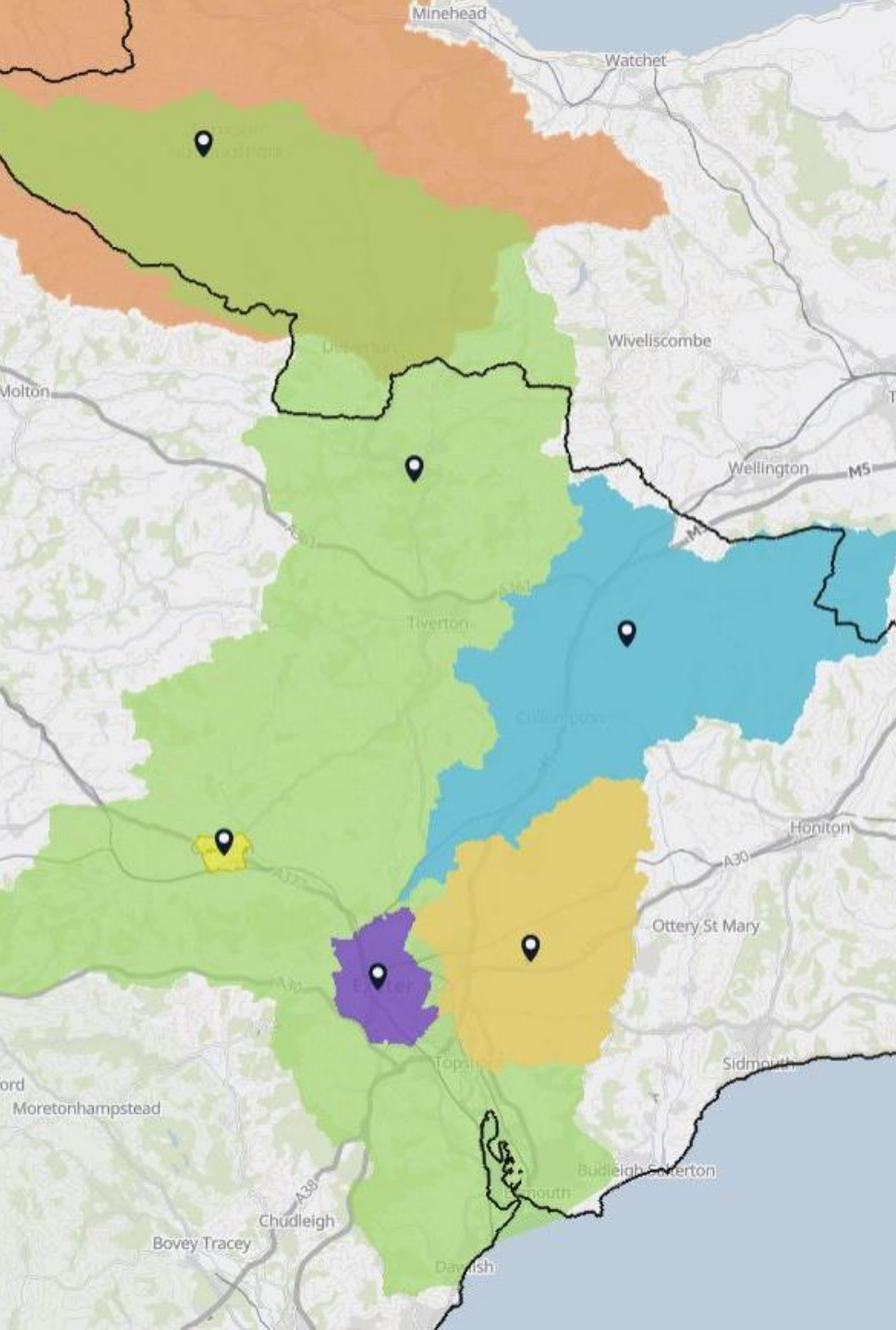
Data & Evidence Update

Who?

Organisation	Role/s	Date
Devon Wildlife Trust	Conservation Manager	28/02/22
Environment Agency	Flood & Coastal Risk Manager Senior Advisor	03/03/22
East Devon District Council	Green Infrastructure Project Manager	07/03/22
Blackdown Hills AONB	Manager	09/03/22
Devon Biological Records Centre	Manager	04/05/22
Clinton Devon Estates	Head of Wildlife & Conservation; Farm Manager; Head of Forestry and Environment	09/05/22
Exmoor National Park	CEO; Head of Conservation	13/05/22
South West Water	Natural Resources Team Manager	07/06/22
Plymouth & South West Devon Joint Local Planning Team	Strategic Planning Manager; Strategic Planning Specialist	24/06/22
Forestry Commission	Environmental Land Management Officer; Woodland Resilience Officer	11/07/22
National Trust	Assistant Director (South West)	08/08/22
Dartmoor National Park	Head of Forward Planning & Economy; Assistant Policy Officer	17/08/22
Independent	Farmer	01/09/22
Westcountry Rivers Trust	Evidence & Engagement Officer	

Data & Evidence Update

- Key challenges faced
 - Overwhelmed by large range of data and tools available. Unsure which is most appropriate.
 - Numerous data sources / platforms, which can be **confusing**.
 - Differing **license conditions** can make their usage complicated.
 - Open data (often national) is usually **not as accurate** or high resolution as restricted data (often local).
 - **Restricted funds** often mean that purchasing commercial data is not viable.
 - Data is often collected using **different methods** and therefore not always comparable.
 - Sometimes the only available data is **poor quality or out-of-date**, or **no data exists** at all to sufficiently understand an aspect of the land (e.g. detailed soil data, climate predictions, public usage).
 - **Time/resource** to analyse data is lacking.
 - Data may be misunderstood and **used incorrectly**.



Trial sites

- Wider River Exe Catchment
- Culm catchment and Connecting the Culm
- Clyst Canopy Project / Wider Clyst Valley Regional Park
- Exmoor (within Exe catchment)
- Crediton
- Exeter Food Hub
- Individual Farm (TBC)



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Next steps

- **New project manager – progressing meetings with key stakeholders in each area**
- **Identifying key dates, events and decisions**
- **Community engagement**
- **Further data and evidence interviews**