

# LAG Workshop – Update since 2022

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# Welcome to the 14<sup>th</sup> LAG Workshop



Back to in person...

# CBD - Global Biodiversity Framework



**INNS Global Target (6) agreed**



# TARGET 6

Eliminate, minimize, reduce and or mitigate the impacts of invasive alien species on biodiversity and ecosystem services by:

**identifying and managing pathways** of the introduction of alien species,  
**preventing the introduction and establishment of priority invasive alien species,**  
**reducing the rates of introduction and establishment of other known or potential invasive alien species by at least 50 per cent,** by 2030,  
**eradicating or controlling invasive alien species especially in priority sites,** such as islands

# Pathway action plans

1. Recreational boats ✓

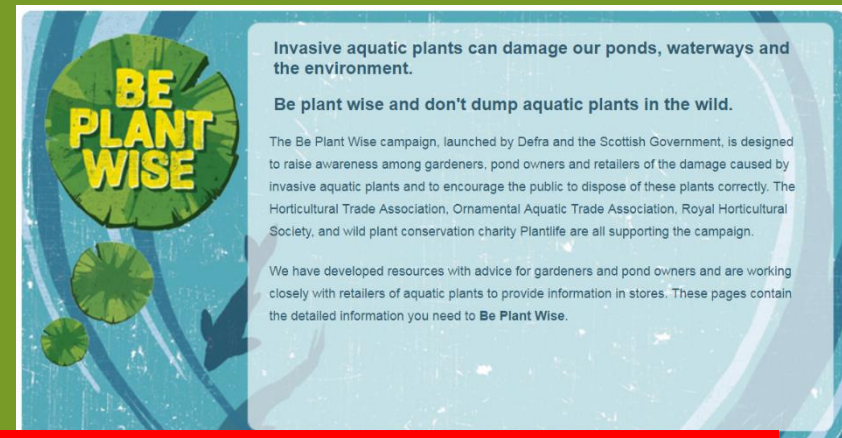
2. Horticultural escapes ✓

3. Horticultural contaminants ✓

4. Ballast water

5. Angling ✓

6. Zoos ✓



**PAP consultation imminent!**

# Asian hornet: Contingency response



**September 2016**





# Single nest found 2022

- Rayleigh - Essex
- Reported on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Nest found on 29<sup>th</sup> Sep
- Treated on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep

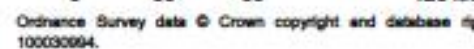


# Rayleigh nest





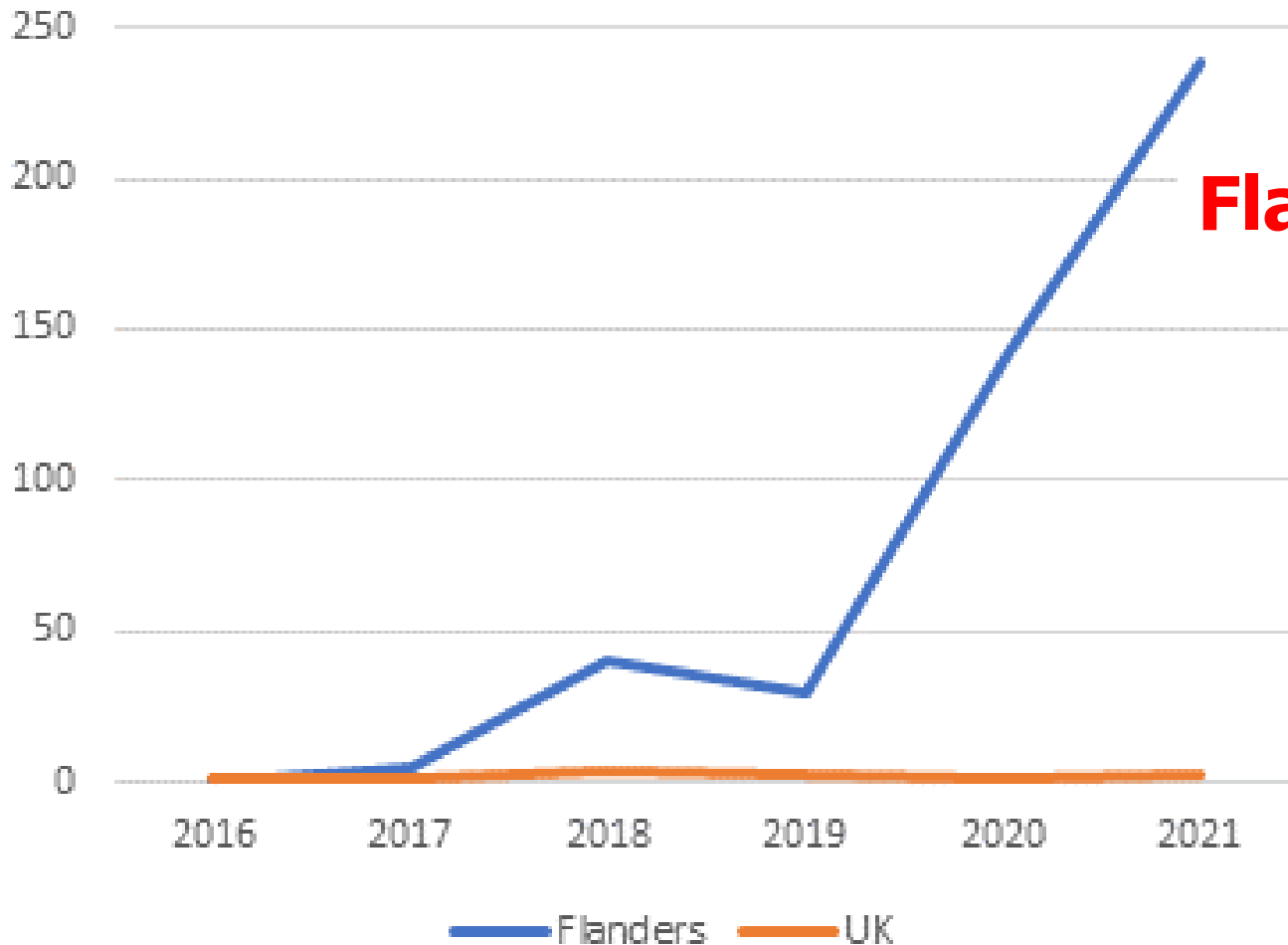
### Confirmed Nest Location

 Previous years

# Summary

- 24 confirmed sightings (<0.1% of reports!)
- 13 nests destroyed (11 queens)
  - 9 in trees
  - 3 in bush/hedge/brambles
  - 1 on ground

# Asian hornet – UK vs Belgium



**Flanders – 240**

**GB – 2 nests**



# GB Rapid Responses





..... and *Baccharis*



**Rapid response working group to be revived**

**Aims – increase number and speed of responses**

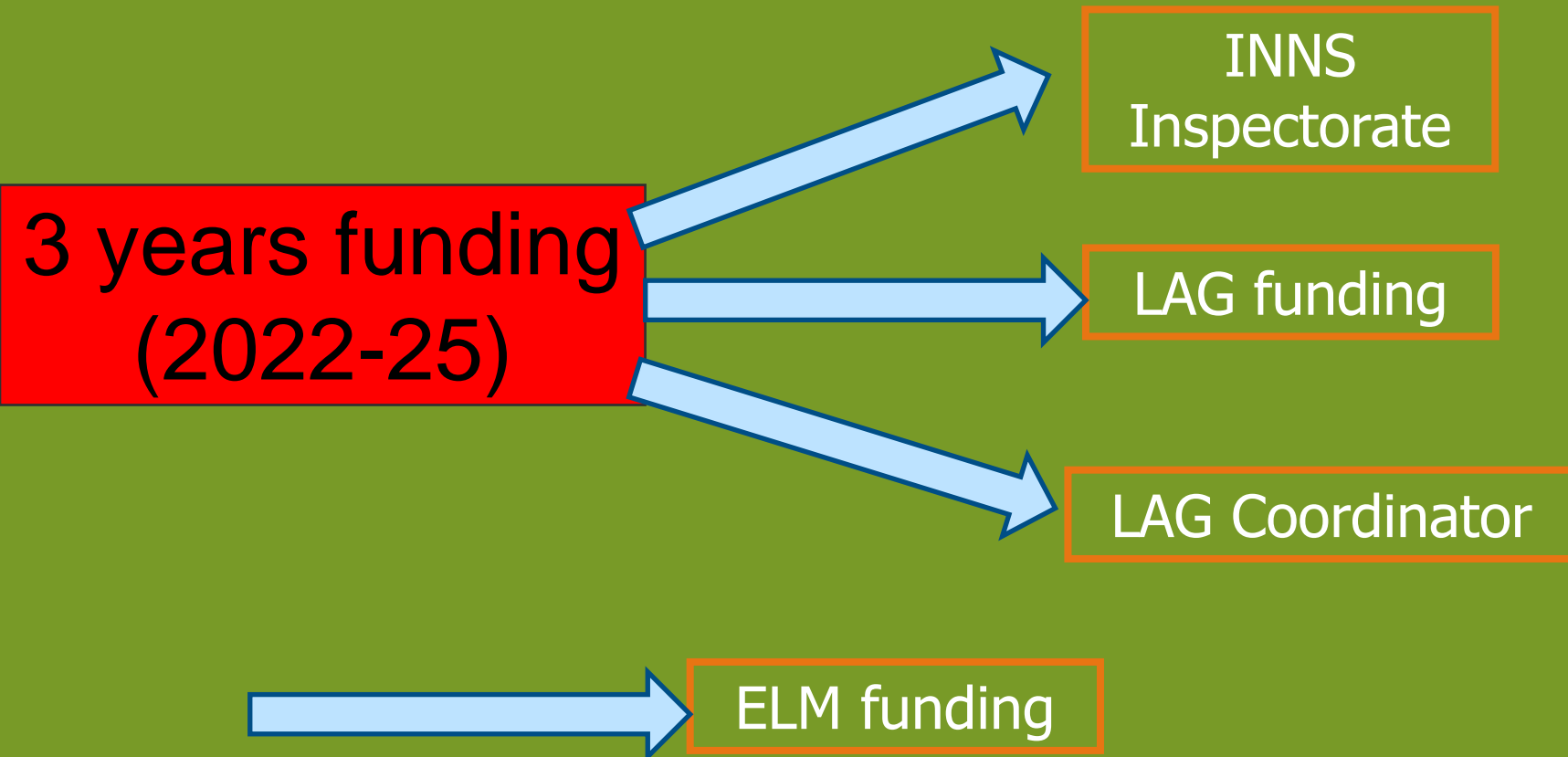


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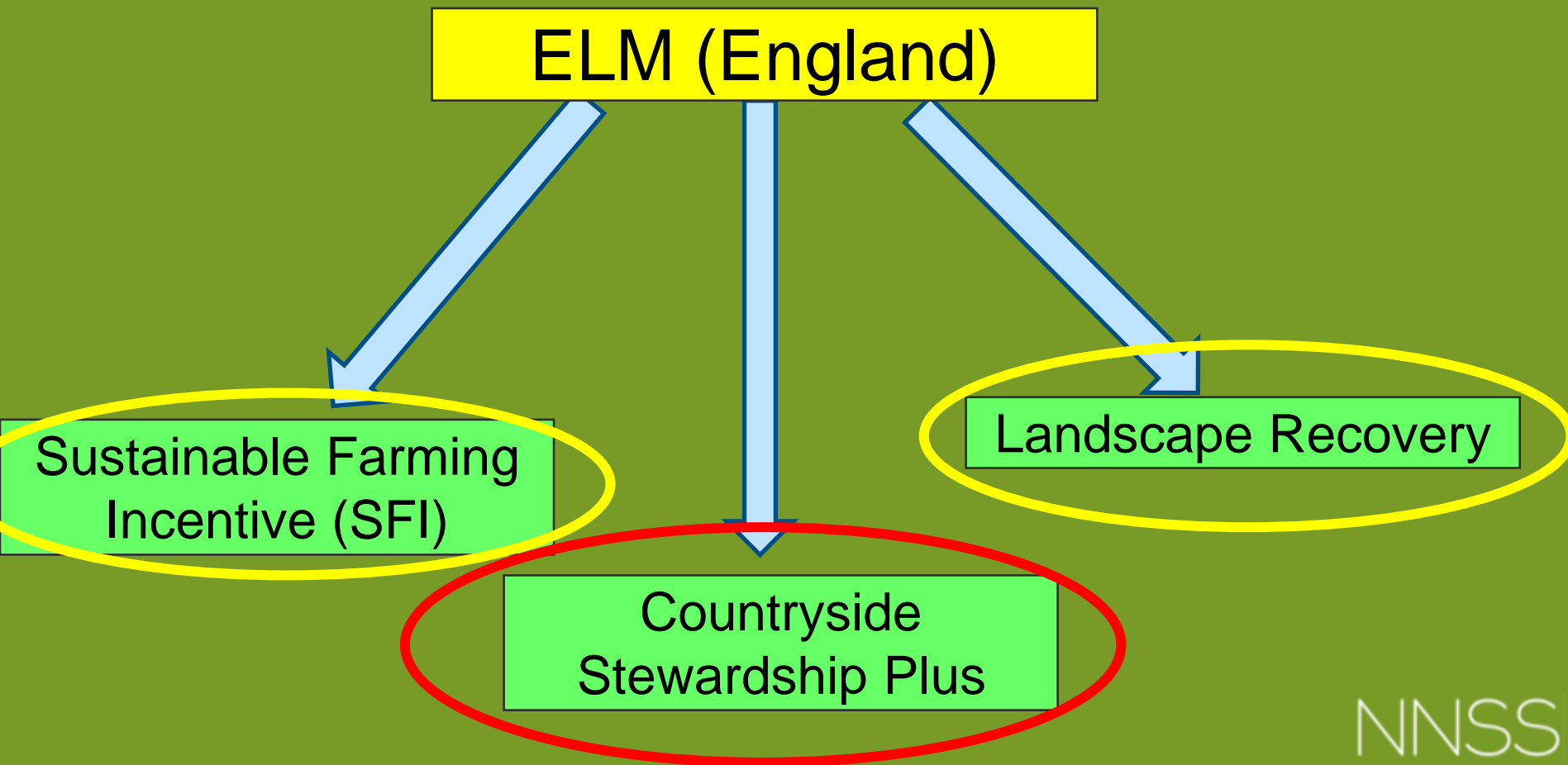




# Spending Review bid – SR 21



# Environmental Land Management



# Countryside Stewardship (England)

- Currently 40,000 agreements
- 34% agricultural land
- Current options for land-owners/managers
  - SP4 – Invasive plant management supplement
  - SB6 – Rhododendron control
  - WS1 – Deer control
  - WS3 – Grey squirrel control
- Local collaboration supported
  - Facilitation fund



# Countryside Stewardship plus

- Aim – 70,000 agreements (70% farms)
- Increased range of options for land-owners/managers including for INNS
- More targeted – right option in right place
  - More joined up – continued Facilitation Fund

# Information released on Jan 26, 2023

‘In addition to what is already available, we plan to pay for new actions covering’:

- Managing invasive non-native animals
- Managing other invasive non-native plants beyond those whose management is already funded under existing CS actions
- Currently looking at payment rates and how best to join up action



