

The Spatial Nature Planning (SNaP) Forum

29 April – 1 May 2025, Grimond Building, University of Kent

Hosted by the DICE
[Innovation Team](#)



DICE
University of Kent

The SNaP Forum

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL [hybrid]. **Venue: Grimond Lecture Theatre 3 (GLT3)**

12:30-13:00	Arrival and registration
13:00-14:00	Lunch and poster session
14:00-14:30	<i>Welcome and introduction to Systematic Conservation Planning (SCP)</i> Professor Bob Smith, Director of DICE
14:30-15:00	<i>Operationalising SCP in government planning and decision making: the South African example</i> Tammy Smith, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
15:00-15:45	<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
15:45-16:15	<i>Panel Discussion and Q&A</i> Integrating SCP into UK policy and planning
16:15-16:30	Break
16:30-17:30	<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]

9:30-12:00	A guided walk in Blean Woods with the Kent Wildlife Trust.
------------	--

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL [in-person].

9:30-10:00	<i>SCP "clinic". Venue: Grimond Lecture Theatre 3</i> Worked examples of potential SCP application to attendee case studies
10:00-12:00	<i>Morning workshops. Venue: Grimond Seminar Rooms 1 and 2</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. Venue: Marlowe PC Room 1</i> Introduction to systematic conservation planning and spatial prioritisation

THURSDAY 1ST MAY [in-person]. **Venue: Marlowe PC Room 1**

09:30-13:00	<i>Training Session 2 (cost involved)</i> Advanced spatial prioritisation training with Marxan, R and CLUZ
-------------	---