

Linking Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) and ecosystem services: new connections in urban ecology

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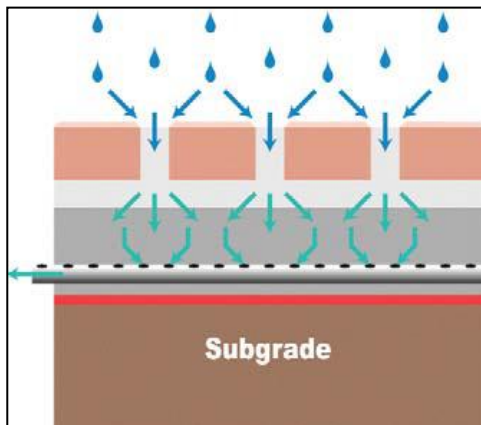
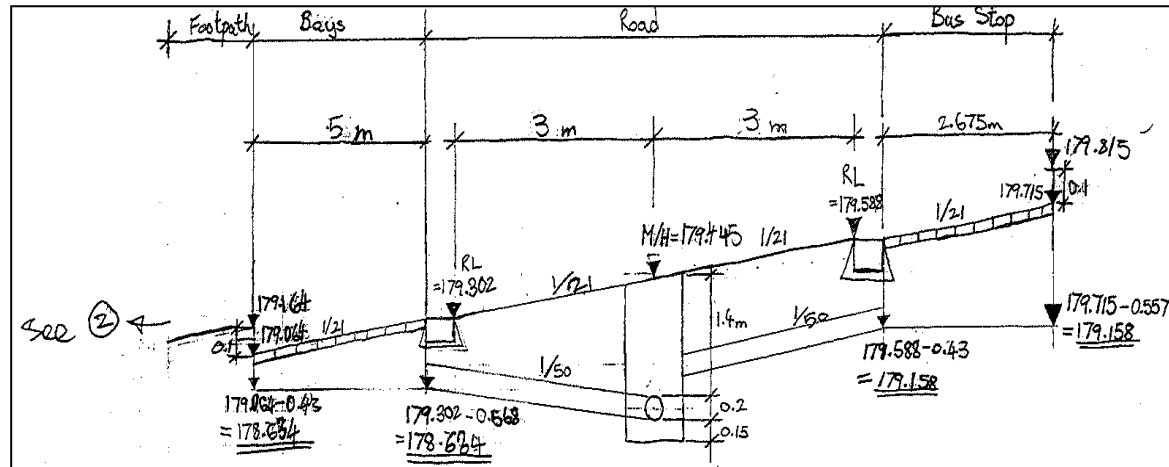
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Current Situation

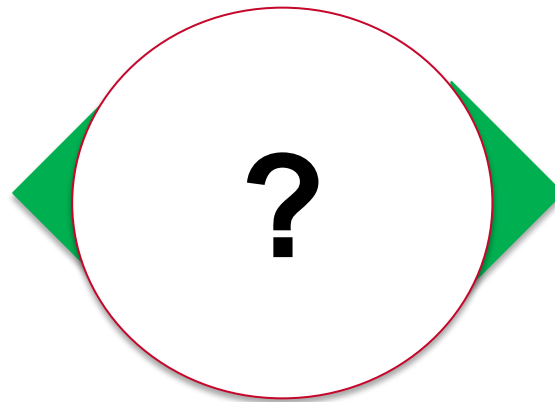
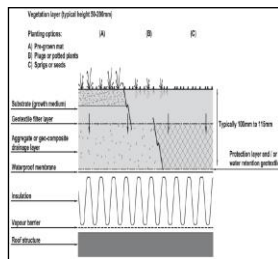
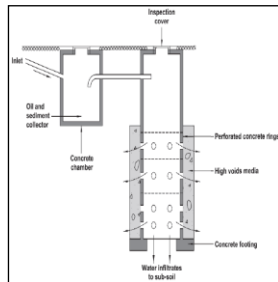
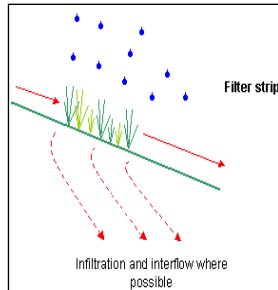


My experience - A2B

Blackridge Station Car park



Gap in current research



Research Approach

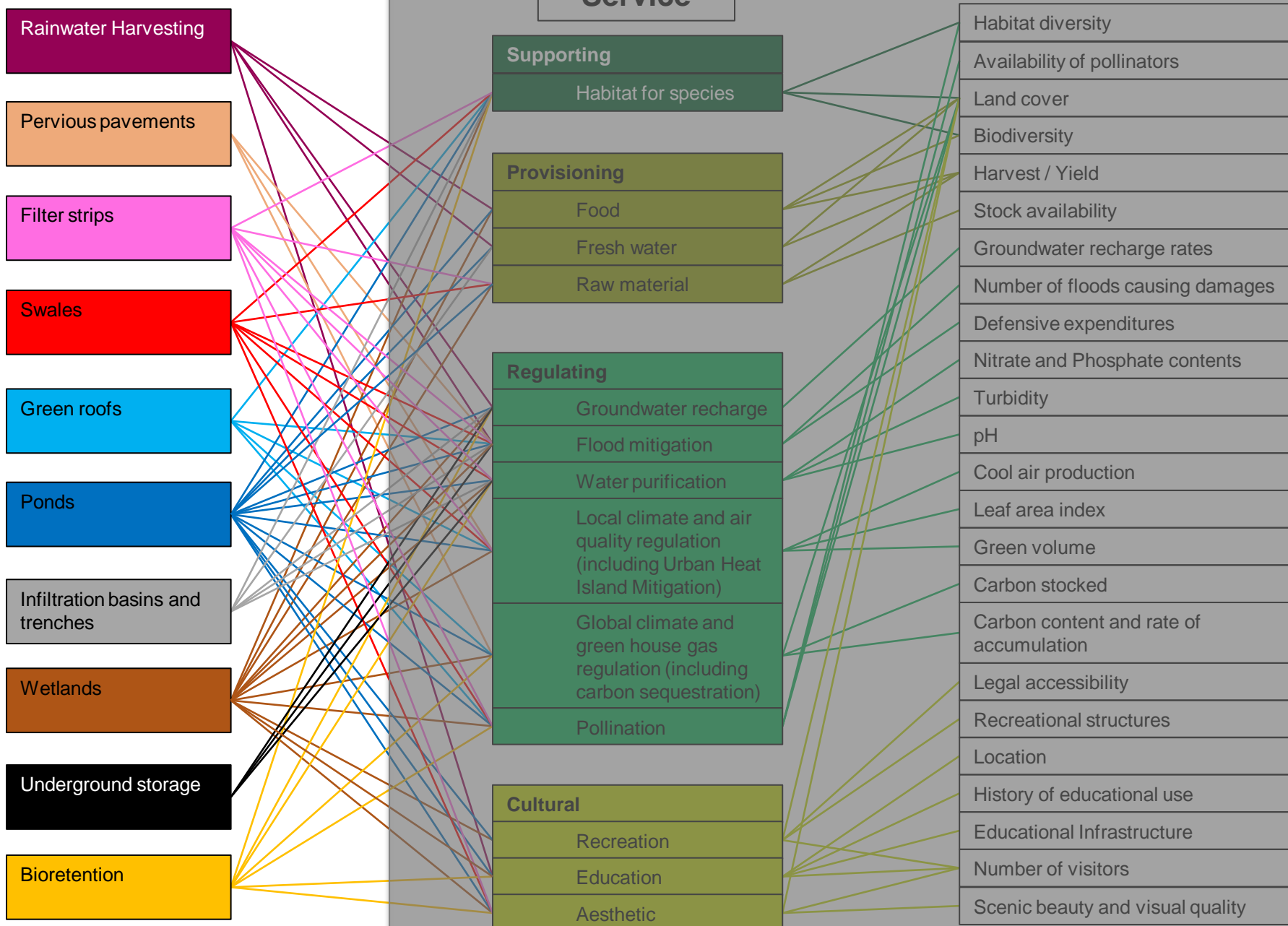
To critically evaluate Sustainable urban Drainage Systems in terms of the emerging ecosystem services paradigm.

A new way to link SuDS and ecosystem services.

Collect data to verify the links between SuDS and ecosystem services.

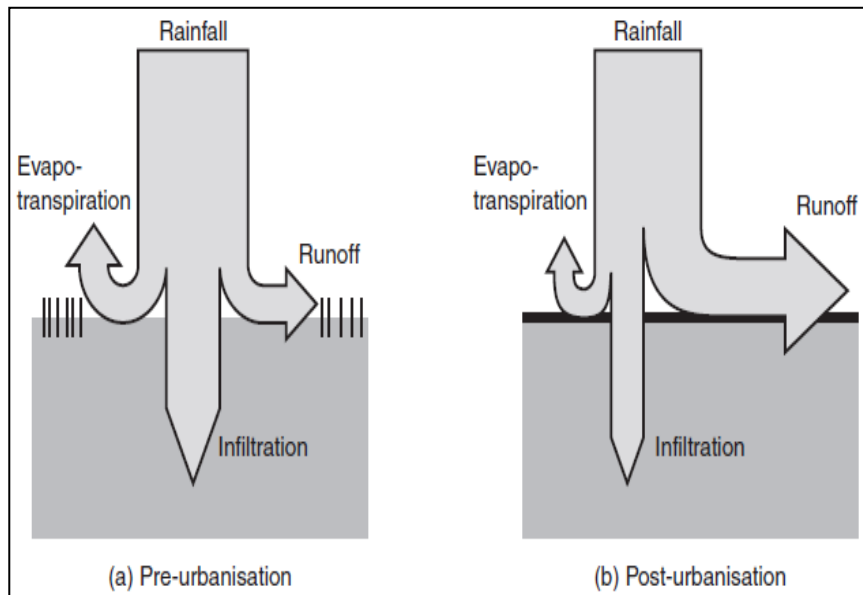
Data analysis to quantify the SuDS techniques and sites examined.

Extrapolate the findings for the analysis of land use changes in a city scale.

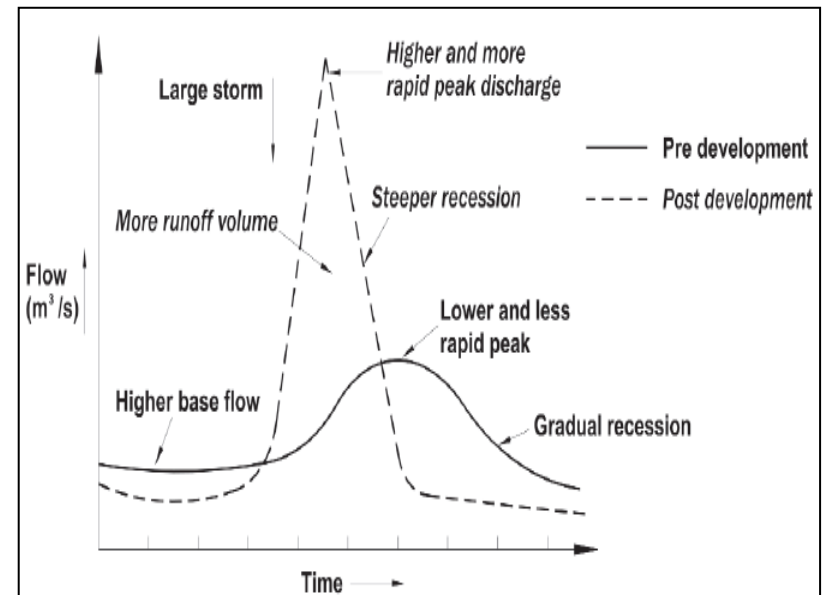
SuDS type**Ecosystem Service****Indicator**

Key drivers for sustainability in urban drainage 1

- The impacts of urbanisation on hydrological processes.
 - Impermeable surfaces result in increased runoff and earlier arrival of stormwater to river.
 - Rapid rise and fall of peak discharge – sudden flooding of river.



(Butler and Davies, 2011)



(CIRIA, 2011)

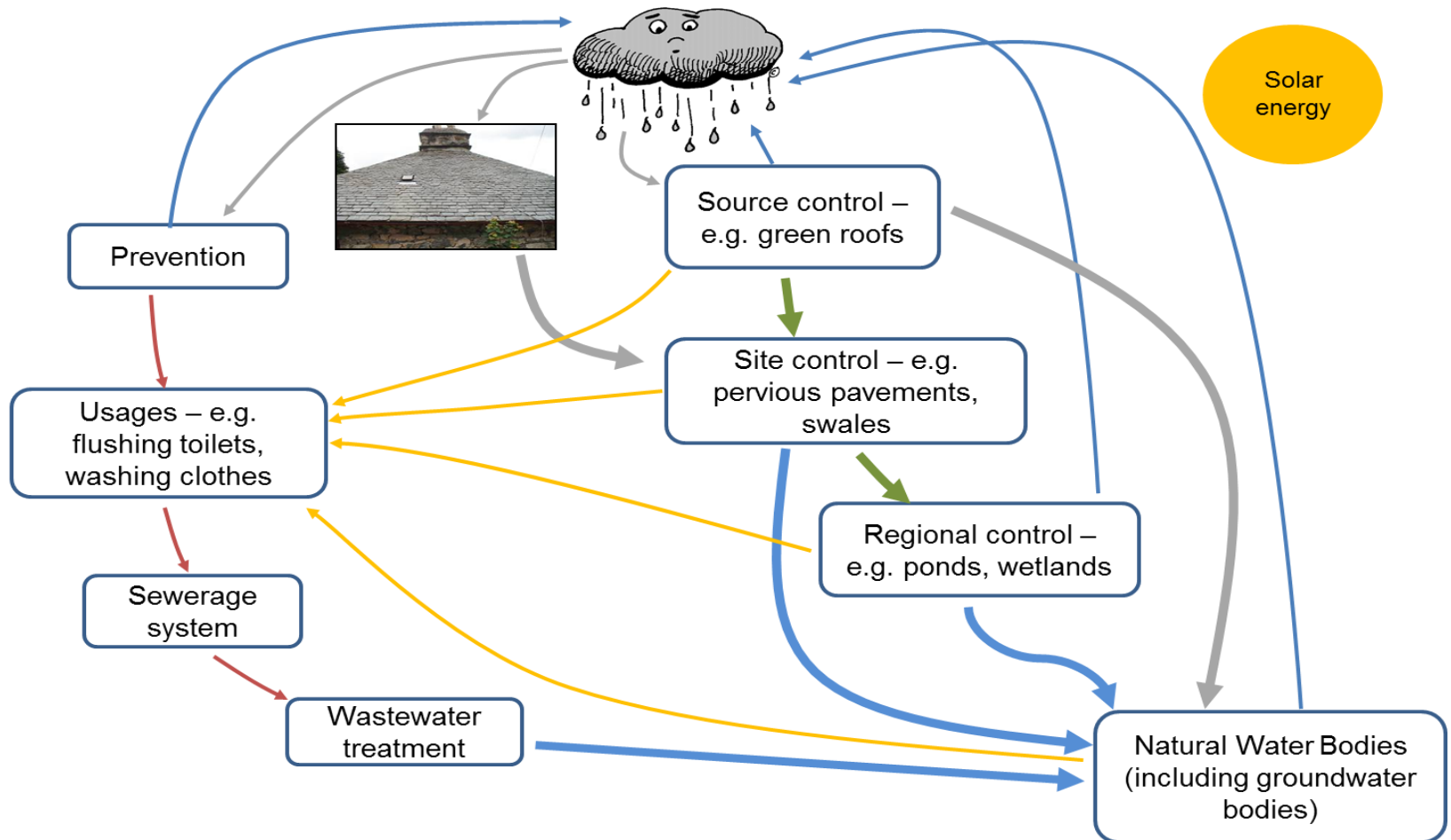
Key drivers for sustainability in urban drainage 2

- Water quality deterioration due to urban diffuse pollution.
- Climate change increases risk of flooding.

Key legislations for sustainability in urban drainage

- 2000 – Water Framework Directive
 - All urban surface runoffs has to be controlled so that their impact to the receiving environment is mitigated.
 - Transposed into UK National legislation in Dec 2003.
- 2004 – Making space for water (England)
 - Government consultation on future flood risk management.
- 2006 – National policy in England - Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk
 - Flood risk management hierarchy: assess, avoid, substitute, control (SuDS), mitigate.

SuDS



SuDS types

Rainwater Harvesting
Pervious pavements
Filter strips
Swales
Green roofs
Ponds
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Wetlands
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Ecosystem Service

Supporting

Habitat for species

Provisioning

Food

Fresh water

Raw material

Regulating

Groundwater recharge

Flood mitigation

Water purification

Local climate and air
quality regulation
(including Urban Heat
Island Mitigation)

Global climate and
green house gas
regulation (including
carbon sequestration)

Pollination

Cultural

Recreation

Education

Aesthetic

Indicator

Habitat diversity

Availability of pollinators

Land cover

Biodiversity

Harvest / Yield

Stock availability

Groundwater recharge rates

Number of floods causing damages

Defensive expenditures

Nitrate and Phosphate contents

Turbidity

pH

Cool air production

Leaf area index

Green volume

Carbon stocked

Carbon content and rate of
accumulation

Legal accessibility

Recreational structures

Location

History of educational use

Educational Infrastructure

Number of visitors

Scenic beauty and visual quality

Ecosystem Services 1

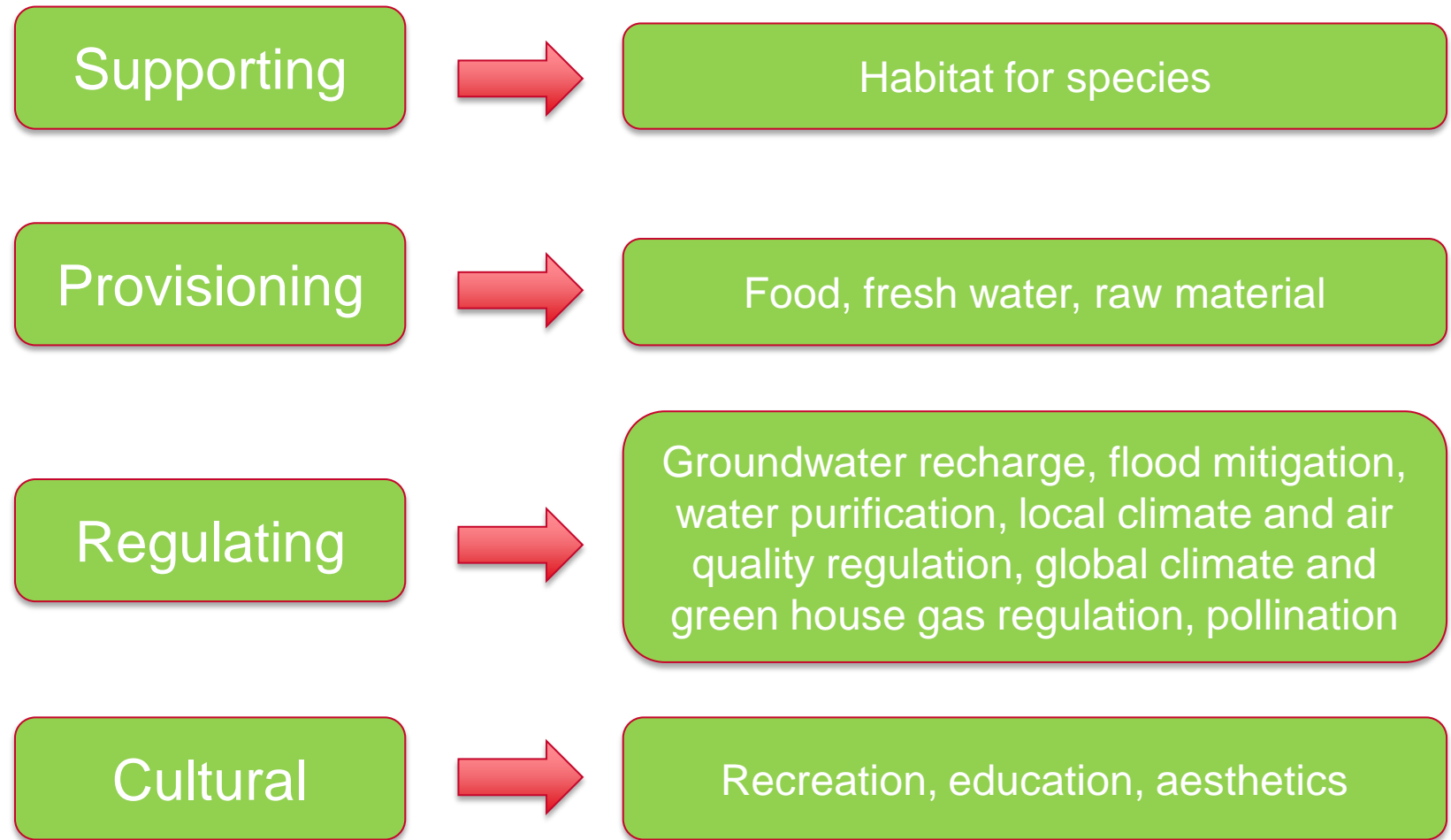
Provisions from the natural environment that are beneficial to human beings.

- 1997 – Gretchen C. Daily et. al.
 - Introduction to ecosystem services
- 1997 – Robert Costanza et. al.
 - A table listing 17 major categories of ecosystem services and functions.
- 2002 – Rudolf S. de Groot et. al.
 - A framework diagram and a table distinguishing between ecosystem functions, processes, goods and services.
- 2005 – Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA)**
 - Four categories: supporting, provisioning, regulating, and cultural.

Ecosystem Services 2

- 2007 – Boyd and Banzhaf
 - Started to distinguish ecosystem services and ecosystem processes.
- 2010 – The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)**
 - Four categories: habitat or supporting, provisioning, regulating, and cultural.
 - Excluded ecosystem processes such as primary production and water cycle.
- 2011 – UK National Ecosystem Assessment (UK NEA)**
 - Three categories: provisioning, regulating, and cultural.
 - Excluded supporting services.
- 2011 – Bastiana et. al.
 - Further divide ecosystem services as properties, potentials and services.

For this research

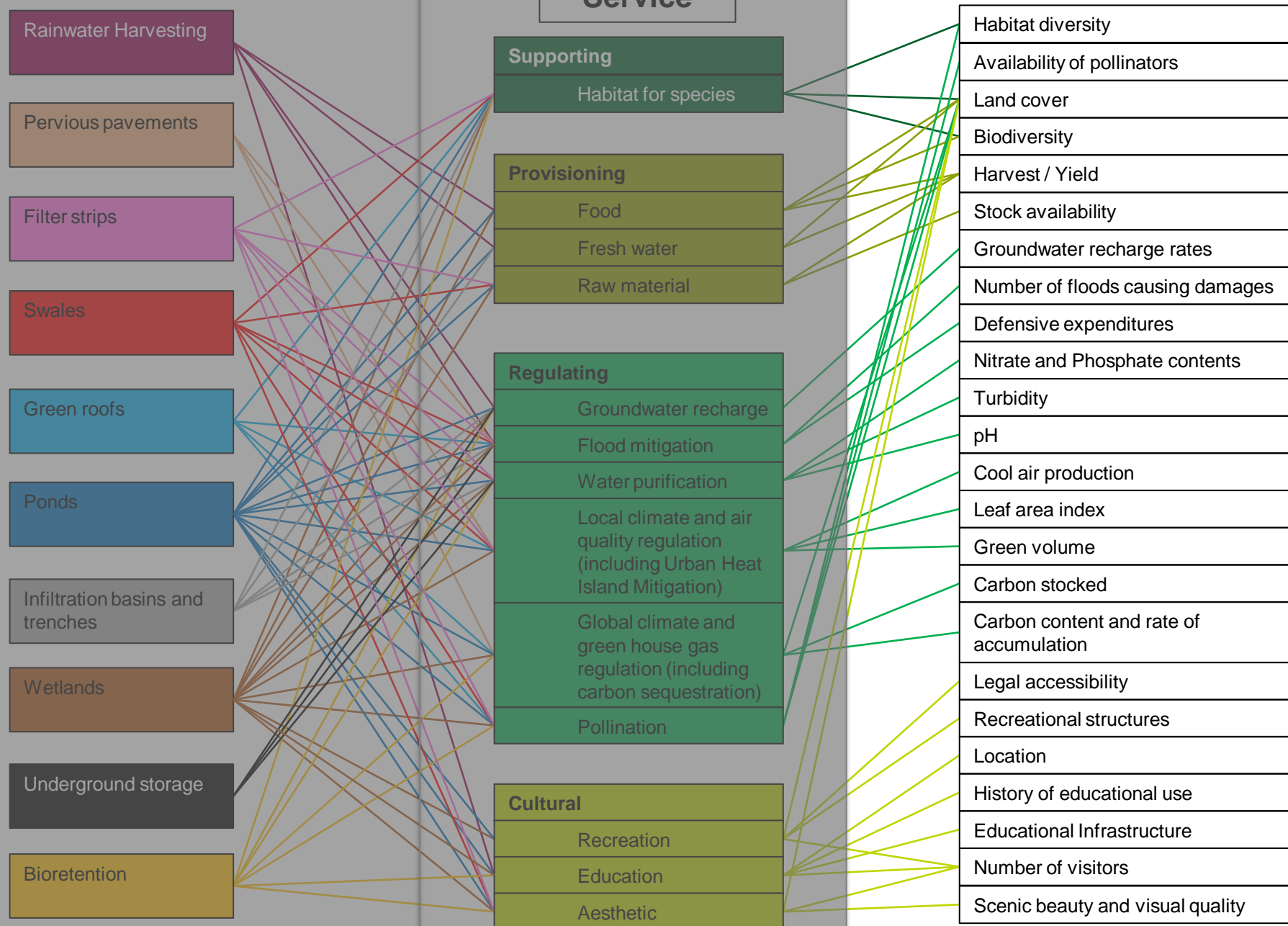


(Costanza et al., 1997; Daily, 1997; Groot et al., 2002; MEA, 2005; TEEB, 2010; World Resources Institute, 2010; UK NEA, 2011)

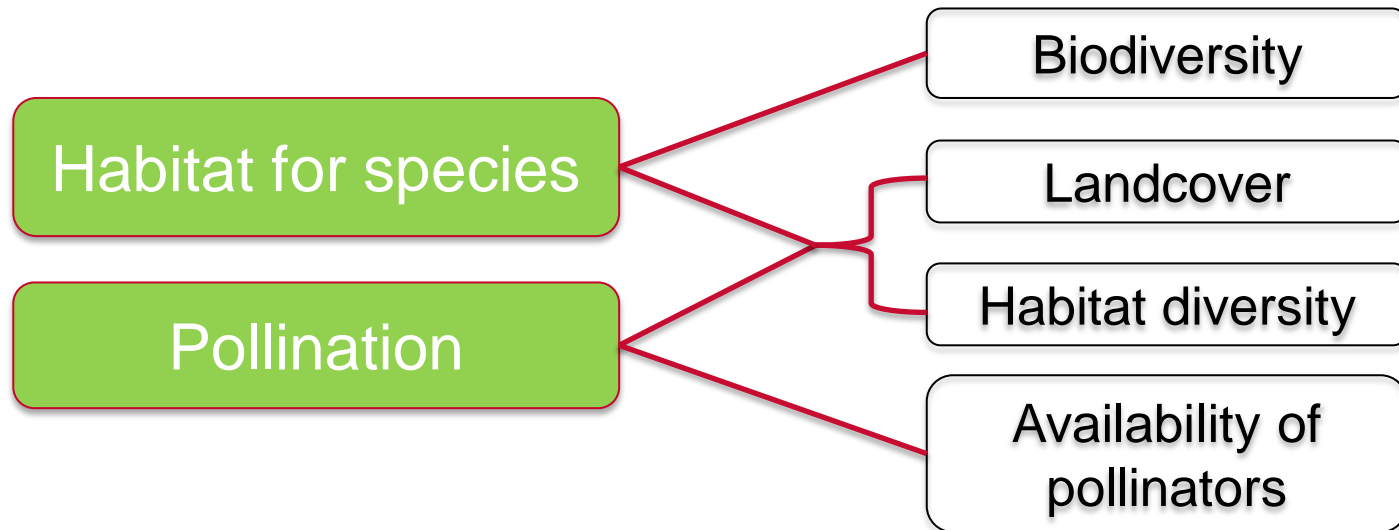
SuDS type

Ecosystem Service

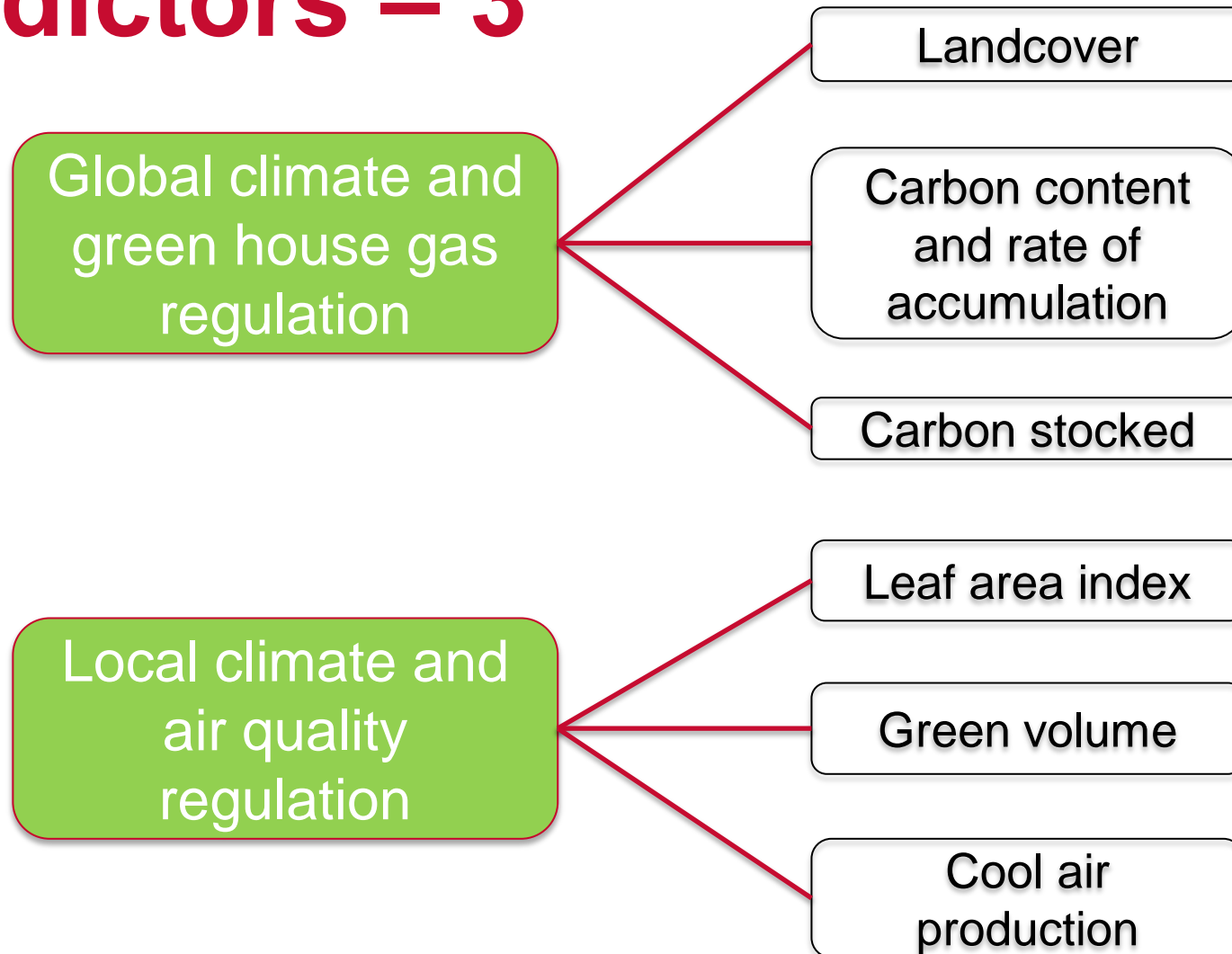
Indicator **P15**



Ecosystem services indictors – 1



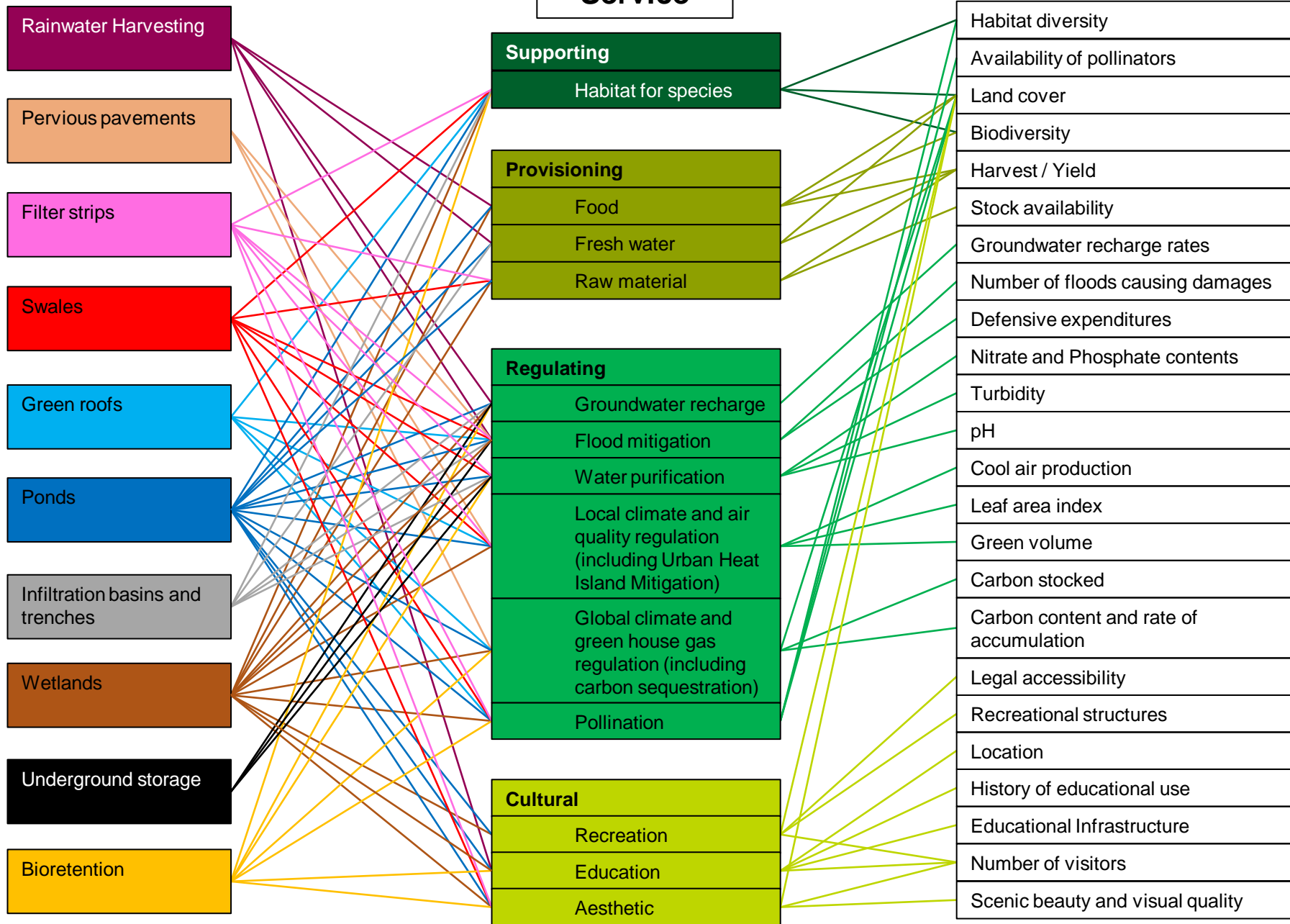
Ecosystem services indicators – 3



SuDS type

Ecosystem Service

Indicator P18



Any questions?