

# Lessons from Abroad: Climate Adaptation in the United Kingdom

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# Britain's Climate Change Act (2008)



Established:

- National risk assessment by 2012
- Government adaptation program to address risks
- Independent adaptation review committee
- Reporting power public and regulated entities



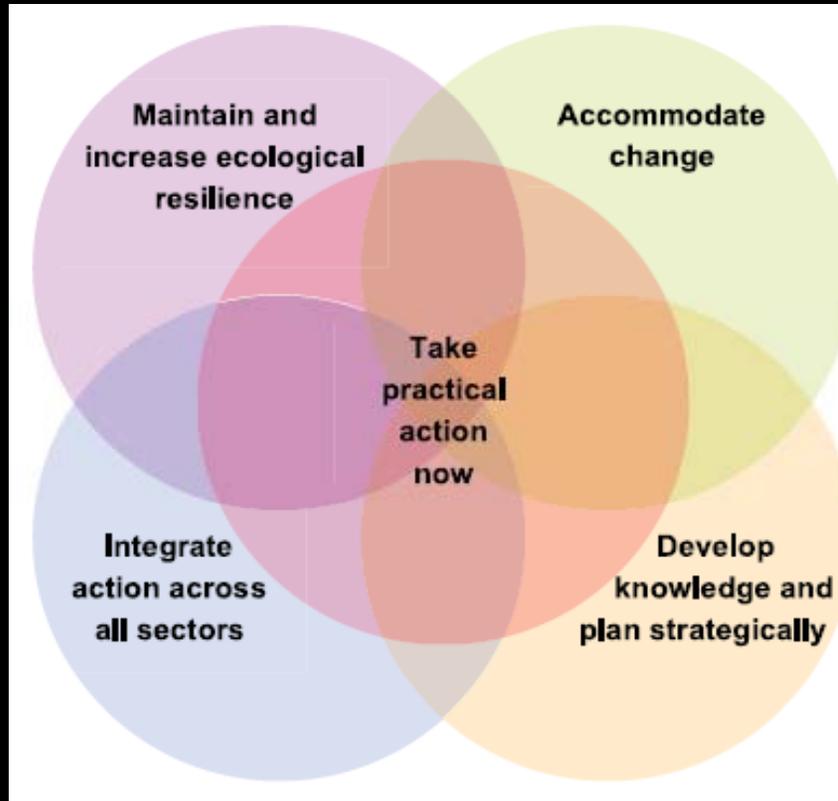
# UK Adaptation Framework (2008)



- Provide the evidence (science)
- Raise awareness and capacity
- Ensuring and measuring progress
- Embedding and mainstreaming



# England Biodiversity Conservation Strategy: Adaptation Principles



- Take practical action now
- Increase resilience
- Accommodate change
- Integrate action
- Develop knowledge

# How well prepared is the UK?



## Prioritize decisions:

- assets or institutions that are sensitive to current climate risks
- decisions that have long lasting consequences including:
  - long asset life (e.g. buildings)
  - irreversible impacts (e.g. loss of biodiversity)
  - system consequences (e.g. land use planning)

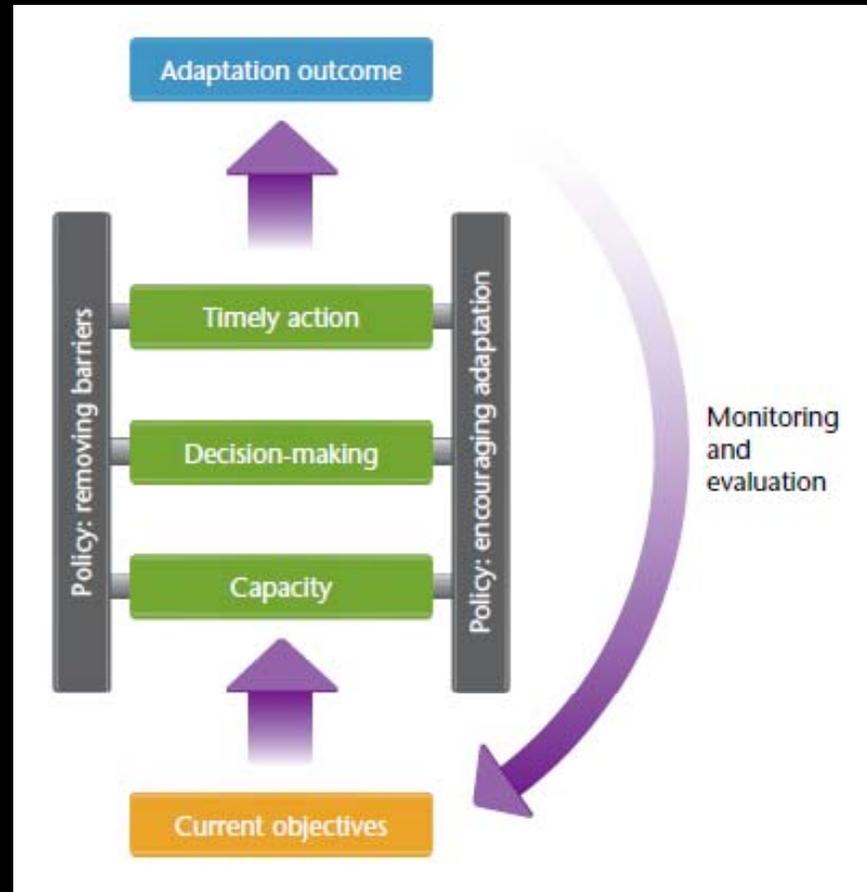


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How well prepared is the UK for climate change?



Adaptation Sub-Committee  
September 2010



# National Climate Action Plans

