

How local authorities can address the Biodiversity Emergency

– setting the scene

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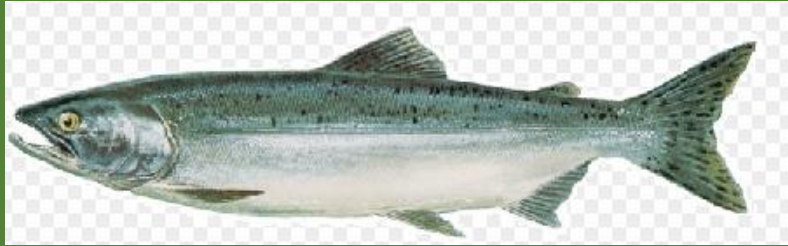
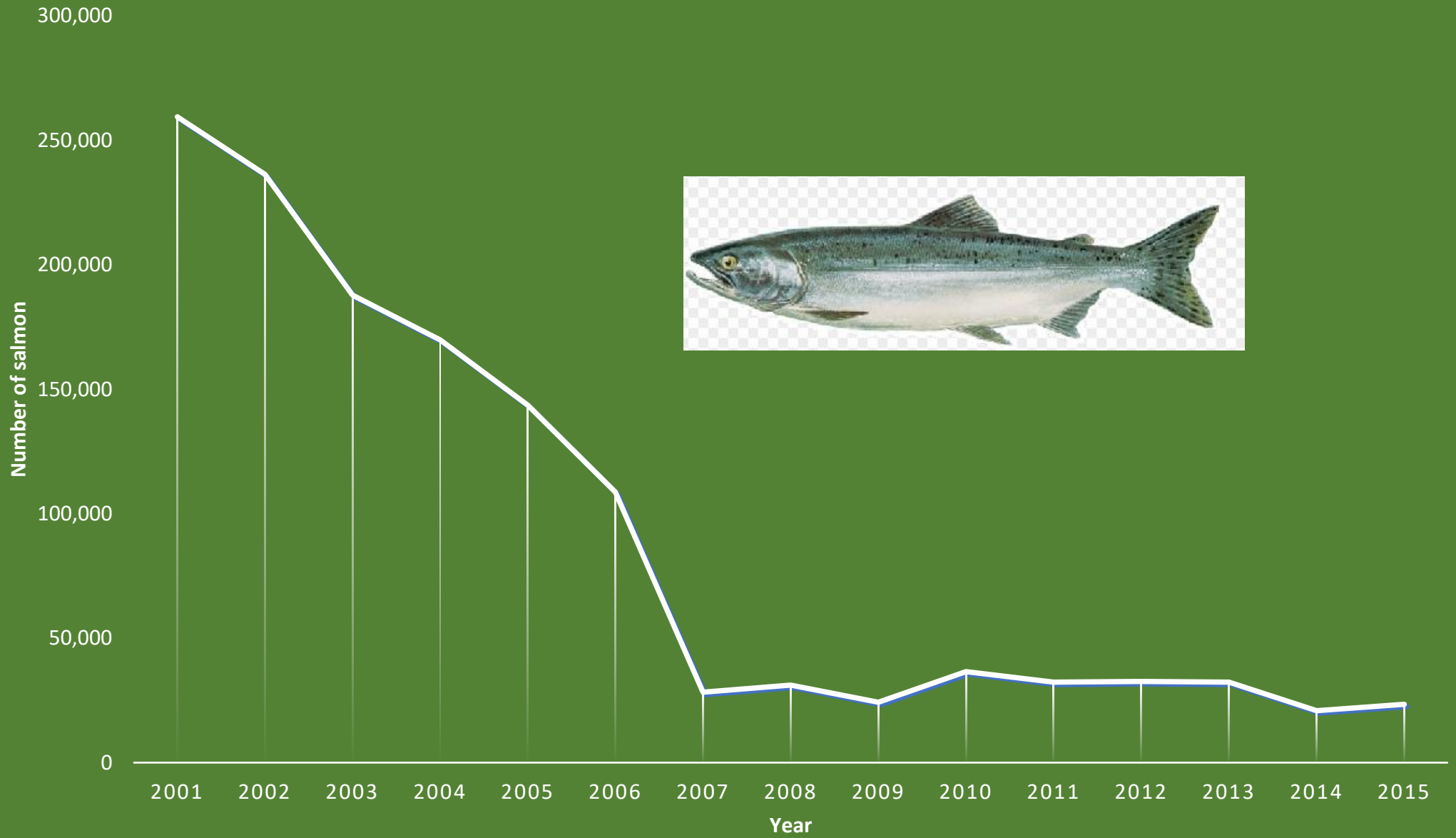
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The History of Shannon Fishermen and Reed Cutters Captured on Film

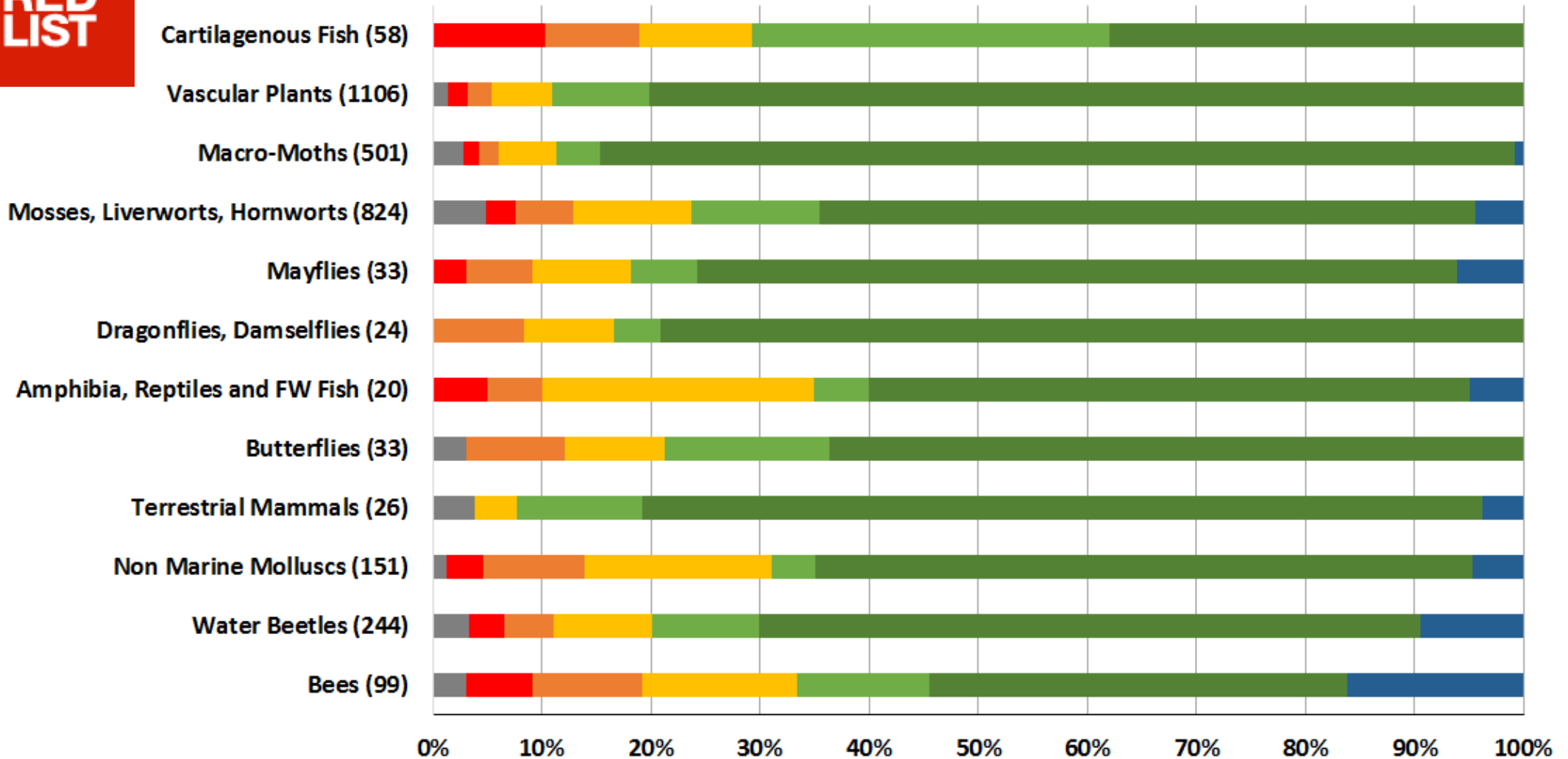


TOTAL SALMON HARVEST 2001-2015





Conservation assessments (Red Lists)



Regionally Extinct
 Critically Endangered
 Endangered
 Vulnerable
 Near Threatened
 Least Concern
 Data Deficient

Source: NPWS

Personal observations

1. The term 'Biodiversity' has a special meaning
2. Biodiversity needs to be a science-based policy
3. Evidence-based actions are needed
4. Monitoring and tracking is essential to demonstrate effectiveness of actions
5. Change of mindset needed to do things differently
6. How do we build a critical mass?

How local authorities can address the Biodiversity Emergency

Objectives of the conference

- Identify some of the challenges and opportunities for local authorities to address the biodiversity emergency
- Highlight some best practice examples where this is already happening
- Provide an opportunity for audience to identify and prioritise key actions to help biodiversity conservation
- Produce a series of key recommendations for future priorities for local authorities actions on biodiversity

Structure of conference

Four themes

- Biodiversity & Infrastructure,
- Biodiversity & Community,
- Biodiversity & Climate Action, and
- Biodiversity & Management

Activities & Process

Series of presentations

- Round table discussion to identify and prioritise actions
- Collate feedback
- Conference summary
- Post-conference recommendations



Thank you