

Operationalizing Nature Based Solutions through forestry and agroforestry

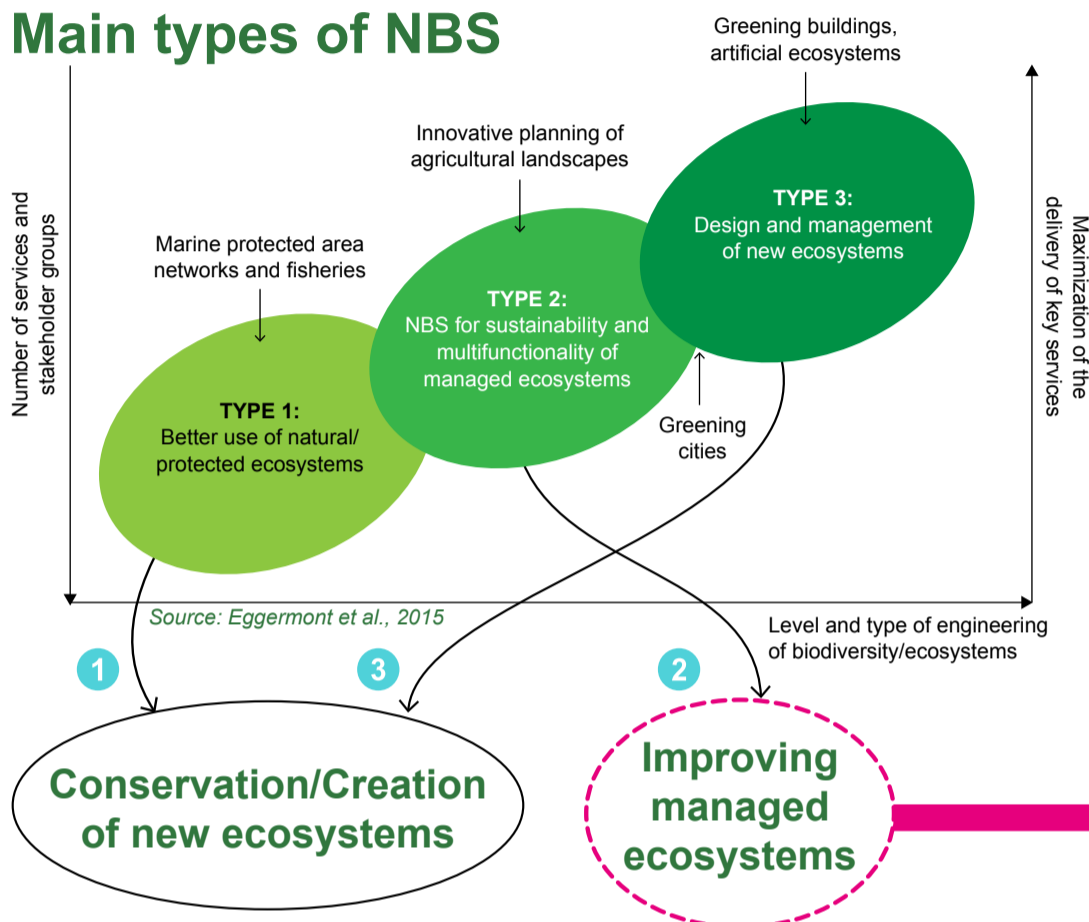


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Nature-based Solutions are defined as actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems, that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits.” (Cohen-Shacham et al., 2016) and actions that aim to help societies address a variety of environmental, social and economic challenges in sustainable ways. They are actions which are inspired by, supported by or copied from nature. (European Commission, 2015)

Main types of NBS



Managed ecosystems are already managed for a purpose, or several, making the integration of a new objective more complex.

NBS can be a binding concept between ecosystem managers and other stakeholders

Need to distinguish!

The **potential contribution** of an ecosystem to solve a human problem, promoted to decision makers and various stakeholders, who, for the most part, are not involved nor directly dependent on this ecosystem for their livelihood
 The **way to implement it**, as part of a multiple objectives' management programme

This allows

The identification of different perspectives and objectives, of potential synergies and trade-offs, thus facilitating their management



The construction of an NBS, as a **dialogue between 2 categories of actors:**

- 1 Decision makers and various stakeholders in need of an NBS
- 2 Ecosystem managers that are directly involved and/or directly dependent

This requires

- 2 levels of governance
- 1 A dialogue between the two categories
- 2 Ecosystem managers that are directly involved and/or directly dependent

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Construction of an NBS in managed ecosystems in 4 steps

