



Improving decisions at the food, water, energy and environment nexus: Values and valuation

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Ian Bateman is the Director of the Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment (CSERGE) at the University of East Anglia and a member of the Defra Science Advisory Council and the UK Natural Capital Committee. Ian's research is on bringing the environment into everyday decision making whether at the highest level, by informing government policy, or at the supermarket checkout by ensuring that prices reflect the true resource costs of production.

Dr Ulrike Hotopp, Chief Economist, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



Ulrike Hotopp joined Defra in January 2012 as Director for Analysis and Chief Economist. Before this she was a Senior Economist in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. She worked in the centre of BIS with the Chief Economist on appraisal and evaluation methodologies, socio-economic research and risk and performance measurement. Her team included BIS's Operational Research Unit.

Dr Simon Maxwell, Social Scientist, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



Simon Maxwell joined Defra in 2008 since when he has been responsible for social research across a wide range of natural environment policy areas including biodiversity and wildlife issues, ecosystems, flood risk management, water availability and quality, rural affairs, and marine and fisheries. He is currently a social scientist in the Biodiversity and Ecosystems Evidence and Analysis Team. He joined the Government Social Research profession in 2001 and has worked in a range of departments including the Department for Communities and Local Government and Department for Transport.

Jean Spencer, Director of Regulation, Anglian Water



Jean Spencer was appointed as Regulation Director in May 2004. Prior to joining Anglian Water, she held a number of positions with Yorkshire Water and is a qualified Chartered Accountant by training. Jean chairs the water sector's Water Efficiency Evidence Base Steering Group and recently chaired the Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership project on Water Allocation and Trading.

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Dr Rob Fish, University of Exeter



Rob Fish is human geographer and social scientist by training with a longstanding interest in the cultural and environmental aspects of sustainable land management. His work is interdisciplinary and participatory in approach, and aligned closely with the development of ecosystem service based approaches to decision making. Rob is a member of the Programme Co-ordination Team of the NERC-led Valuing Nature Programme, a co-organiser of the Ecosystems Knowledge Network and the knowledge exchange lead for Defra's Sustainable Intensification Research Platform.

Professor Chris Starmer, University of Nottingham



Chris Starmer is Professor of Economics at the University of Nottingham. He is Director of the Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics and Director of the ESRC funded Network for Integrated Behavioural Science. Much of his work has focussed on developing better understanding of individual behaviour to inform economic modelling and policy.

Professor Nick Hanley, University of St Andrews



Nick Hanley is Professor of Environmental Economics. He previously worked at the universities of Stirling, Glasgow and Edinburgh. He is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Waikato, New Zealand, and a member of Defra's Economic Advisory Panel.

Professor Brett Day, University of East Anglia



Brett Day's research interests range across various topics in environmental economics with a strong emphasis on quantitative methods including econometrics and computer-based modelling of economic systems. One area of focus of my work has been on the development and application of stated and revealed preference methods of non-market valuation.

Dr Amii Harwood, University of East Anglia



Amii Harwood is a Lecturer in Geography and GIS. She joined the Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment in July 2010 as a geographical information systems (GIS) specialist. Amii's main interests are in ensuring the digital representation of geographical phenomena is fit for purpose. This, for example, could be communicating spatial variation in the value of ecosystem services and derived goods for decision makers.

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