

# Practical strategies to bridge the gap; ES review



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# Case study context



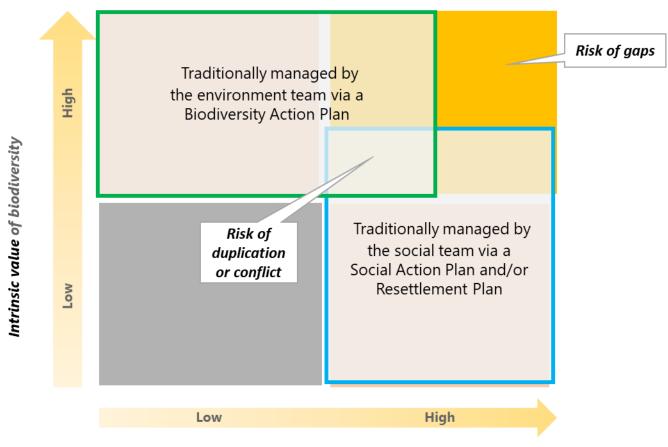








# Underlying issue







## How can ES review help?

Build shared understanding

 Brings biodiversity and social teams together

Avoid gaps / duplication

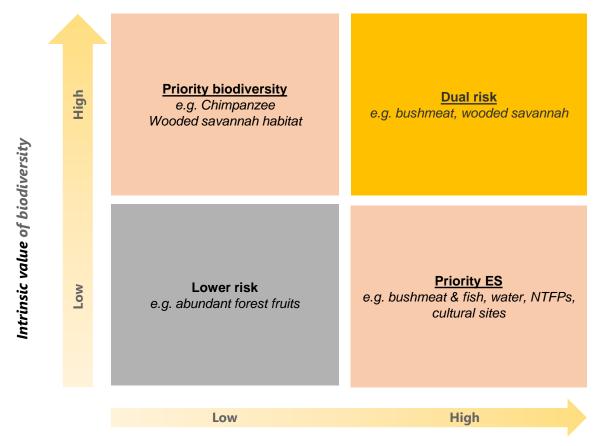
Systematic assessment

Objective prioritisation

- Standardised criteria
- Importance + irreplaceability



### Examples of priorities and potential conflicts



Local social value of biodiversity



# Underlying problems and solutions

#### **Underlying Issues**

- Reactive approach to mitigating ES impacts
- Multiple uncoordinated plans and strategies
- Lack of information management across teams

#### **Proposed solutions**

ES working group with joint work plan + clear lead

Shared Stakeholder Engagement Plan for internal and external liaison

Central spatial database to inform ES mitigation and monitoring



### **Conclusions:**

- Pro-active effort required to manage ES effectively
- Systematic ES review provides an objective framework for planning
- Benefits are greatest early in the project cycle
- Implementation can still be challenging





# Thank you!

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# ES review and the project cycle

