

Making Sense of Valuation

a non-economist's guide to valuation (and why it's important)

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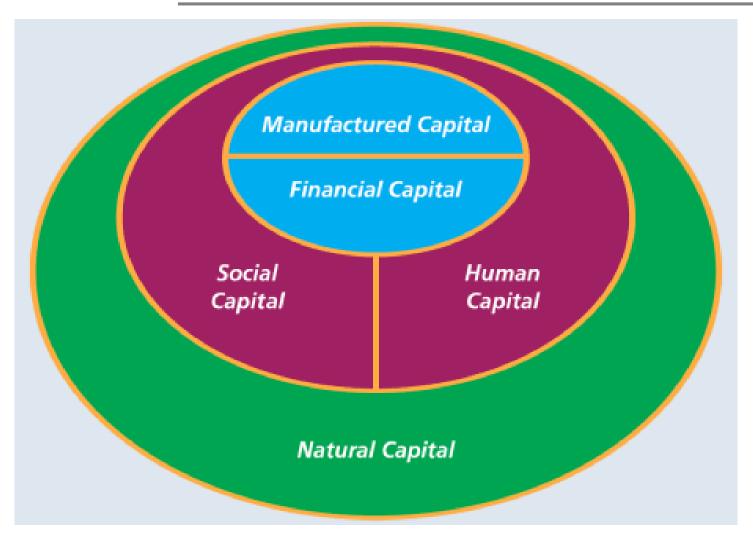
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- What's the problem?
- How can economic valuation help us?
- Key concepts and frameworks
- Progress with the application of frameworks
- Future directions



The problem – externalities



Forum for the Future – Five Capitals Model

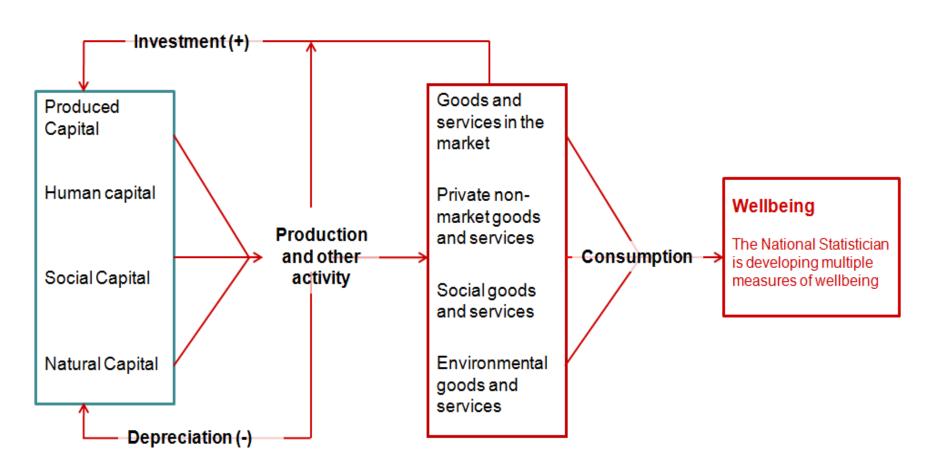


How can economic valuation help us?

- Understanding the types of environmental and social impacts that may be relevant
- Understanding the scale of these values
- Providing better/more information that can support decision-making



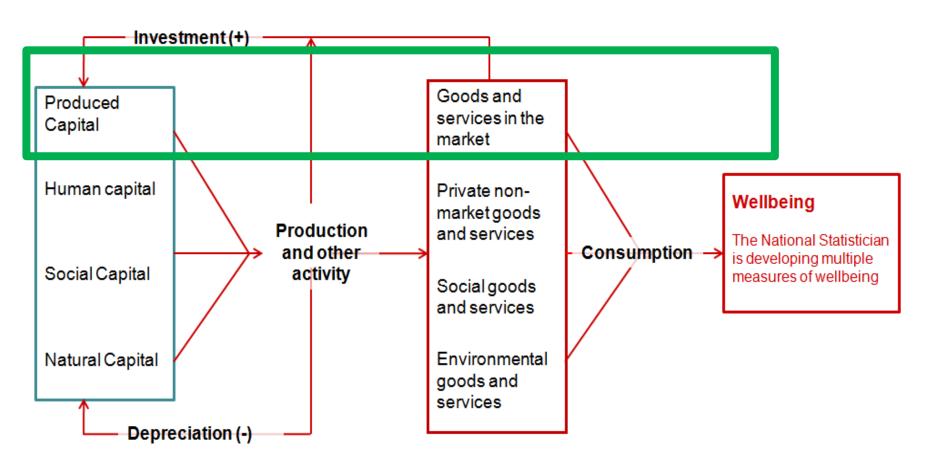
Harper & Price 'Capitals' approach



Stocks Flows



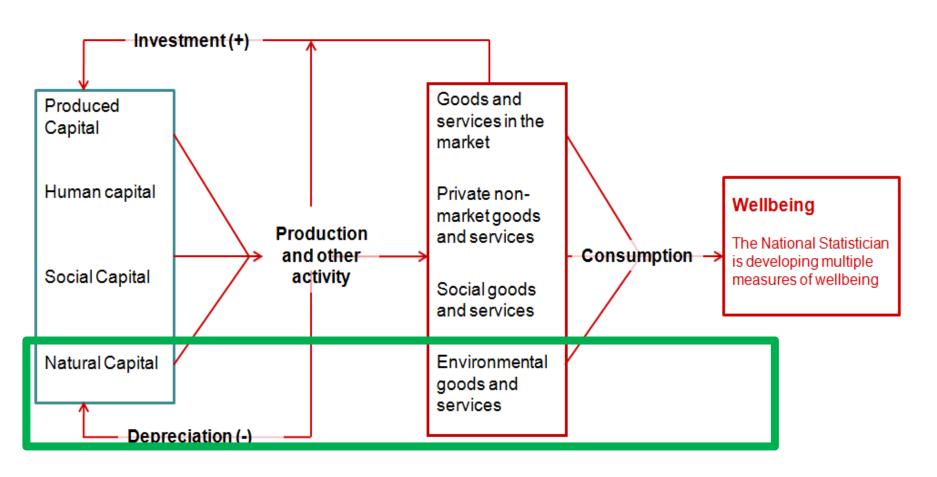




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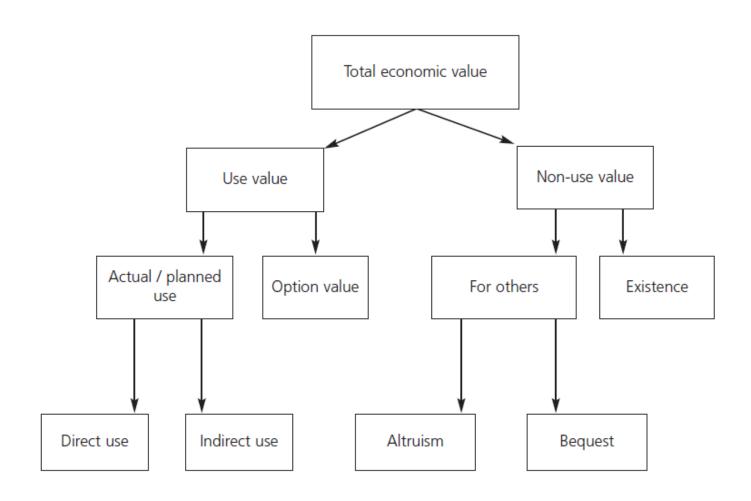
Natural Capital Accounting



Stocks Flows



Environmental Valuation - Total Economic Value



From: Defra 2007



Marine Ecosystem Services Framework

Marine Ecosystem

Components, e.g.

- Habitats and species
- Sea space
- Sea water
- Substratum

Processes, e.g.

- Production
- Decomposition
- Food web dynamics
- Ecological interactions (inter- and intraspecific)
- Hydrological processes
- Geological processes
- Evolutionary processes

Intermediate Services

- Primary production
- Larval and gamete supply
- Nutrient cycling
- Water cycling
- Formation of:
 - o species habitat
 - o physical barriers
 - o seascape
- Biological control
- Natural hazard regulation
- Waste breakdown and detoxification
- Carbon sequestration

Final Ecosystem Services

- Fish and shellfish
- Algae and seaweed
- Ornamental materials
- Genetic resources
- Water supply
- Climate regulation
- Natural hazard protection
- Clean water and sediments
- Places and seascapes

Goods/Benefits

- Food (wild, farmed)
- Fish feed (wild, farmed, bait)
- Fertiliser and biofuels
- Ornaments and aquaria
- Medicines and biotechnology
- Healthy climate
- Prevention of coastal erosion
- Sea defence
- Waste burial / removal / neutralisation
- Tourism and nature watching
- Spiritual and cultural well-being
- Aesthetic benefits
- Education, research
- Human health

Supporting

Provisioning

Regulating

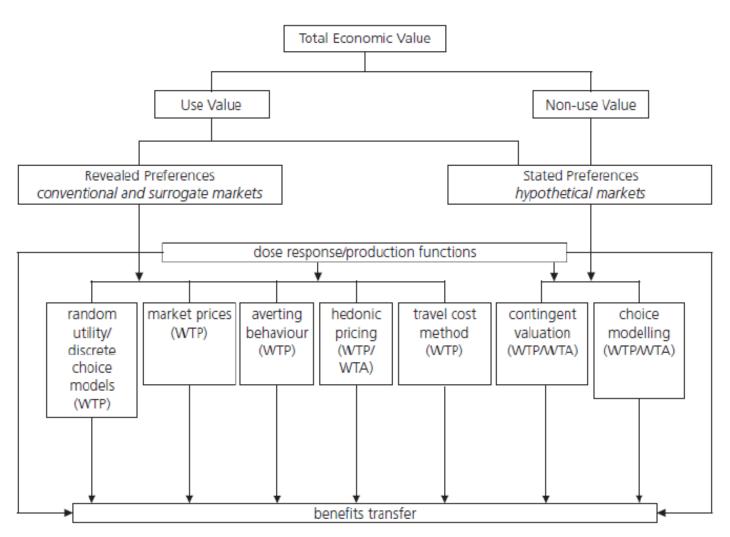
Cultural

From: Turner et al 2014

Complementary Capital



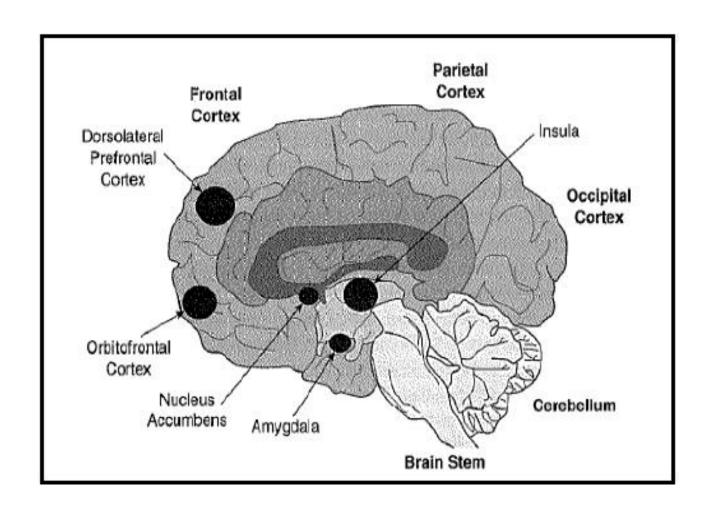
Valuation Methods



From: Defra 2007



Brain Regions and Decision-making



From: Hastie & Dawes 2010



HM Treasury's 'Green Book'

 Guidelines on the economic principles that should be applied to the (ex-ante) appraisal and (post) evaluation of (public) projects and policies

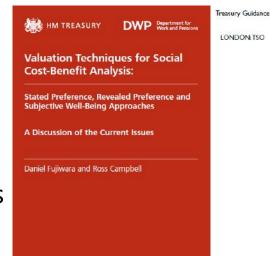


THE GREEN BOOK

Appraisal and Evaluation in Central Government

Elements:

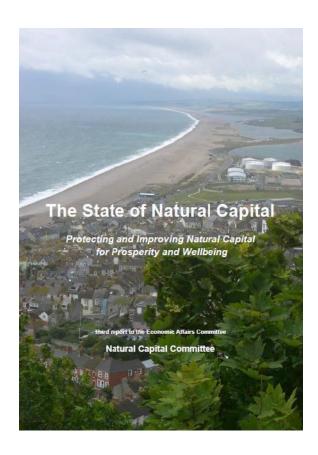
- Cost benefit analysis as main appraisal tool
- Assess unvalued impacts using multicriteria analysis
- Guidance on valuation techniques for social cost-benefit analysis (Fujiwara & Campbell, 2011) and valuing ecosystems (HM Treasury/Defra (2012)
- Guidance on assessing additionality
- Guidance on distributional analysis fairness, social impacts, scale







- Established in 2012 commitment from 2011 Natural Environment White Paper
- Independent advisory body reporting to Economic Affairs Committee. Now in 2nd term
- Published 3 State of Natural Capital Reports
- 3rd report recommended 25 year plan to enhance natural capital – some of recommendations now being taken forward by Defra



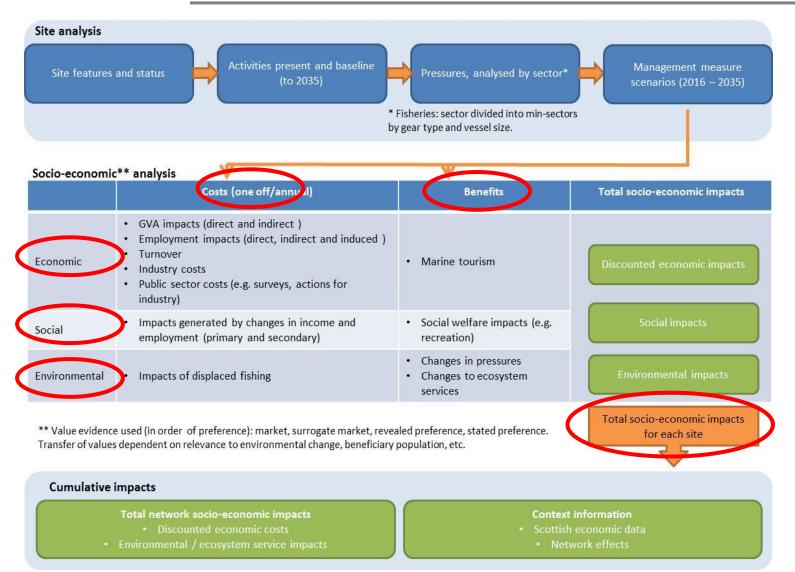


Current Application of Frameworks

- Example of impact assessment (Green Book methods) MCZ/MPAs
- State of the environment reporting UK NEA, MSFD
- Natural capital accounts
- Corporate accounting
- Multiple Benefits PES, Green investments
- Application to projects



Scottish MPAs Impact Assessment





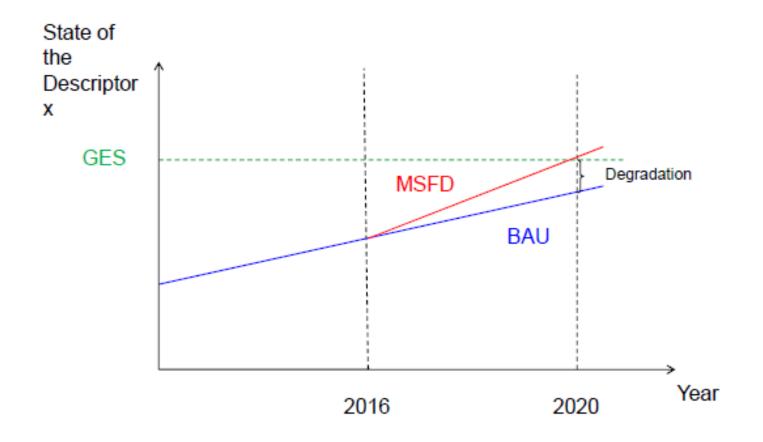
National Ecosystem Assessment

- Collating information on UK ecosystem values
- Developing assessment frameworks
- Exploring application of ecosystem services concepts to decision-making





MSFD Initial Assessment – Degradation Cost



HM Government, 2012



UK Natural Capital Accounts

- ONS and Defra programme to develop aggregate estimates of UK natural capital
- Building on UN endorsed Experimental Ecosystem Accounting guidelines (2013)
- Seeking to incorporate natural capital within UK Environmental Accounts by 2020
- 2020 roadmap
- Initial scoping for marine accounts (2015) and coastal margins (2016)
 - stocks and flows





Natural capital accounting 2020 roadmap

Interim review and forward look

March 2015



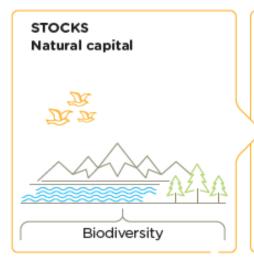


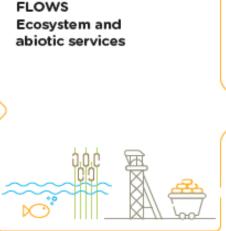


Corporate Accounting

- Natural Capital Coalition Natural Capital Protocol
- Framework to measure, value and integrate natural capital into existing business processes
- Helps business to understand their impacts on natural capital and to better manage risks















Payments for Ecosystem Services

Estuary

- Voluntary schemes involving payments to managers of land or other natural resources in exchange for the provision of specified ecosystem services Environment Bank
- Terrestrial examples:
 - Agri-environment schemes
 - Raw water improvement schemes
- Defra 16 PES pilots RSPB Poole Harbour reducing N inputs
- Deben Saltmarsh pilot community funding approach
- Natural solutions delivering cost-effective outcomes



Department Food & Rural Affairs

Defra's Payments for **Ecosystem Services Pilot** Projects 2012-15

Review of key findings







- Ecosystem services increasingly used to demonstrate multiple benefits:
 - Natural Capital Committee green investments
 - Managed realignment
 - Beneficial use of dredgings (sand engines, saltmarsh recharge, mud islands)
- But:
 - Beneficiaries willingness to pay?
 - Voluntary arrangements



Using Valuation to Appraise Projects

- Public development projects
 - FCERM appraisal
 - Transport projects (NATA)
- Water industry many examples of PES
- Private development rarely applied
- Marine environmental decision-making dominated by EIA and Habitats Directives
- Proposal to include ecosystem services assessment within revised EIA Directive - rejected
- Marine Scotland economic and social assessment of offshore renewables
- The sea is a public resource opportunity to ensure marine development contributes to sustainable development



Marine Ecosystem Services Research

- VALMER
- TIDE
- Ecosystem Knowledge Network
- Valuing Nature Network
- Defra Pioneer Projects
- JNCC marine ecosystem ES



A FRAMEWORK FOR THE OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF MARINE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

VALMER WP4 GUIDELINES DOCUMENT

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- Defra 25 year environmental plan
- Natural Capital Accounting
- Natural Capital Protocol
- Work to address challenges of marine valuation
- Impact of Brexit



- Economic valuation can provide information to support better decision-making
- Challenging to apply in marine environment limited data, legal/policy framework, stakeholder acceptance
- Likely to see increasing use of economic valuation evidence to inform future policy direction (Defra 25 year plan)
- Increasing use of natural capital accounting by government and business
- Brexit provides opportunity to advance policy and improve decision-making in pursuit of sustainable development



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