



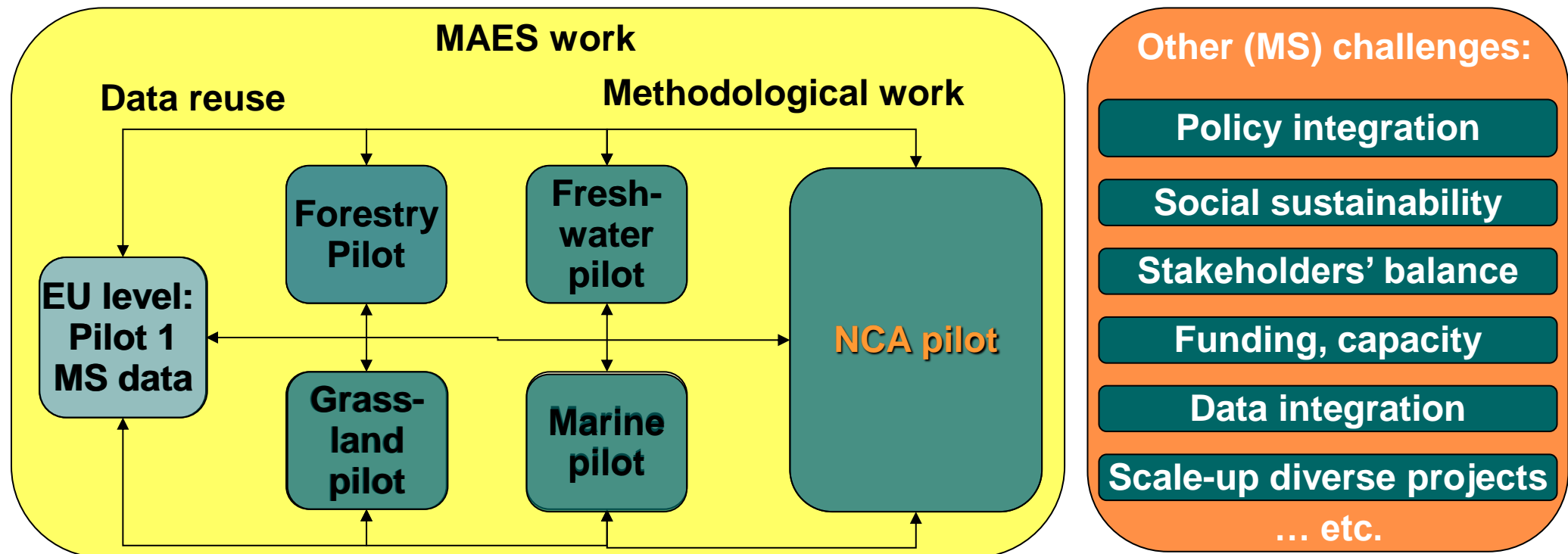
EU pilot study on natural capital accounting

Workshop on MAES pilot study on
Natural Capital Accounting

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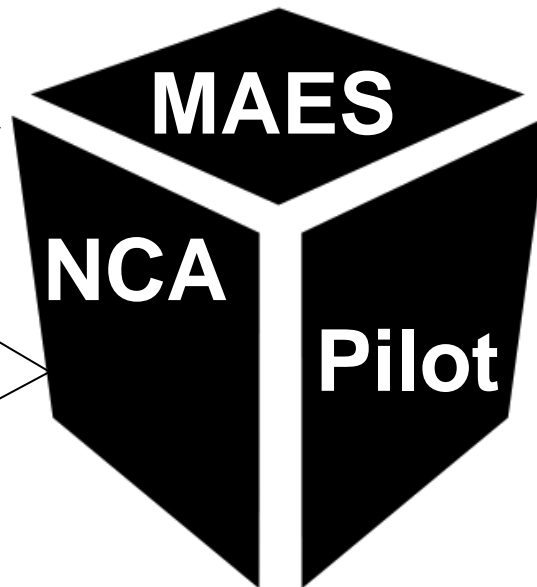
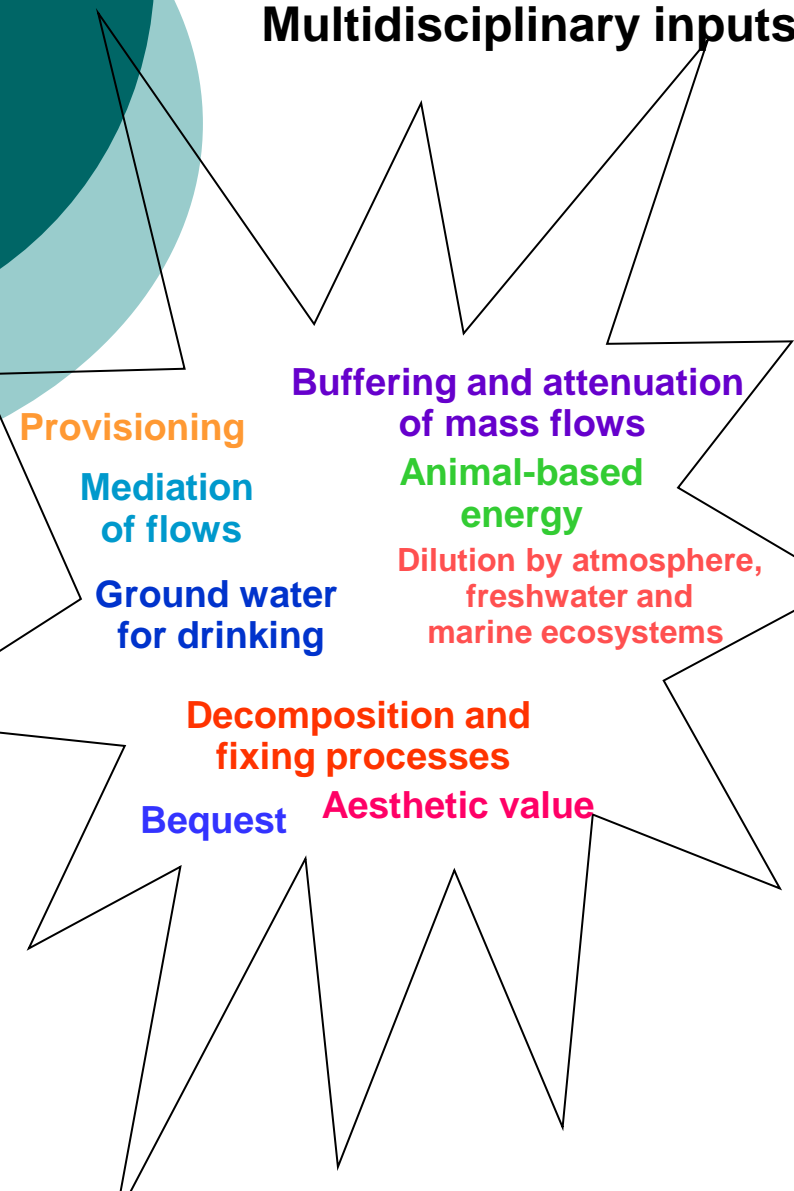
Policy context – situation

- Parallel work in several directions at MAES
- MS involvement widely incorporated in MAES results



Our pilot's placement

Multidisciplinary inputs



Rigid statistical/accounting outputs needed

BUT

Framework in transition

Legislation in place

(e.g. Annex III to the EU Regulation 691/2011)

Strategic documents not yet fully enacted

(e.g. some aspects of EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020)

International conceptual thinking underway

(e.g. SEEA II on Exp. Ecosystem Accounting)

Financial planning won't wait

(2014-2020 period is being programmed while we discuss)

International initiatives – various outputs

(WAVES, TEEB, corporate initiatives, ...)

Policy context – challenges

- Need to communicate our desired inputs to other pilots
- Coordination within pilots (virtual teams...)
- Policy issues between MSs not yet reflected in ES models (e.g. cross-border transfer of ES benefits)
- MS level challenges:
 - Data availability/consistency
 - Different experiences and capacity at MS level
 - Short term capacity needed both for simultaneous conceptual, policymaking and policy implementation work until 2014
 - Knowledge management:
 - Transition between existing and new information collection – policy, infrastructure, data management
 - Transition between project level and national exercises

Next steps in this pilot

- Top priority - decide on:
 - Scope (what we can realistically do now? What leave for follow up in 2014)
 - Inputs required from other pilots
- MS survey
- Define the structure and contents of the pilot document
- Acquire volunteer contributions

Structure

Chapter	Open questions	Contributions, timing
Introduction: Aim, objectives and scope of the pilot study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Define the aim of the NCA pilot study 	
Natural capital: the concept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Highlight and systematize key issues; ○Outline as “executive summary” different components of natural capital 	
Accounting for natural capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Methodological and implementation overview – scope, contents, contributors? ○EU level and MS level policy prospective and alternatives to choose from ○Summarize and integrate results from MS survey 	
Actual and potential policy interest / use of natural capital accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Identify a possibly full list of related policies ○Define their relations to MAES work and identify possible problems 	
Examples of existing utility from MS: Existing practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Identify practices even when stakeholders do not connect them with ESS ○Identify known problems in MSs 	



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How could natural capital accounting develop over time to take into account NC/ESS and value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Formulate needs and next steps in a SMART way, taking into account the mandatory and likely future policy requirements 	
Summary: A proposed road map for natural capital accounts: to 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Communicate to policymakers in a simple language ○Create and organize a set of essential links 	
Annex: 1) Data needs and availability 2) Accounting examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○To Annex 1) – systematic data handling approach considering ALL inputs/outputs and outlining, if possible, their feasibility by MS ○To Annex 2) – consider examples with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Possible double counting ●NCA and social considerations – e.g. cost-benefit analysis approach with social affordability and its relation to NCA ●Example of scaling up data from single projects (data integration up to NCA level) 	



Thank you!

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