

The Spatial Nature Planning (SNaP) Forum

29 April – 1 May 2025, University of Kent

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The SNaP Forum

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL [hybrid]

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| 12:30-13:00 | Arrival and registration |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch and poster session |
| 14:00-14:15 | <i>Welcome and introduction to Systematic Conservation Planning (SCP)</i>
Professor Bob Smith, Director of DICE |
| 14:15-14:45 | <i>Operationalising SCP in government planning and decision making: the South African example</i>
Tammy Smith, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) |
| 14:45-15:30 | <i>UK Case Studies of SCP application</i>
Chloe Edwards, Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy Project Manager
Dr Dave Seaman and Dr Laura Kor, DICE
Dr Rob Critchlow, University of York |
| 15:30-16:00 | <i>Panel Discussion and Q&A</i>
Integrating SCP into UK policy and planning |
| 16:00-16:15 | Break |
| 16:15-17:15 | <i>Creating the SNaP Community of Practice</i>
Break out sessions to discuss objectives and how the community could help operationalise SCP in England |
| 18:00 | Evening social in Canterbury |

Additional SNaP Events

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL [in-person]

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| 9:30-12:00 | A guided walk in Blean Woods with the Kent Wildlife Trust. |
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WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL [in-person]

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| 9:30-10:00 | <i>SCP "clinic"</i>
Worked examples of potential SCP application to attendee case studies |
| 10:00-12:00 | <i>Morning workshops</i>
A. Discussion on how SCP could be integrated with current UK policy and priorities for nature, including opportunities and challenges
B. Using a SCP framework to identify data gaps for conservation decision-making in the UK |
| 13:00-16:30 | <i>Training Session 1</i>
Introduction to systematic conservation planning and spatial prioritisation |

THURSDAY 1ST MAY [in-person]

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| 09:30-13:00 | <i>Training Session 2 (cost involved)</i>
Advanced spatial prioritisation training with Marxan, R and CLUZ |
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Attendance of the SNaP Forum is free and will include lunch and refreshments, but spaces are limited. To register please complete this [form](#).