

# **A catalogue of ecosystem-based measures to inspire adaptation in Central Viet Nam**

**Annex to the UNU-EHS research report: Opportunities for improved flood risk management and adaptation in Hue, Central Viet Nam: Addressing current and future flood risks.**

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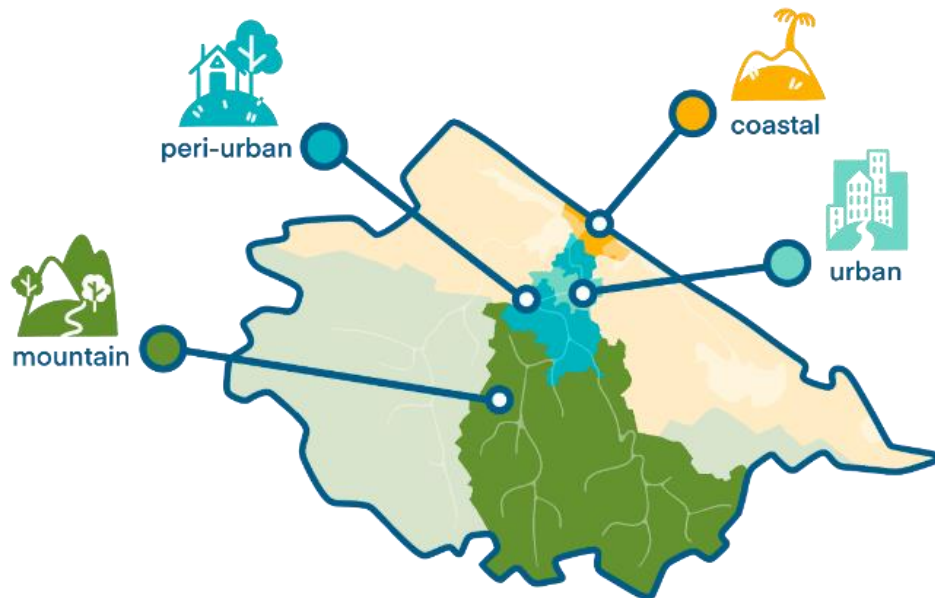
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## 1. The catalogue

The 16 ecosystem-based measures featured in this annex were selected after assessing and understanding the current risk as explained in the “Flood risks in Hue, Central Viet Nam: An assessment of flood hazard, exposures, vulnerabilities, root causes and impacts” report (Sett and others, 2024). Complementing the results of the “Opportunities for improved flood risk management and adaptation in Hue, Central Viet Nam: Addressing current and future flood risks” report (Ortiz Vargas and others, 2025). This annex provides additional information concerning the potential of ecosystem-based measures to complement existing efforts to reduce flood risk in Hue city.

## 2. Hue city

Understanding the appropriateness and possible effectiveness of potential flood risk management measures as part of a comprehensive strategy requires an understanding of the hydrology and characteristics of the city as an interconnected landscape. Through a landscape approach, the research team of the FloodAdaptVN project divided the Huong River catchment into four distinct and interconnected regions, namely the mountain, peri-urban, urban and coastal regions (Figure 1).



**Figure 1:** Different regions in the Huong River catchment are represented in different colours (Illustration by Caitlyn Eberle).

We recognise that the flood hazard dynamics may vary from one context to another and in some cases the ecosystem-based measures need to be also implemented in adjacent catchments. In the context of flood risk in Hue, the Bo River catchment, for example, is also a relevant location for the implementation of measures, as it also influences flood risk in Hue. But for an easier understanding of the relevance of the landscape approach to address flood risk, we demonstrate the implementation of ecosystem-based measures within the basic ecological unit of a catchment, which we exemplified with the Huong River and its regions. These main regions will be used as a framework to present options of ecosystem-based measures that could be applied in each of the catchment segments (Table 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).

3. Compilation of evidence of flood risk reduction benefits

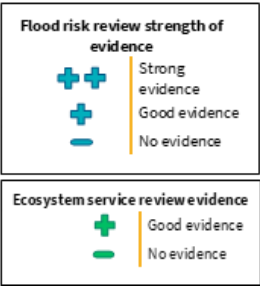


Figure 2: Categories to organize the results of the literature reviews.






The compilation of evidence consisted of two literature reviews to collect evidence of the influence of the ecosystem-based measures on the different components of disaster risk.

The first systematic review focused on how identified ecosystem-based measures reduce flood risk. In it, instances where implementation was documented were classified as “strong evidence”. The second literature review was about the contribution of ecosystem services to reduce flood risk. This compilation of evidence also included the compilation of specific parameters related to flood hazards: infiltration, evapotranspiration, surface run-off, surface-water storage, water discharge and flood routing, due to their relevance as input information for the flood models developed in the project.

The findings from both reviews are presented in the next section with different colours to differentiate them and separate scales of the strength of evidence (Figure 2) to communicate the type of evidence found. Blue represents the results of the “systematic review on how identified ecosystem-based measures reduce flood risk” and green represents the “systematic review on the contribution of ecosystem services to reduce flood risk”.

#### 4. Evidence of how ecosystem-based measures can provide flood risk reduction benefits

**Table 1:** Visual representation of strength and amount of evidence of the influence of the ecosystem-based measures on the different components of flood risk. One plus sign means good evidence, two plus signs mean strong evidence, and a minus sign means no evidence found. Blue represents the results of the systematic review on how identified ecosystem-based measures reduce flood risk, and green represents the results of the systematic review on the contribution of ecosystem services to reduce flood risk.

Catchment region	Ecosystem-based measure(s)	Documented evidence of flood risk reduction benefits			Documented evidence of provision of ecosystem services relevant for flood risk reduction		
		Hazard	Exposure	Vulnerability	Hazard	Exposure	Vulnerability
 Coastal	<b>Mangroves:</b> afforestation, conservation, restoration	++	++	++	+	+	+
	<b>Sand dunes:</b> conservation, restoration	+	++	-	+	+	+
	<b>Coastal forest:</b> afforestation, conservation, restoration	++	++	++	+	+	+
 Urban	<b>Permeable pavement:</b> establishment	++	++	-	-	-	-
	<b>Urban vegetation:</b> establishment, conservation	++	++	-	+	+	+
	<b>Home gardens:</b> conservation	-	+	-	+	+	+
	<b>Green open spaces:</b> establishment, conservation	++	++	-	+	+	+
	<b>Green corridors:</b> establishment, conservation, restoration	+	+	-	-	-	-
	<b>Flood-plain:</b> reconnection, restoration	+	+	++	+	+	+
	<b>Lentic water bodies:</b> restoration, conservation	+	+	-	+	+	+
	<b>Lotic natural waterways:</b> natural drainage path restoration, conservation	++	++	-	+	+	+
	<b>Riverbanks:</b> restoration of riverbanks with bioengineering materials	+	-	-	+	+	+
 Peri-urban	<b>Vegetated filter strips:</b> establishment, conservation, restoration	++	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Flood-tolerant rice crops:</b> cultivation	++	++	-	-	-	-
 Peri-urban Mountain	<b>Agroforestry in riparian buffers:</b> establishment, conservation, restoration	++	++	++	+	+	+
 Mountain	<b>Forest:</b> afforestation, conservation, restoration, sustainable management	++	++	++	+	+	+

**Table 2:** Documented evidence from literature that supports Table 1 graphics and icons in relation to flood risk reduction benefits. See references for extended evidence.

Catchment region	Ecosystem-based measure(s)	Documented evidence of flood risk reduction benefits		
		Hazard	Exposure	Vulnerability
Coastal	Mangroves: afforestation, conservation, restoration	General flood risk reduction (Menéndez and others, 2019; Karanja and Saito, 2018). Physical barrier reducing tidal flooding and abrasion intensity, reducing flood intensity (Utami and others, 2021; van Coppenolle and others, 2018); reduced flood wave velocity (Deb and Ferreira, 2017) and peak flows (Liu and others, 2013); improved flow routing (Montgomery and others, 2022). Removal of nitrogen, phosphorus and other deoxidizing matter from flood water, reducing flood impact (Wang and others, 2010).	General flood risk reduction (Menéndez and others, 2019; Karanja and Saito, 2018). Physical barrier against tidal flooding and abrasion, reducing exposure (Hilmi and others, 2022; Utami and others, 2021; Beck and others, 2022); Storm wave attenuation and coastal protection (van Hespén and others, 2023; Tyagi, 2022; Hamza and others, 2022).	Provision of firewood (Munji and others, 2013; Munji and others, 2014; Karanja and Saito, 2018); Provision of fish as a food source (Karanja and Saito, 2018; Munji and others, 2014; Munji and others, 2013; Debrot and others, 2022); Provision of medicinal resources (Munji and others, 2014; Karanja and Saito, 2018); Contribution/maintenance of biodiversity (Munji and others, 2013); Contribution to recreational opportunities and tourism (Karanja and Saito, 2018).
	Sand dunes: conservation, restoration	Physical barrier reducing wave overwash (intensity), enhanced via vegetation presence (Fernández-Montblanc and others, 2020).	Physical barrier to wave overwash, enhanced via vegetation presence, thereby reducing exposed area (Fernández-Montblanc and others, 2020).	No evidence
	Coastal forest: afforestation, conservation, restoration	Storm wave attenuation with sufficient forest width and density, reducing flood intensity (van Hespén and others, 2023).	Storm wave attenuation with sufficient forest width and density, thereby reducing exposed area (van Hespén and others, 2023).	Provision of firewood (Munji and others, 2013); Provision of fish as a food source (Munji and others, 2013).
Urban	Permeable pavement: establishment	High water infiltration efficiency vs. impermeable surfaces, reducing flood intensity (Rankin and Ball, 2004; Zheng and others, 2019; Liu and others, 2014; Yoo and others, 2016).	Reduced effective flood volume in affected areas due to higher water infiltration efficiency, thereby reducing exposed area (Rankin and Ball, 2004; Zheng and others, 2019; Liu and others, 2014; Yoo and others, 2016).	No evidence
	Urban vegetation: establishment, conservation	Enhanced water interception, infiltration and retention capacity in soil, reducing flood intensity (Zheng and others, 2019; Liu and others, 2014; Reu Junqueira and others, 2022; Lu and others, 2022; Kim and others, 2016; Kim and Park, 2016); Reduced pluvial runoff, reducing flood	Enhanced water interception, infiltration and retention capacity in soil, thereby reducing exposed area (Zheng and others, 2019; Liu and others, 2014; Reu Junqueira and others, 2022; Lu and others, 2022; Kim and others, 2016; Kim and Park, 2016); Reduced pluvial runoff, reducing exposed area (Reu	No evidence

		intensity(Reu Junqueira and others, 2022; Zia and others, 2022).	Junqueira and others, 2022; Zia and others, 2022); Physical barrier dissipating floodwater energy, reducing exposed area (Liu and others, 2023b).	
	Home gardens: conservation	Improved infiltration via porous ground cover in comparison to paved gardens, reducing flood intensity (Kelly, 2018).	Reduced effective flood volume in affected areas due to higher water infiltration efficiency, reducing exposed area (Kelly, 2018).	No evidence
	Green open spaces: establishment, conservation	Enhanced water interception and soil infiltration capacity, reducing flood intensity (Liu and others, 2014; Kim and others, 2016); Mitigated runoff, and thereby intensity (Liu and others, 2014; Zia and others, 2022); Improved evaporation of runoff water, reducing flood intensity (Liu and others, 2014).	Enhanced water interception and soil infiltration capacity, reducing exposed area (Liu and others, 2014; Kim and others, 2016); Mitigated runoff via improved evaporation, reducing exposed area (Liu and others, 2014).	No evidence
	Green corridors: establishment, conservation, restoration	Boost infiltration and water retention capacity of soil, reducing flood intensity (Wang and others, 2010; Staccione and others, 2024).	Boost infiltration and water retention capacity of soil, reducing exposed area (Wang and others, 2010; Staccione and others, 2024).	No evidence
	Floodplain: reconnection, restoration	Dense vegetation reduces flood flow velocities (Komora, 1981).	Dense vegetation reduces flood flow velocities, reducing exposed area (Komora, 1981).	Provision of fish as a food source (Singha and Pal, 2023).
	Lentic water bodies: restoration, conservation	Improved soil water holding capacity, reducing excess runoff and thereby reducing flood intensity (Gautam and Corzo, 2023); Serve as temporary water storage, minimizing flood stress and peak flows, thus reducing flood intensity (Tang and others, 2020b; Javaheri and Babbar-Sebens, 2014; Tang and others, 2020a; Wang and others, 2022); Vegetated wetlands reduce flow speed and flooding extent, reducing flood intensity (Nithin Kumar Reddy and others, 2017).	Barrier reducing flow velocity and flooded area(Rojas and others, 2022); Improved soil water holding capacity, reducing excess runoff and thereby reducing exposed area (Gautam and Corzo, 2023); Serve as temporary water storage, minimizing flood stress and peak flows, thus reducing exposed area (Tang and others, 2020b; Javaheri and Babbar-Sebens, 2014; Tang and others, 2020a; Wang and others, 2022); Vegetated wetlands reduce flow speed and flooding extent, thereby reducing exposed area (Kumar Yadav and others, 2015).	No evidence
	Lotic natural waterways: natural drainage path restoration, conservation	Enhanced water storage capacity via high stream network connectivity/complexity, thus reducing flood intensity (Gao and others, 2020; Yang and others, 2016); Enhanced drainage via high stream	Enhanced water storage capacity via high stream network connectivity/complexity, reducing exposed area (Gao and others, 2020; Yang and others, 2016); Enhanced drainage via high stream	No evidence

Peri-urban		network connectivity/complexity, thus reducing flood intensity (Yang and others, 2016); Natural river embankments enhance flow vs concrete embankments, reducing flood intensity (Li and Wang, 2019).	network connectivity/complexity, thus reducing exposed area (Yang and others, 2016); Natural river embankments enhance flow vs concrete embankments, reducing exposed area (Li and Wang, 2019).	
	Riverbanks: restoration with bioengineering materials (e.g. plants)	Mitigated streamwise velocity and bank erosion under ungrazed grassy cover and forest cover, thus reducing flood intensity (Esfahani and Keshavarzi, 2010; Tomer and van Horn, 2018; Rood and others, 2015).	Mitigated streamwise velocity and bank erosion under ungrazed grassy cover and forest cover, reducing exposed area (Esfahani and Keshavarzi, 2010; Tomer and van Horn, 2018; Rood and others, 2015).	No evidence
	Vegetated filter strips: establishment, conservation, restoration	Filtration of nitrogen and phosphorus-based waste matter in floodwater, reducing flood impact (Yates and Sheridan, 1983).	No evidence	No evidence
	Flood-tolerant rice crop cultivation	Improved river basin water storage capacity via paddy fields in high flow accumulation areas, reducing flood intensity (Osawa and others, 2020).	Improved river basin water storage capacity via paddy fields in high flow accumulation areas, reducing exposed area (Osawa and others, 2020).	No evidence
	Agroforestry in riparian buffers: establishment, conservation, restoration	Improved water storage and use by trees (Udawatta and Jose, 2021) Reduced flood discharge and velocity with sufficient vegetation diameter/roughness, thus reducing flood intensity (Ziana and others, 2020; Anderson and others, 2006).	Improved water storage and use by trees (Udawatta and Jose, 2021) Reduced flood discharge and velocity with sufficient vegetation diameter/roughness, thereby reducing exposed area (Ziana and others, 2020; Anderson and others, 2006).	Provision of fruit for consumption, shade, and erosion control (Quandt and others, 2017).
Mountain	Forest: afforestation, conservation, restoration of, sustainable management	Improved below-ground runoff connection to streams, reducing flood intensity (Peskett and others, 2021); Mitigated peak discharge (Bathurst and others, 2011; Díaz and Querner, 2005; Bahremand and others, 2007; Ye Klimenko and others, 2021; Kabeja and others, 2020; Černohous and others, 2017) and delayed flood concentration, reducing flood intensity (Sato and Shuin, 2023); Improved water storage capacity (Zell	Improved below-ground runoff connection to streams, reducing exposed area (Peskett and others, 2021); Mitigated peak discharge (Bathurst and others, 2011; Díaz and Querner, 2005; Bahremand and others, 2007; Ye Klimenko and others, 2021; Kabeja and others, 2020; Černohous and others, 2017) and delayed flood concentration, thereby reducing exposed area (Sato and Shuin, 2023); Improved water storage capacity (Zell and others, 2015) via high root	Provision of fish as a food source (Barros and others, 2020); Provision of forest products to support household incomes (Bauer and others, 2018).



		and others, 2015) via high root density, reducing flood intensity (Lange and others, 2013); Reduced surface runoff directly (Lü and others, 2021) and via reduced soil moisture as a consequence of high transpiration rates, reducing flood intensity (Asbjornsen and others, 2014); High infiltration due to increased porosity of soils under mature forests, reducing flood intensity (Hümann and others, 2011); Absorption of dissolved nitrogen and phosphorus pollutants, reducing flood impact (Bahn and An, 2020).	density, reducing exposed area (Lange and others, 2013); Reduced surface runoff directly (Lü and others, 2021) and via reduced soil moisture as a consequence of high transpiration rates, reducing exposed area (Asbjornsen and others, 2014); High infiltration due to increased porosity of soils under mature forests, reducing exposed area (Hümann and others, 2011).	
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**Table 3:** Documented evidence from literature that supports Table 1 graphics and icons in relation to ecosystem services relevant for flood risk reduction. See references for extended evidence.

Documented evidence of the provision of ecosystem services relevant for flood risk reduction				
Catchment region	Ecosystem-based measure(s)	Hazard	Exposure	Vulnerability
Coastal	Mangroves: afforestation, conservation, restoration	Mangroves provide regulating services, including climate and air quality regulation (Gargaran and others, 2024; Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), carbon sequestration and storage (Gargaran and others, 2024; Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), moderation of extreme events (Friess, 2016; Gargaran and others, 2024; Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Friess, 2016; Gargaran and others, 2024; Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), and waste-water treatment (Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024). All important ecosystem services that support hazard and exposure reduction.		Mangroves provide provisioning services like food (Friess, 2016; Gargaran and others, 2024; Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), raw materials which include timber (Friess, 2016; Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), fresh water through ground water recharge (Gargaran and others, 2024; Islam and others, 2024), medicinal resources (Gargaran and others, 2024; Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Rahman and others, 2024), as well as cultural services including recreational opportunities (Gargaran and others, 2024; Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), tourism (Gargaran and others, 2024; Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), aesthetic values (Islam and others, 2024), and spiritual experiences (Friess, 2016; Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), pollination (Kadaverugu and others, 2021). They also provide regulating services like erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Friess, 2016; Gargaran and others, 2024; Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), as well as supporting services like habitat creation (Osewe and others, 2024) and maintenance of genetic diversity (Islam and others, 2024). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.



	Sand dunes: conservation, restoration	Sand dunes provide regulating services like erosion control and soil fertility maintenance, carbon sequestration and storage, moderation of extreme events (Barbier and others, 2011). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	Sand dunes provide provisioning services like fresh water provision through ground water recharge, and supporting services like habitat provision, and recreational opportunities, erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Barbier and others, 2011). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
	Coastal forest: afforestation, conservation, restoration	Coastal forests provide regulating services including soil fertility maintenance and erosion control (Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005), climate and air quality regulation (Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005), carbon sequestration and storage (Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005), and waste-water treatment (Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	Coastal forests provide provisioning ecosystem services like provision of food (Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), raw materials such as timber and fuel (Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), fresh water through ground water recharge (Islam and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005), medicinal resources (Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Rahman and others, 2024), and cultural services including recreational opportunities (Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), tourism (Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024), aesthetic values (Islam and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005), and spiritual experiences (Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024). Coastal forests provide regulating services like pollination (Kadaverugu and others, 2021; Maass and others, 2005), soil fertility maintenance and erosion control (Islam and others, 2024; Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005), and pest control (Maass and others, 2005). They also provide supporting services like habitat provision (Osewe and others, 2024), and maintenance of genetic diversity (Islam and others, 2024; Rahman and others, 2024). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
Urban	Permeable pavement: establishment	No evidence	
	Urban vegetation: establishment, conservation	Urban vegetation contributes with regulating services like erosion reduction and soil maintenance (Russo and others, 2017; Paudel and States, 2023), climate and air quality regulation (Russo and others, 2017; Francini and others, 2022; Liang and Huang, 2023; Paudel and States, 2023; Evans and others, 2022; Derkzen and others, 2015; Amorim and others, 2021; Blanusa and others, 2019), carbon sequestration and storage (Russo and others, 2017; Liang and Huang, 2023; Paudel and States, 2023; Evans and others, 2022; Ruiz-Sandoval and others, 2018; Derkzen and others, 2015; Amorim and others, 2021), moderation of extreme events (Amorim and others, 2021; Blanusa and others, 2019) (Liang and Huang,	This measure can provide food (Russo and others, 2017; Francini and others, 2022; Liang and Huang, 2023; Paudel and States, 2023), raw materials (Paudel and States, 2023), fresh water through groundwater recharge (Paudel and States, 2023; Evans and others, 2022; Ruiz-Sandoval and others, 2018), medicinal resources (Russo and others, 2017; Liang and Huang, 2023), and cultural services, including recreational opportunities (Francini and others, 2022; Liang and Huang, 2023; Paudel and States, 2023; Evans and others, 2022; Derkzen and others, 2015; Amorim and others, 2021; Blanusa and others, 2019; Cheng, 2023), tourism (Paudel and States, 2023; Cheng, 2023), aesthetic values (Russo and others, 2017; Francini and others, 2022; Liang and Huang, 2023; Paudel and States, 2023; Evans and others, 2022; Cheng, 2023), and spiritual experiences (Paudel and States, 2023; Liang and Huang, 2023; Evans and others, 2022; Amorim and others, 2021; Cheng, 2023). Urban vegetation also contributes with regulating services,












		2023; Evans and others, 2022; Derkzen and others, 2015), and waste-water treatment(Paudel and States, 2023; Ruiz-Sandoval and others, 2018). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	including pollination (Evans and others, 2022), erosion reduction and soil maintenance (Russo and others, 2017; Paudel and States, 2023), biological control (Evans and others, 2022). This measure can also provide supporting services, like habitat provision (Ruiz-Sandoval and others, 2018), and maintenance of genetic diversity (Blanusa and others, 2019). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
	Home gardens: conservation	Home gardens can contribute to erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Russo and others, 2017), climate and air quality regulation (Russo and others, 2017; Blanusa and others, 2019; Pinto and others, 2022), carbon sequestration and storage (Russo and others, 2017; Blanusa and others, 2019), and moderation of extreme events(Russo and others, 2017; Blanusa and others, 2019; Pinto and others, 2022). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	This measure can provide many ecosystem services, namely food (Russo and others, 2017; Pandey and Ghosh, 2023; Pinto and others, 2022), natural medicinal resources (Pandey and Ghosh, 2023; Russo and others, 2017), recreational opportunities (Russo and others, 2017; Cheng, 2023; Pandey and Ghosh, 2023; Pinto and others, 2022), aesthetics values (Russo and others, 2017; Cheng, 2023; Pandey and Ghosh, 2023), spiritual experiences (Cheng, 2023; Pinto and others, 2022), pollination (Pandey and Ghosh, 2023), erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Russo and others, 2017), and genetic diversity maintenance (Russo and others, 2017; Blanusa and others, 2019; Pandey and Ghosh, 2023). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
	Green open spaces: establishment, conservation	Green open spaces can contribute with regulating services, namely erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Paudel and States, 2023; Sari and Bayraktar, 2023), climate and air quality regulation (Paudel and States, 2023; Derkzen and others, 2015; Pinto and others, 2022; Cheng, 2023; Luo and Patuano, 2023; Sari and Bayraktar, 2023), carbon sequestration and storage (Derkzen and others, 2015; Cheng, 2023), and moderation of extreme events (Paudel and States, 2023; Derkzen and others, 2015; Pinto and others, 2022). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	This measure can contribute with many provisioning services, namely the provision of food (Paudel and States, 2023; Pinto and others, 2022; Cheng, 2023; Luo and Patuano, 2023), raw materials (Cheng, 2023), and fresh water (Paudel and States, 2023; Cheng, 2023). Green open spaces also contribute with cultural services, namely, recreational opportunities (Derkzen and others, 2015; Pinto and others, 2022; Cheng, 2023; Luo and Patuano, 2023; Sari and Bayraktar, 2023), tourism (Cheng, 2023), aesthetic values (Cheng, 2023), and spiritual experiences(Pinto and others, 2022; Sari and Bayraktar, 2023). This measure also provides regulating services, namely erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Paudel and States, 2023; Sari and Bayraktar, 2023), pollination (Paudel and States, 2023; Cheng, 2023), and biological control (Paudel and States, 2023). Lastly, this measure can also provide supporting services, namely habitat provision (Paudel and States, 2023; Luo and Patuano, 2023; Sari and Bayraktar, 2023), and conservation of biodiversity (Sari and Bayraktar, 2023). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
	Green corridors: establishment, conservation, restoration	No evidence found	
	Floodplain: reconnection, restoration	Floodplain reconnection or restoration can contribute with regulating services like erosion control, soil fertility maintenance (Jakubínský and others, 2021; Barnett and others, 2016), climate and air quality regulation (Jakubínský and others, 2021; Barnett and others, 2016), carbon	This measure provide many ecosystem services, namely provision of food and water (Jakubínský and others, 2021; Barnett and others, 2016), provision of raw materials (Jakubínský and others, 2021), opportunities for tourism (Jakubínský and others, 2021), recreational opportunities and aesthetics values (Jakubínský and others, 2021; Barnett and others, 2016), erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Jakubínský and others,

		sequestration and storage (Barnett and others, 2016), moderation of extreme events (Jakubínský and others, 2021; Barnett and others, 2016), and waste-water treatment (Jakubínský and others, 2021). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	2021; Barnett and others, 2016). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
	Lentic water bodies: restoration, conservation	Restoration or conservation of lentic water bodies can contribute with ecosystem services like erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022; Agaton and Guila, 2023), climate and air quality regulation (Langan and others, 2018; Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Xu and others, 2018; Agaton and Guila, 2023), carbon sequestration and storage (Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024), moderation of extreme events (Langan and others, 2018; Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022; Xu and others, 2018; Agaton and Guila, 2023), and waste-water treatment (Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022; Xu and others, 2018; Agaton and Guila, 2023). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	This measure can contribute with many ecosystem services, namely provision of food (Langan and others, 2018; Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022), raw materials (Langan and others, 2018; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022), fresh water (Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022; Xu and others, 2018; Agaton and Guila, 2023), and natural medicinal resources (Sheergojri and others, 2024). Lentic water bodies also contribute through the provision of cultural services, namely recreational opportunities (Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022; Xu and others, 2018; Agaton and Guila, 2023), tourism (Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022), aesthetics values (Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022), and spiritual experiences (Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022), regulating services, namely pollination (Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022), biological control (Sheergojri and others, 2024). Additionally, this measure also provides supporting services, namely habitat provision (Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Xu and others, 2018; Agaton and Guila, 2023) and maintenance of genetic diversity (Chatanga and Seleteng-Kose, 2021; Acreman and others, 2011; Sheergojri and others, 2024; Inácio and others, 2022; Agaton and Guila, 2023). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
	Lotic natural waterways: natural drainage path restoration, conservation	Restoration or conservation of lotic natural waterways can provide regulating services like soil erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021; Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023), climate and air quality regulation (Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023), carbon sequestration and storage (Kaiser and others, 2020; Brown and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021), moderation of extreme events (Kaiser and others, 2020; Brown and others, 2018; Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021), and waste-water treatment (Basak and others, 2021; Vidal-Abarca	This measure contributes with many ecosystem services, namely provision of food (Kaiser and others, 2020; Brown and others, 2018; Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021), raw materials (Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023), fresh water (Kaiser and others, 2020; Brown and others, 2018; Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021), and medicinal resources (Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023). Lotic water channels also contribute through cultural services, namely recreational opportunities (Kaiser and others, 2020; Brown and others, 2018; Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021), tourism (Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023), aesthetics values (Kaiser and others, 2020; Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021; Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023) and spiritual experiences (Kaiser and others, 2020; Brown and others, 2018; Hanna and

		Gutiérrez and others, 2023). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	others, 2018; Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023). regulating services, namely pollination (Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023), soil erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021; Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023). The measure also provides supporting services, namely habitat provision (Kaiser and others, 2020; Hanna and others, 2018; Basak and others, 2021; Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023) and maintenance of genetic diversity (Kaiser and others, 2020; Vidal-Abarca Gutiérrez and others, 2023). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.
	Riverbanks: restoration with bioengineering materials (e.g. plants)	This measure can provide ecosystem services like carbon sequestration and storage, erosion control and soil fertility maintenance, moderation of extreme events, waste-water treatment (Norman, 2020). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	For vulnerability reduction, this measure can provide services like erosion control and soil fertility maintenance, and habitat provision (Norman, 2020).
Peri-urban	Vegetated filter strips: establishment, conservation, restoration	No evidence found	
	Flood-tolerant rice crop cultivation	No evidence found	
Peri-urban, and mountain	Agroforestry in riparian buffers: establishment, conservation, restoration	Agroforestry can provide regulating services, namely erosion reduction and soil maintenance (Xiao and Xiong, 2022; Yang and others, 2024; Fagerholm and others, 2016; Torralba and others, 2016), climate and air quality regulation (Asbjornsen and others, 2014), carbon sequestration and storage (Silva-Galicia and others, 2023; Fagerholm and others, 2016; Castle and others, 2021), moderation of extreme events (Fagerholm and others, 2016), and waste-water treatment (Farinaccio and others, 2024). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.	This measure provides many provisioning services like food (Farinaccio and others, 2024; Xiao and Xiong, 2022; Yang and others, 2024; Silva-Galicia and others, 2023; Fagerholm and others, 2016), raw materials (Fagerholm and others, 2016). The measure also has the potential to provide cultural services including recreational opportunities, tourism, aesthetic values (Fagerholm and others, 2016), and spiritual experiences (Fagerholm and others, 2016; Silva-Galicia and others, 2023; Yang and others, 2024). Agroforestry also contributes with regulating services, namely pollination (Farinaccio and others, 2024; Fagerholm and others, 2016), erosion reduction and soil maintenance (Xiao and Xiong, 2022; Yang and others, 2024; Fagerholm and others, 2016; Torralba and others, 2016), biological control (Fagerholm and others, 2016). Lastly, this measure provides the supporting service of genetic diversity maintenance (Farinaccio and others, 2024; Xiao and Xiong, 2022; Yang and others, 2024; Silva-Galicia and others, 2023; Fagerholm and others, 2016; Torralba and others, 2016; Castle and others, 2021; Beenhouwer and others, 2013). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.

Mountain	Forest: afforestation, conservation, restoration of, sustainable management	<p>This measure can provide regulating services, namely erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005; Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Liu and others, 2023a; Das and Mallick, 2023), climate and air quality regulation (Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005; Ruiz-Sandoval and others, 2018; Borma and others, 2022; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Liu and others, 2023a), carbon sequestration and storage (Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005; Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Barua and others, 2020; Ingaramo and others, 2017; Paré and others, 2024; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Liu and others, 2023a; Das and Mallick, 2023), moderation of extreme events (Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005; Borma and others, 2022; Barua and others, 2020), and waste-water treatment (Quijas and others, 2019). All relevant services for hazard and exposure reduction.</p>	<p>This measure provides provisioning services like food (Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005; Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Barua and others, 2020), raw materials (Osewe and others, 2024; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Barua and others, 2020; Ingaramo and others, 2017; Paré and others, 2024; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Liu and others, 2023a), fresh water (Maass and others, 2005; Ruiz-Sandoval and others, 2018; Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Paré and others, 2024; Joshi and Joshi, 2019), and medicinal resources (Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Bhatt and others, 2024; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Das and Mallick, 2023). Forests also contribute with cultural services, namely recreational opportunities (Osewe and others, 2024; Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Barua and others, 2020; Ingaramo and others, 2017; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Liu and others, 2023a; Das and Mallick, 2023; Motiejūnaitė and others, 2019), tourism (Osewe and others, 2024; Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Barua and others, 2020; Ingaramo and others, 2017), aesthetic values (Maass and others, 2005; Nelson and others, 2020; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Motiejūnaitė and others, 2019), and spiritual experiences (Osewe and others, 2024; Borma and others, 2022; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Bhatt and others, 2024; Barua and others, 2020; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Motiejūnaitė and others, 2019). Forests also contribute with regulating services, namely pollination (Maass and others, 2005; Borma and others, 2022; Quijas and others, 2019; Barua and others, 2020), erosion control and soil fertility maintenance (Osewe and others, 2024; Maass and others, 2005; Borma and others, 2022; Nelson and others, 2020; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Joshi and Joshi, 2019; Liu and others, 2023a; Das and Mallick, 2023), and biological control (Maass and others, 2005; Borma and others, 2022; Quijas and others, 2019; Das and Mallick, 2023). Lastly this measure can provide the supporting services of habitat provision (Osewe and others, 2024; Ruiz-Sandoval and others, 2018; Borma and others, 2022; Quijas and others, 2019; Bhatt and others, 2024; Paré and others, 2024), and genetic diversity maintenance (Borma and others, 2022; Galicia and Zarco-Arista, 2014; Barua and others, 2020; Liu and others, 2023a). All relevant ecosystem services for vulnerability reduction.</p>
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**Table 4:** Results of the literature review showcasing the evidence of the influence of the ecosystem-based measures for 6 different variables relevant for flood modelling. One plus sign means good evidence, two plus signs mean strong evidence and a minus sign means no evidence found

Catchment region	Ecosystem-based measure(s)	Infiltration 	Evapotranspiration 	Surface run-off 	Surface-water storage 	Discharge 	Flood routing 
 Coastal	<b>Mangroves:</b> afforestation, conservation, restoration	—	—	—	—	—	+
	<b>Sand dunes:</b> conservation, restoration	—	—	—	—	+	—
	<b>Coastal forest:</b> afforestation, conservation, restoration	—	—	—	—	—	—
 Urban	<b>Permeable pavement:</b> establishment	+	—	++	+	+	—
	<b>Urban vegetation:</b> establishment, conservation	++	—	+	++	+	—
	<b>Home gardens:</b> conservation	+	—	—	—	—	—
	<b>Green open spaces:</b> establishment, conservation	++	—	+	—	+	—
	<b>Green corridors:</b> establishment, conservation, restoration	+	—	—	—	—	—
	<b>Flood-plain:</b> reconnection, restoration	—	—	+	—	+	—
	<b>Lentic water bodies:</b> restoration, conservation	—	—	+	+	+	—
	<b>Lotic natural waterways:</b> natural drainage path restoration, conservation	—	—	—	++	+	—
	<b>Riverbanks:</b> restoration of riverbanks with bioengineering materials	—	—	—	—	—	—
 Peri-urban	<b>Vegetated filter strips:</b> establishment, conservation, restoration	—	—	—	—	—	—
	<b>Flood-tolerant rice crops:</b> cultivation	—	—	—	++	—	—
 Peri-urban Mountain	<b>Agroforestry in riparian buffers:</b> planting, conservation, restoration	—	—	—	++	++	—
 Mountain	<b>Forest:</b> afforestation, conservation, restoration, sustainable management	+	++	++	++	++	—



**Table 5:** Documented evidence from literature that supports table 3 graphics and icons. See references for extended evidence.

Region of the catchment	Ecosystem-based measure(s)	Flood hazard parameters positively influenced
<b>Coastal</b>	Mangroves: afforestation, conservation, restoration	Flood routing (Montgomery and others, 2022)
	Sand dunes: conservation, restoration	Discharge (Fernández-Montblanc and others, 2020)
	Coastal forest: afforestation, conservation, restoration	No evidence
<b>Urban</b>	Permeable pavement: establishment	Surface run-off (Rankin and Ball, 2004; Zheng and others, 2019; Li and others, 2019; Liu and others, 2014; Reu Junqueira and others, 2022), infiltration (Liu and others, 2014; Zheng and others, 2019; Yoo and others, 2016), surface-water storage (Yoo and others, 2016; Zheng and others, 2019), discharge (Liu and others, 2014)
	Urban vegetation: establishment, conservation	Surface run-off (Zheng and others, 2019), infiltration (Zheng and others, 2019; Kim and Park, 2016), surface-water storage (Kim and Park, 2016; Zheng and others, 2019), discharge (Liu and others, 2014)
	Home gardens: conservation	Infiltration (Kelly, 2018)
	Green open spaces: establishment, conservation	Infiltration (Kim and others, 2016; Liu and others, 2014), surface run-off (Liu and others, 2014), discharge (Liu and others, 2014)
	Green corridors: establishment, conservation, restoration of	Infiltration (Wang and others, 2023; Staccione and others, 2024)
	Flood plain: reconnection, restoration	Surface run-off (Jiang and others, 2023), discharge (Jiang and others, 2023)
	Lentic water bodies: restoration, conservation	Discharge (Qaiser and others, 2012; Gautam and Corzo, 2023; Javaheri and Babbar-Sebens, 2014), surface-water storage (Gautam and Corzo, 2023; Tang and others, 2020b; Wang and others, 2022), surface run-off (Rojas and others, 2022; Qaiser and others, 2012)
	Lotic natural waterways: natural drainage path restoration, conservation	Surface-water storage (Gao and others, 2020; Xu and others, 2020), discharge (Xu and others, 2020; Li and Wang, 2019)
	Riverbanks: restoration of riverbanks with bioengineering materials (e.g. plants)	No evidence
<b>Peri-urban</b>	Vegetated filter strips: establishment, conservation, restoration	No evidence
	Flood-tolerant rice crop: cultivation	Surface-water storage (Osawa and others, 2020)
<b>Peri-urban, and mountain</b>	Agroforestry in riparian buffers: establishment, conservation, restoration	Surface-water storage (Udawatta, 2021), discharge (Ziana and others, 2020; Anderson and others, 2006)



<b>Mountain</b>	Forest: afforestation, conservation, restoration of, sustainable management	Discharge (Bathurst and others, 2011; Díaz and Querner, 2005; Bahreman and others, 2007; Hou and others, 2018; Bathurst and others, 2017; Kabeja and others, 2020; Černohous and others, 2017; Ye Klimenko and others, 2021), surface-water storage (Lange and others, 2013; Zell and others, 2015), evapotranspiration (Bathurst and others, 2022), surface run-off (Bathurst and others, 2022; Reinhardt-Imjela and others, 2018; Hümann and others, 2011; Lü and others, 2021), infiltration (Hümann and others, 2011)
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