

# Climate Change Adaptation

## Background

Defra required programmatic and environmental risk SME support. Methods partnered with our strategic partner ADAS to support the Climate Adaptation team, providing programmatic expertise, the technical know-how to lead a series of complex conversations, and workshops to help understand and implement actions to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Thanks to our focus on knowledge transfer and flexible response to changing requirements, we were able to facilitate a time-bound service delivery period during which we completed all of the deliverables asked of us, and transferred the required skills and knowledge to our client to reduce their long-term requirement for external consultants.

## Key requirements



**To build upon and challenge the existing risk management framework**

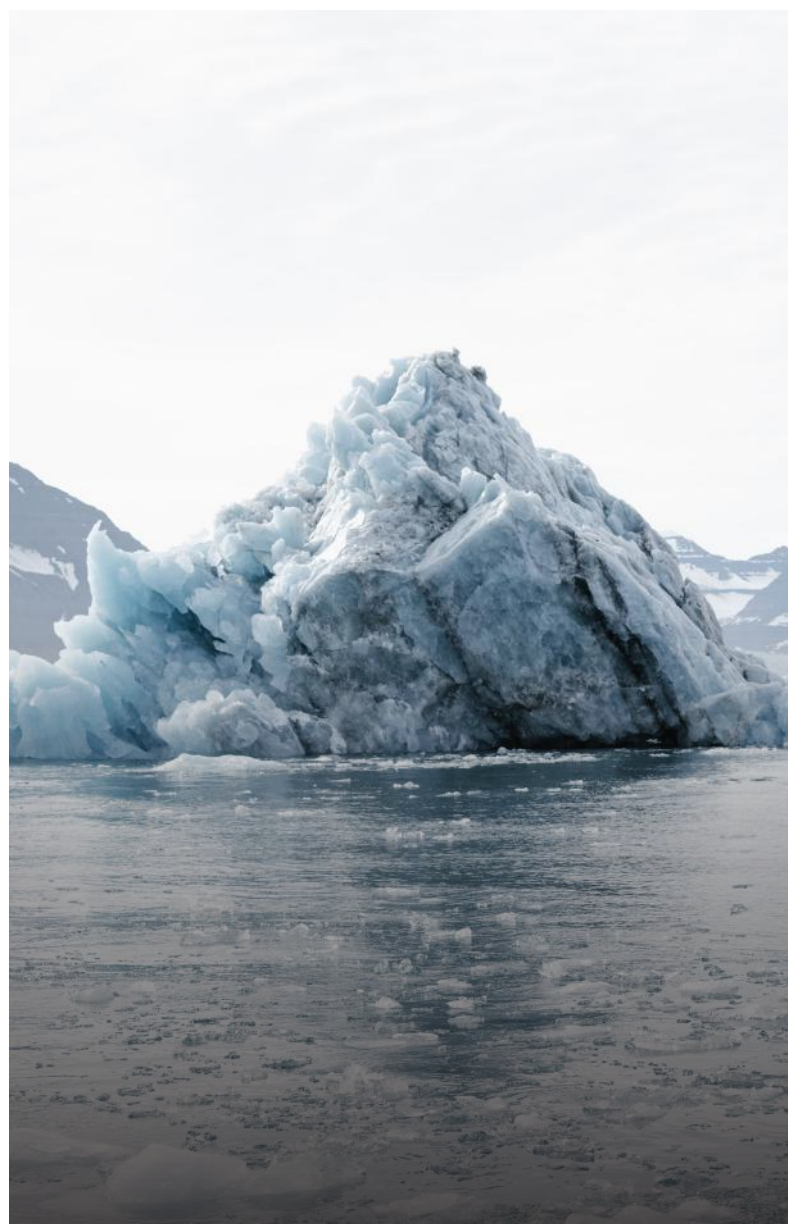


**To enhance understanding amongst the wider climate change risk stakeholder landscape**



**To successfully maintain momentum and progress for the new national adaptation programme**

The team had an ultimate deadline of over a year to get the NAP3 document written. Methods ensured a plan was in place to keep momentum and progress, and this also allowed the client to visualise the bigger picture and see what was involved in getting to the finish line.



Methods provided really helpful expertise that we didn't have easy access to, on setting up of programmes and helping us to think about and structure our work. They also added value in their approach to managing the relationship with us – through willingness to adapt to our evolving needs and requirements.

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- **Teamwork**
- **Shared vision of success**
- **Increased delivery confidence**

## Outcome



**Implementation of a programmatic approach**



**Increased awareness of interdependencies**



**Receipt of continual knowledge transfer throughout the contract**

## What was Methods' value add?

- We worked with the client to fully understand what was required from a technical perspective, and then provided specifically selected individuals based on the skill and expertise to work as part of the project team.
- We spent time building a relationship with the client so we could fully understand the scope required for a successful project, as well as building their trust in us and our advice and expertise.
- Our technical knowledge.
- Partnering with ADAS to include nationally recognised climate change expertise.
- We continuously facilitated knowledge transfer throughout the delivery in a variety of ways such as 1-2-1 sessions, RAID logs, and Decision logs.
- At the end of the delivery, we produced a management handbook with all the learnings to ensure the full scope had been captured and shared so Defra could move forward without Methods.

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