

# Farming and Wild Pollinators

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*Saving the sound of summer*

# Why do we need pollinators in farmland?

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- Free pollination service

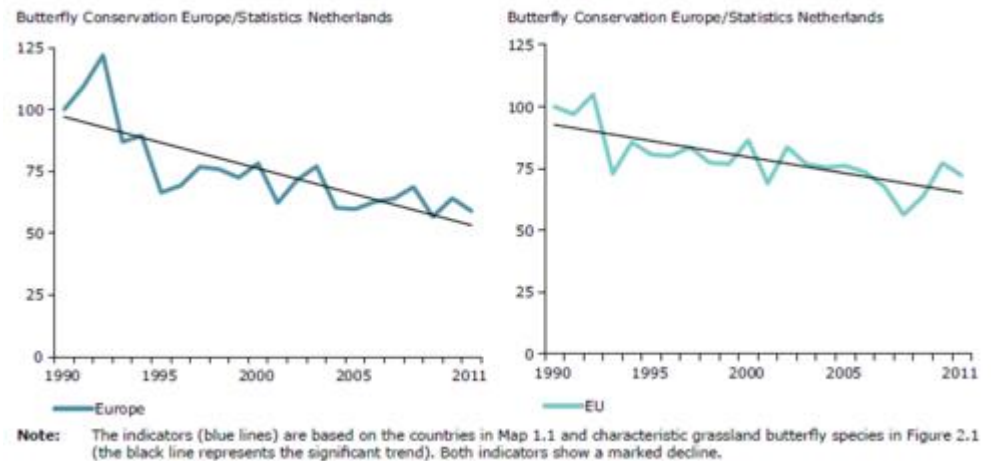


# The plight of pollinators



9 declining bumblebee  
species, 2 extinct,  
2 on the brink

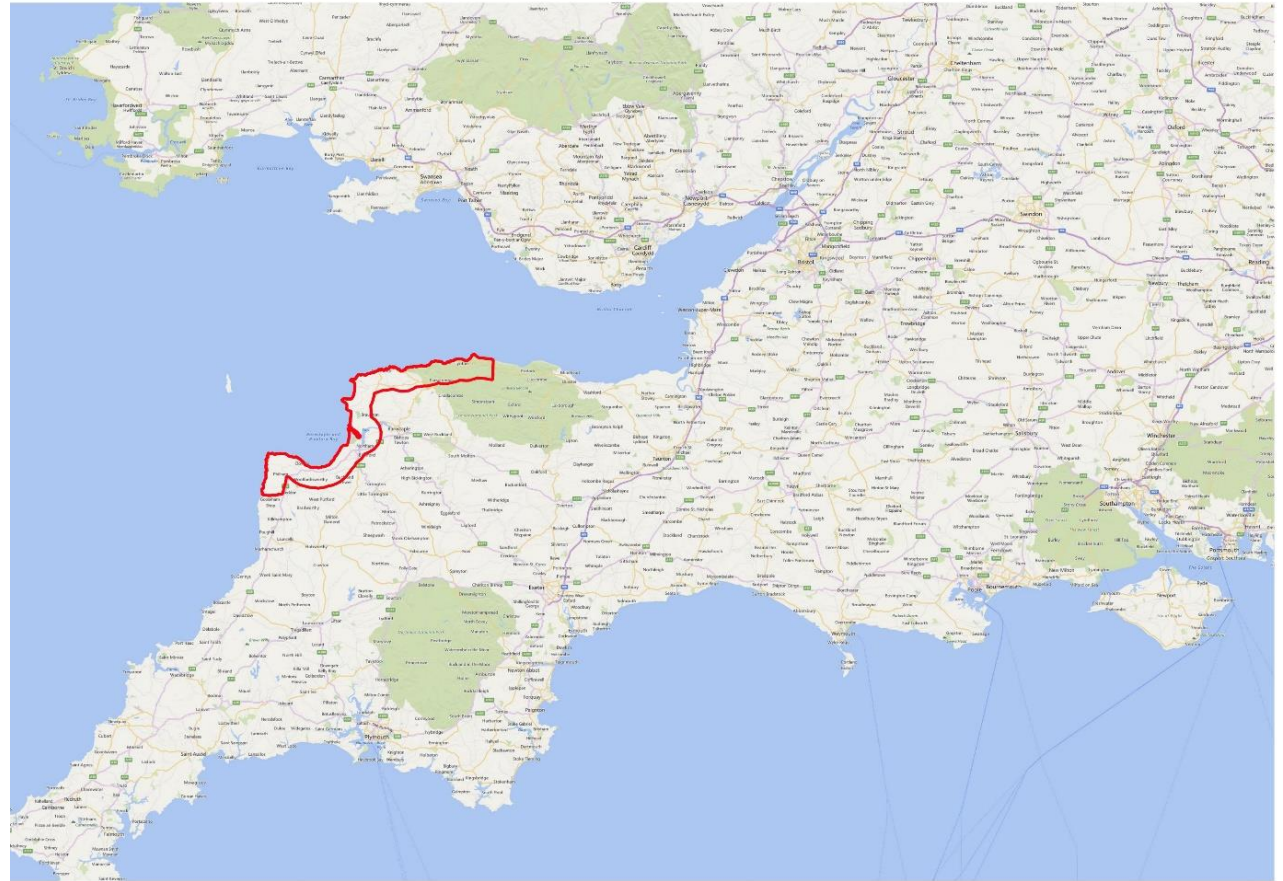
Figure 4.1 The Grassland Butterfly Indicators for Europe (left) and the EU (right)





# West Country Buzz

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# West Country Buzz: surveys

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- Focus on priority species – Brown-banded & Moss carder bees

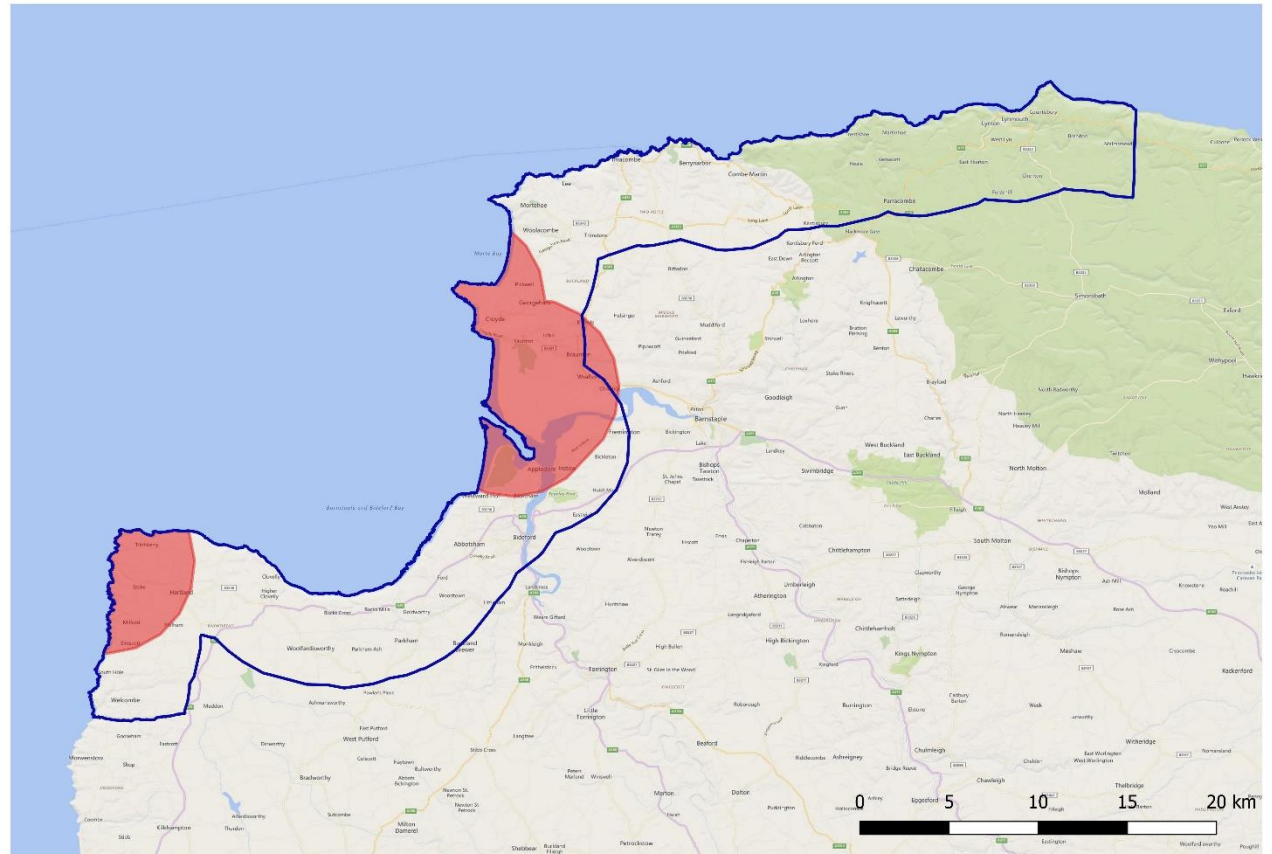


Common carder bee



# West Country Buzz: surveys

- Where are they?



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# What habitat?

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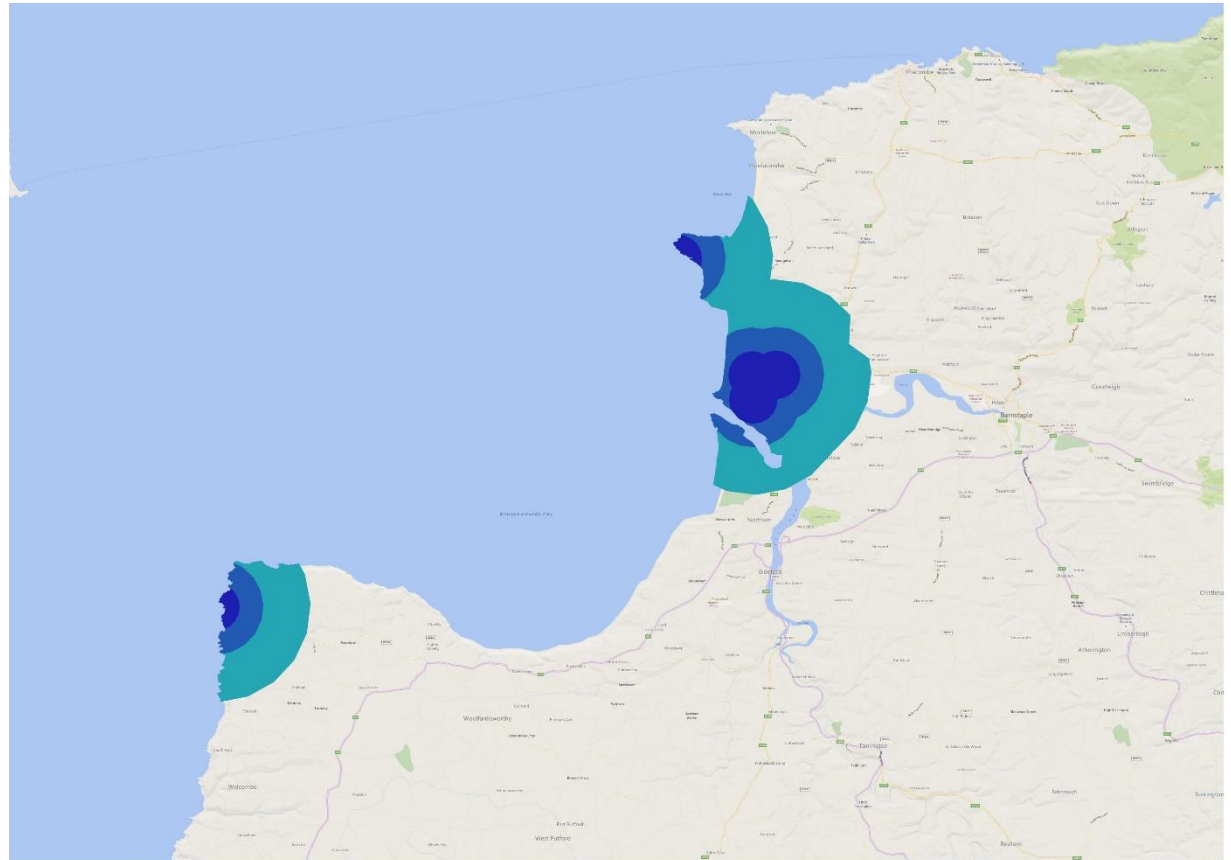




# West Country Buzz: Nature Recovery Network

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- Radiate out from known areas



# West Country Buzz: working with landowners

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# West Country Buzz: joining up habitat

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Legend

Species-rich grassland





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 Flowering species-rich grassland



# How can AES increase pollinator habitats?

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- Rotational late cuts
- Encourage rotational grazing
- Bigger financial incentives for grassland farms





# West Country Buzz: raising awareness

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- Farm days





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- Talks
- Workshops
- Bioblitzes





# Thanks

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