

Coastal, Marine and Estuarine Habitats:

Primary aim – protect the natural environment, habitats, populations:

seagrass beds

saltmarsh

mudflats

estuaries

subtidal mud bed

biogenic reefs

sandy beach

reed beds

lagoons

sandflats

sand dunes

subtidal sandbanks

freshwater run-off

tidal fresh water areas

... and the people!

Human needs for/uses and abuses of estuaries:

fisheries (potting, trawling, etc.)

telecommunications cables

urban areas, infrastructure

alternative energy generation (wind, tidal, wave)

conventional energy generation (nuclear, coal, oil, gas)

land claim

coastal defence

navigation/shipping

safety (lifeboats/coastguards)

ports/harbours

dredging/spoil disposal

aggregate extraction

industry (petrochemical, food, etc.)

oil and gas exploration/extraction

barrages (amenity, safety)

wildlife, conservation

military uses

recreation/tourism

water abstraction

aquaculture

agriculture

waste discharge

education, research

Manage:

- to protect critical processes
- to protect critical areas and species
- for the production of ecological and economic goods and services

And?

- to prevent prosecution and
- to look after shareholders

Therefore:

Manage for both **ecology** and **economy** (reason)

Using both **technology** and **administrative** bodies (tools)

Within both **laws** and **governance** (drivers)

For both **society** and **politics** (drivers)

Hence we need:

Drivers for management

Tools for management

Endpoints/Outcomes of management

Hence to get sustainable and successful management we need to harmonise within and between:

- sectors
- stakeholders
- regulators
- mediums
- estuaries
- regions
- countries
- outcomes
- implementation

Things to be managed (and by whom):

- Habitats (nature conservation agencies)
- Environmental quality (EPA-type organisations)
- Water space usage (port authorities)
- Navigation (port authorities)
- Infrastructure (municipalities/federal state)
- Energy extraction (private companies)
- Biological extractions (fisheries bodies)
- Estuarine water extraction (private energy companies)
- Upstream water abstraction (water supply companies)
- Land space usage (municipalities/federal state)
- Erosion and flooding control (EPA, municipalities etc)
- Industry (EPA and private companies)
- Recreation and tourism (agencies)

- Estuary (as a whole)
- Intertidal mudflats
- Subtidal sandbanks
- Saltmarsh
- Brackish lagoons
- Grey dunes

Interest Features - EMS



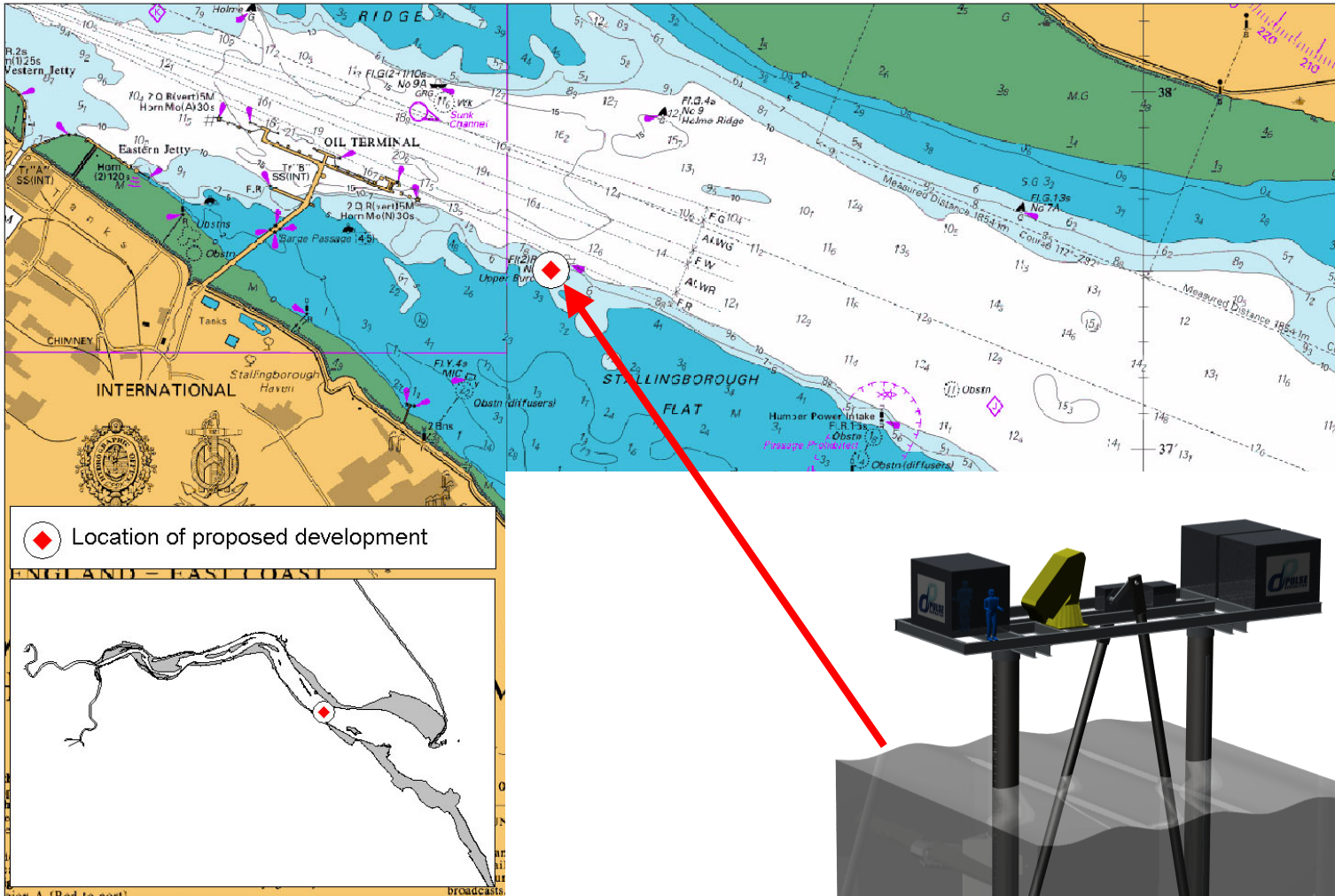
Interest Features - Species

- Lamprey
- Shad (Allis & Twaite)
- Migratory fishes (salmonids, eels)
- Marsh Harrier
- Bittern
- Breeding birds
- Grey seals





Immingham (plus Hull, Goole, Grimsby) –
Largest Ports Complex in UK



Design Plan of the Pulse Stream 100 Device (prototype) at high water

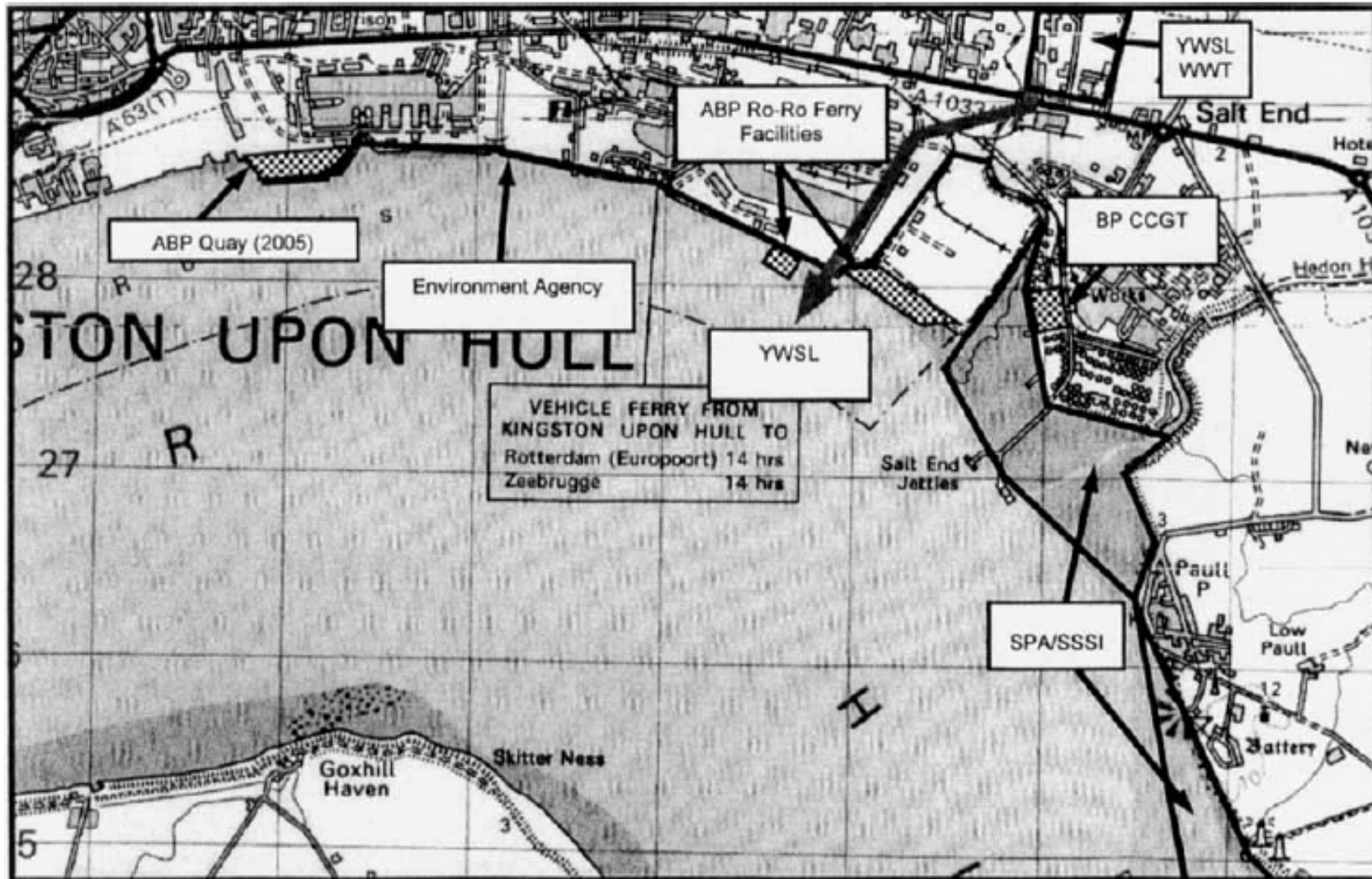


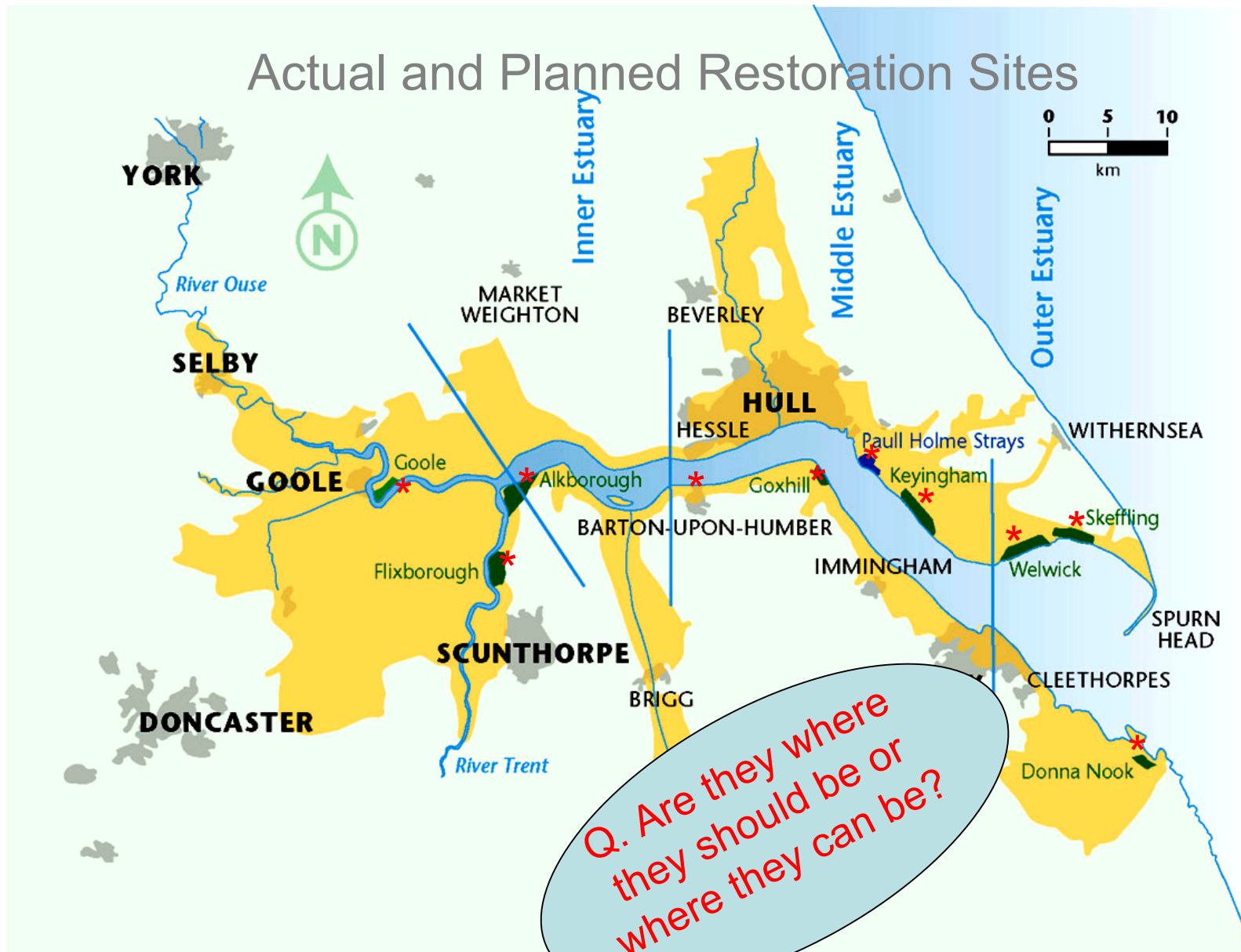
Fig. 1. Location of developments in Salt End area of Humber Estuary

Cumulative Impacts? (Conlan JCIWEM 2000)

The Humber Estuary – Uses and Users per Sector (✓ Low to ✓✓✓ High)

Activity	1	2	3N	3S	4N	4S	5N	5S	6	7
Agricultural diffuse inputs	✓✓	✓✓		✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓
Amenity & recreation			✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Angling					✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	
Archaeology		✓	✓✓✓	✓						
Domestic discharges	✓	✓	✓✓✓		✓✓✓		✓✓✓	✓✓✓		✓✓
Dredged-material disposal								✓✓✓	✓✓✓	
Dredging			✓✓		✓✓✓		✓✓✓		✓	
Fin-fisheries	✓	✓					✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Flood defence	✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Freshwater input	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓		✓					
Industrial area		✓	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓		✓✓✓		
Industrial discharges		✓	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓		✓✓✓		
Land-claim	✓		✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓✓		✓✓✓	
Military Defence										✓✓✓
Nature conservation	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓		✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Navigation	✓	✓	✓✓✓		✓✓✓		✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Port activity	✓✓		✓✓✓		✓✓✓			✓✓✓		
Power generation	✓					✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓		
Shell-fisheries					✓		✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
Water abstraction	✓					✓✓		✓✓		
Wildfowling	✓✓✓	✓								
Sectors:	1 – Tidal rivers to Broomfleet			Sector 2 – Broomfleet to Hessle			Sector 3 – Hessle to River Hull			
Sector 4 – River Hull to S Killingholme	Sector 5 – S Killinholme to Cleethorpes			Sector 6 – Spurn Bight (N shore)			7 (Cleethorpes to Donna Nook (S shore))			

Actual and Planned Restoration Sites



Humber Estuary, UK – flood risk (relative SLR = SLR + isostatic rebound)(* MR sites)

Source: Environment Agency

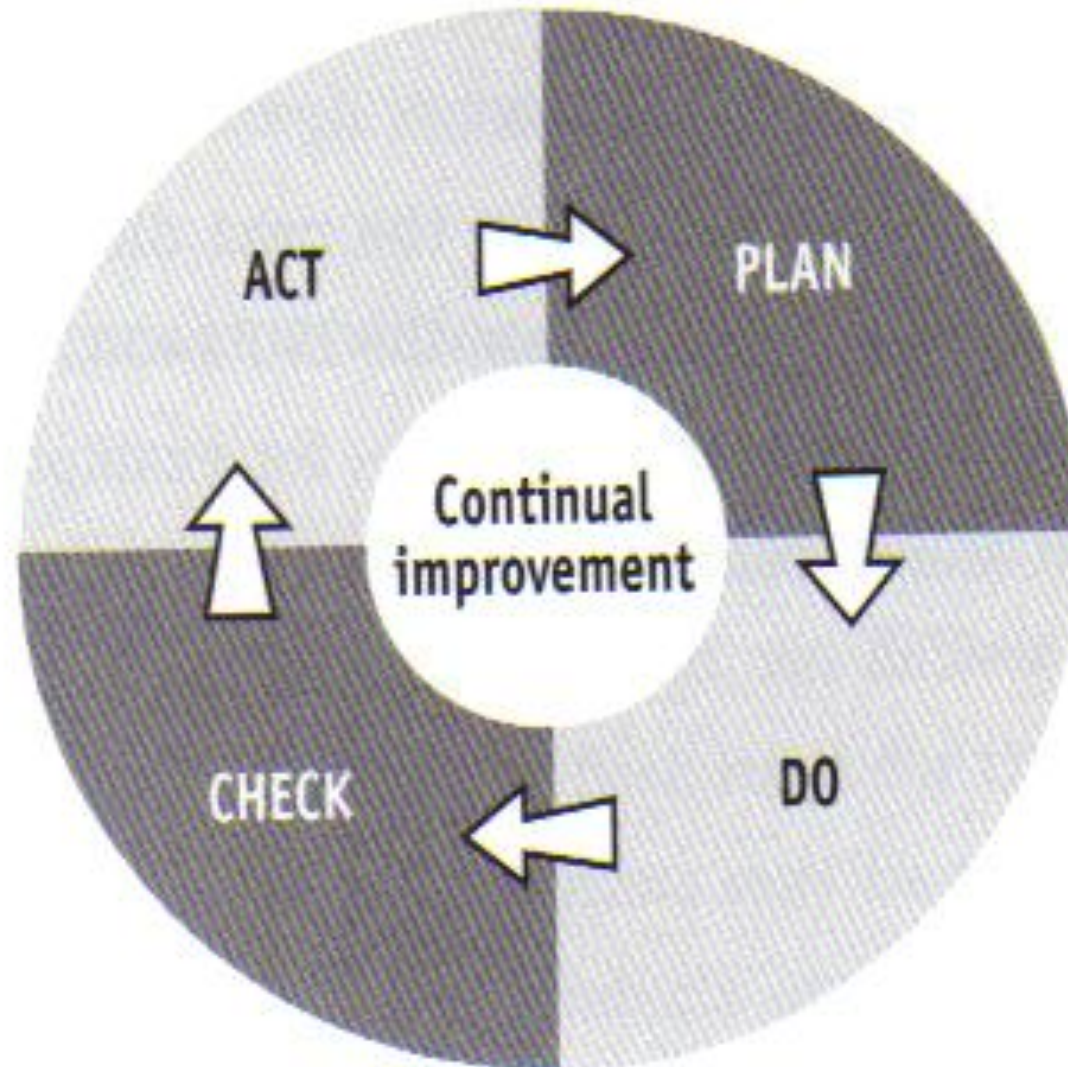
Estuarine Interlinked or Conflicting Management Initiatives, e.g. The Humber

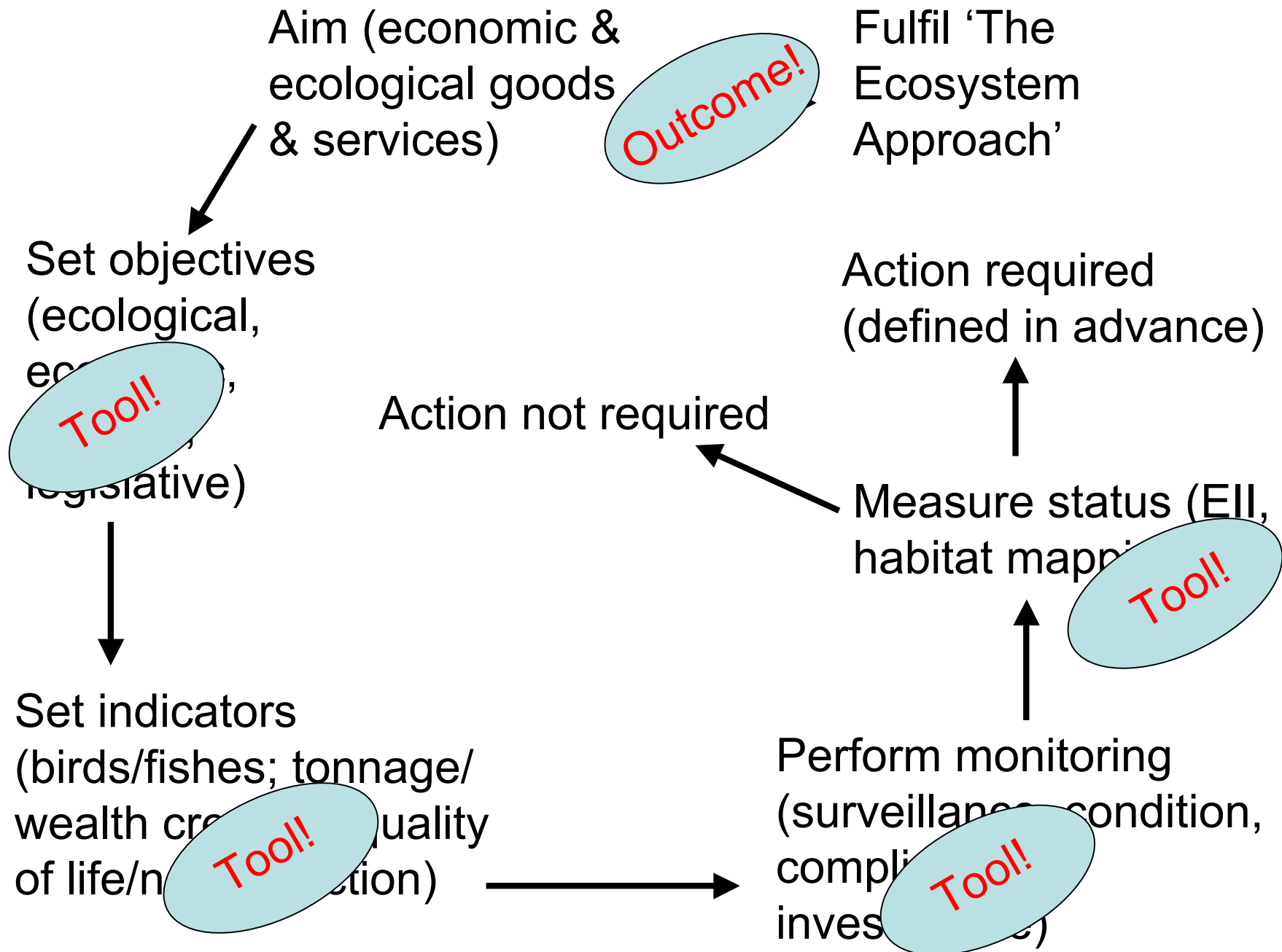
- **Conservation** - *Humber Management Plan & Reg. 33 (CHaMP - Coastal Habitat Management Plan)*
- **Re-creation** - *Flood & coastal defence, Managed Realignment*
- **Flood Protection** - *Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), CHaMP, Managed Realignment*
- **Economic Activity (e.g. Ports & Industry)** - *Review of consents, Port Development Plans & 3-D modelling*
- **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)** - *Humber Estuary Relevant Authorities Group (HERAG) & Coastal Observatory*

Humber - policies and plans linked matrix

		Conservation	Re-creation	Flood Protection	Economic Activity (e.g. Ports & Industry)	Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
A	Ecological aspects	✓	✓			✓
B	Management practices / Decision Tools	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C	Communication strategies	✓		✓		✓
D	Policy implementation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
E	Estuary vision / trajectory	✓			✓	✓

Basis of an Environmental Management System (from Hyde and Reeve, 2005, Essentials of Environmental Management)



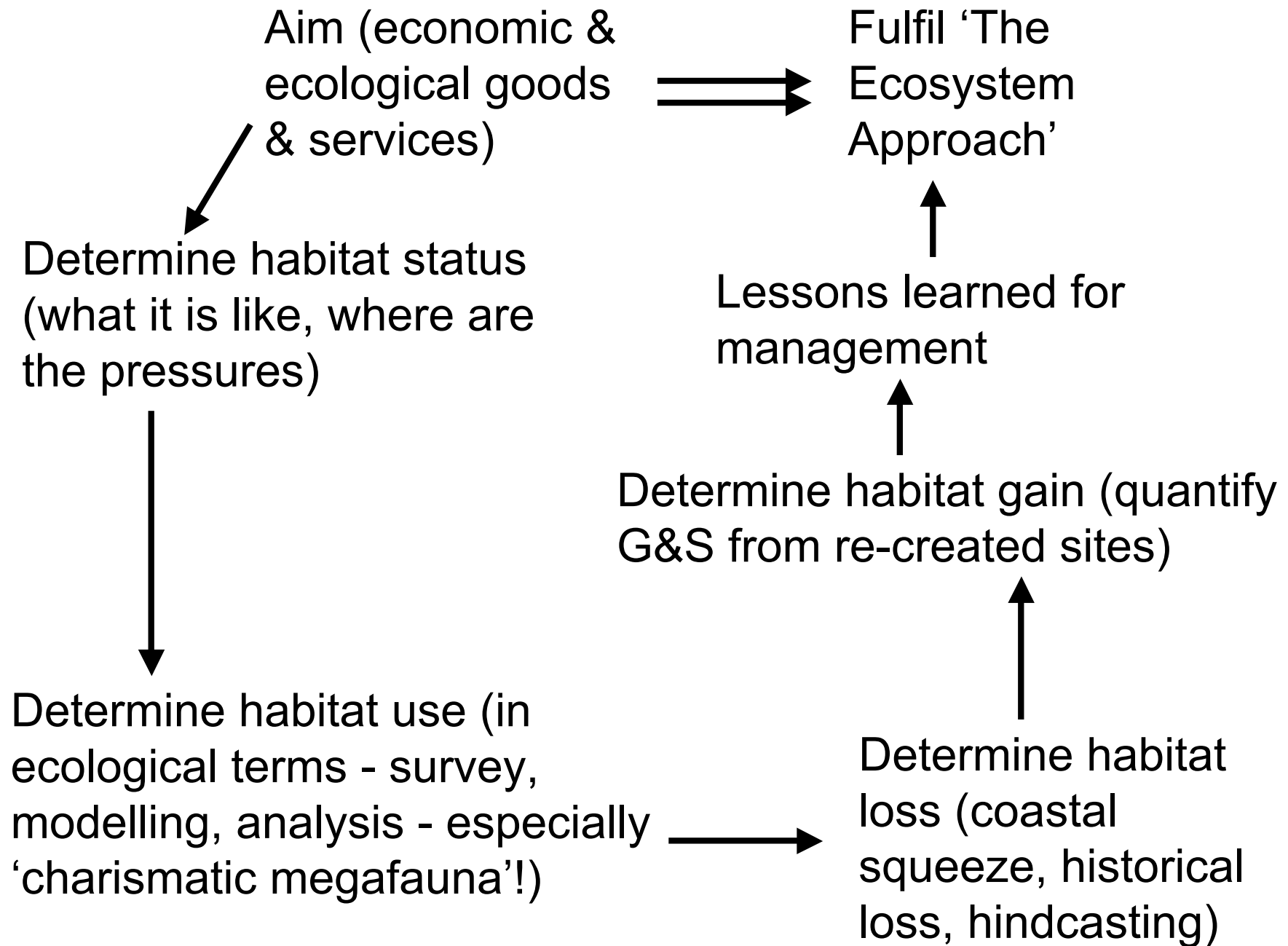


Objectives - need to be set and to know when they have been met: hence SMART

- **S**pecific
- **M**easurable
- **A**chievable / **A**ppropriate / **A**ttainable
- **R**ealistic / **R**esults focussed / **R**elevant
- **T**ime-bounded / **T**imely

P.E.S.T analysis (modified)

- The organisation of an environment can be analysed by conducting a P.E.S.T analysis.
- This is a simple analysis of an environment's *Political, Economical, Social and Technological* organisation.



Our Vision for the Humber



On a clear day you will see from the top of the Humber Bridge's towers:

- An unpolluted estuary
- A healthy fishery
- Thriving wildlife with an expanded inter-tidal habitat
- Flood defences that provide an assured level of protection in harmony with the estuary's natural processes
- Prosperous ports, industry and agriculture, which have minimised their environmental impacts and benefit from the diverse and healthy Humber
- A landscape with outstanding archaeological and historic features enhanced by the Environment Agency's activities
- A tourist economy that benefits from the Humber but is sensitive to its wildlife and historic riches
- A vibrant community that understands, cares for and enjoys the Humber.

7 tenets for sustainable and successful environmental management – that actions must be:

- Environmentally/ecologically sustainable
- Technologically feasible
- Economically viable
- Socially desirable/tolerable
- Administratively achievable
- Legally permissible
- Politically expedient

‘Joined-up Environmental Thinking’:

- ◆ *Ecological Integration*: habitat integrity, fit-for-purpose;
- ◆ *User/Use Integration*: move from sectoral approach;
- ◆ *Management Integration*: WFD / HSD / IMO(PSSA) / OSPAR(Annex V) / BAP / WBD / ICES / ICZM / MSFD;
- ◆ *Monitoring Integration*: joint programmes for cost-effectiveness;
- ◆ *Environmental Integration*: from site-based to wider study (sites influencing and being influenced by events remote from the site);
- ◆ *Scientific Integration*: responses to multiple stressors at several levels of biological organisation.