



A transformative perspective on NBS

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Dear NBS friends 🌱,

I found myself not wanting to talk about NBS.

A shocking realization for someone who works as an expert and researcher on the topic, and is deeply committed to NBS too.

Together with my colleague [Bregje van Wesenbeeck](#), I took a deep dive into our observations and feelings of discomfort, seeking to understand what this means for NBS, our community, our work, and beyond.

Read our letter. And join us on this journey of rethinking NBS.

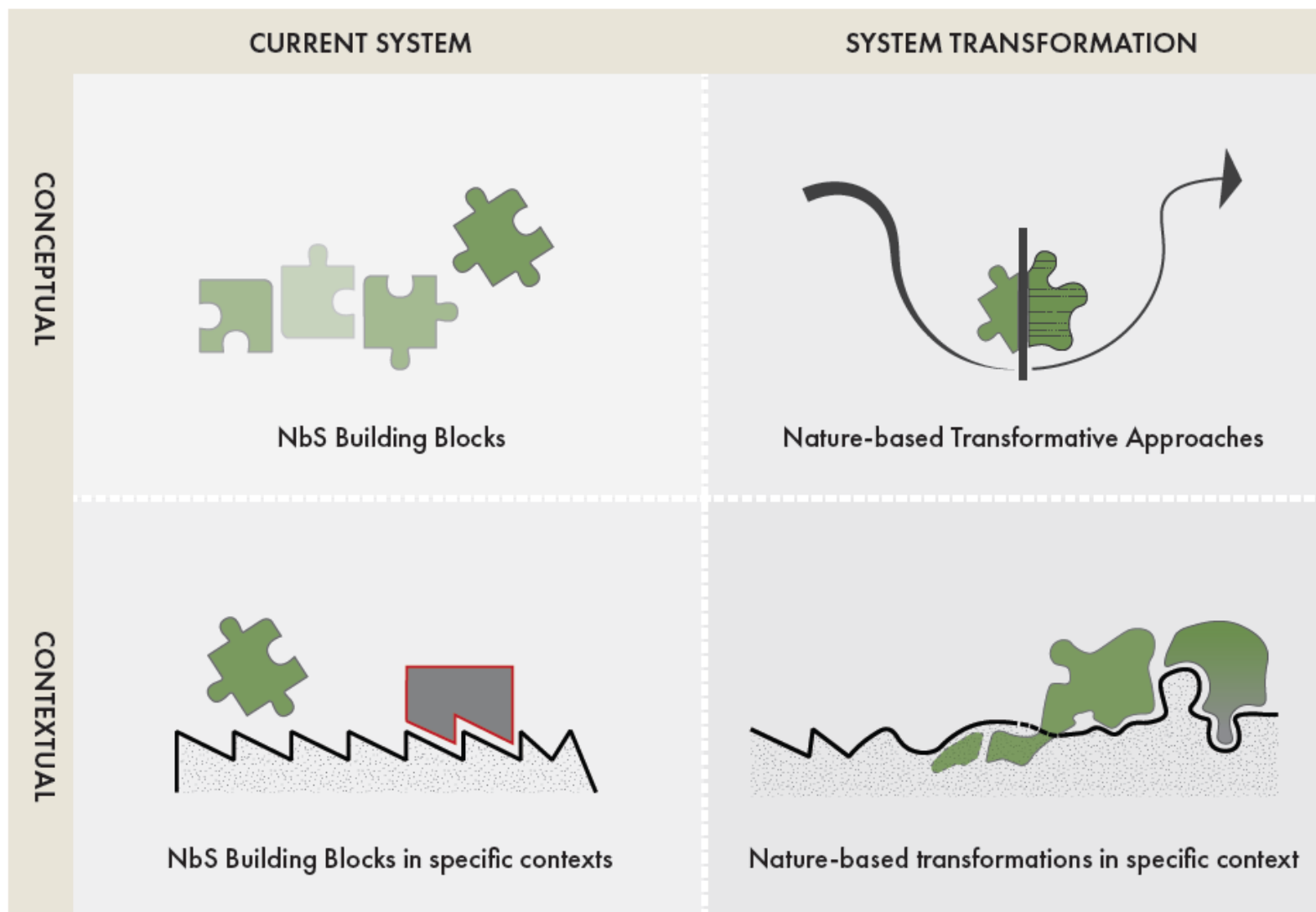
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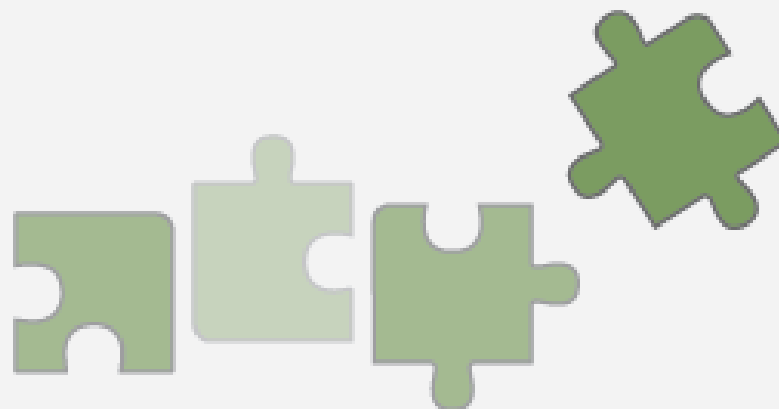


A call to rethink Nature-Based Solutions

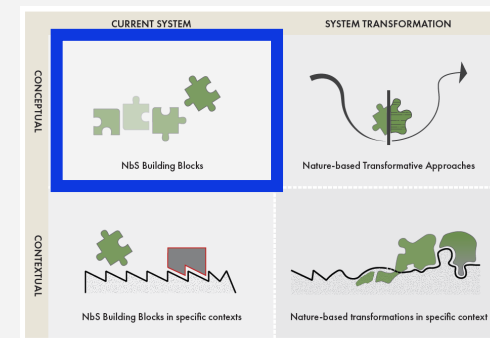
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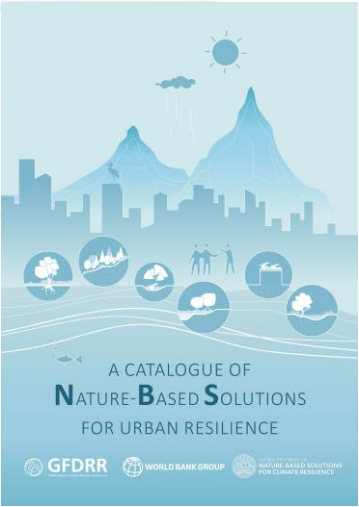
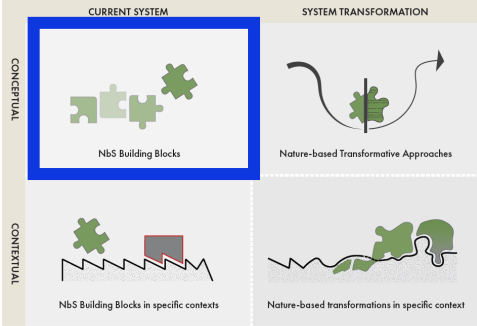
NbS Building Blocks



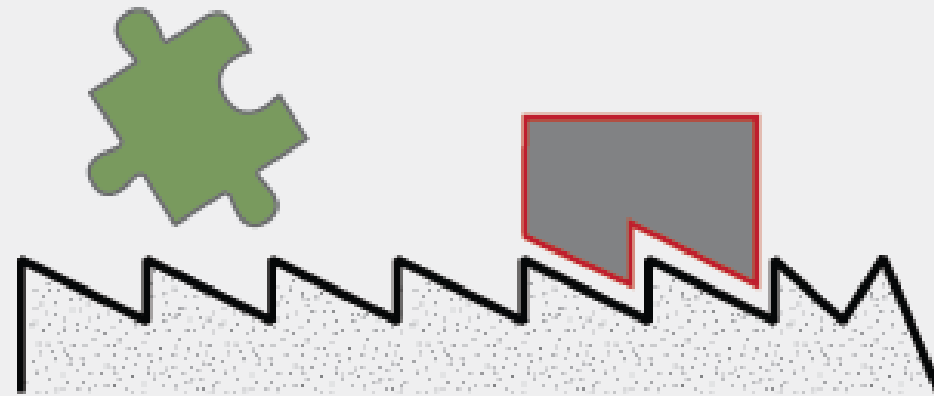
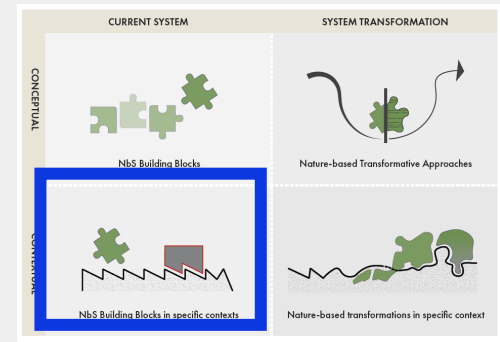
NBS Building Blocks focus



Monitoring in pilot area De Hegewarren.
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Catalogue of Nature Based Solutions, World Bank 2021

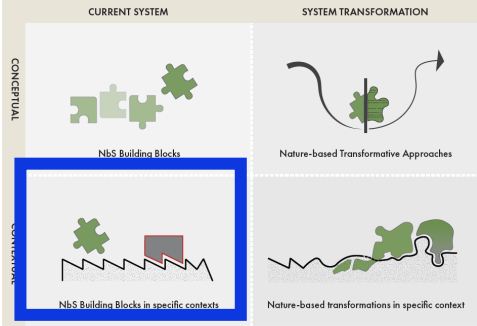


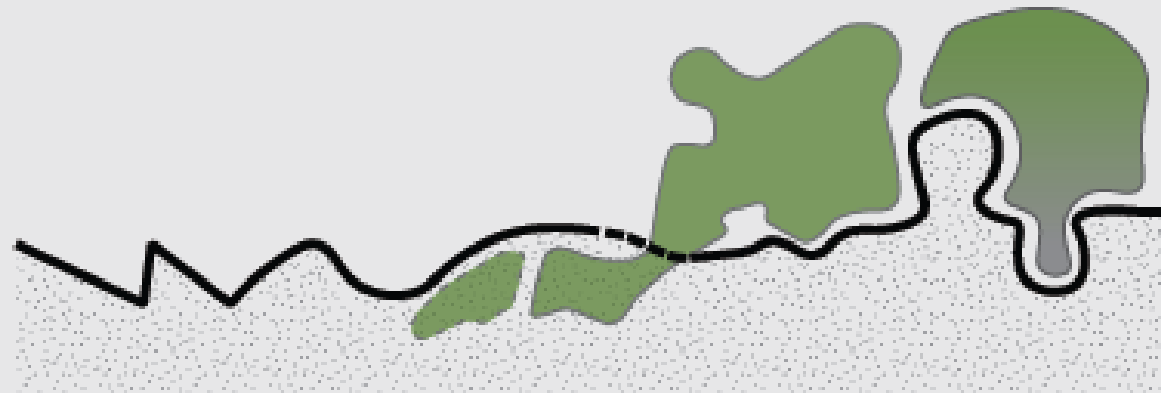
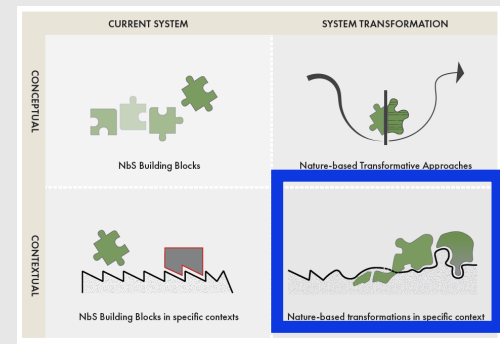
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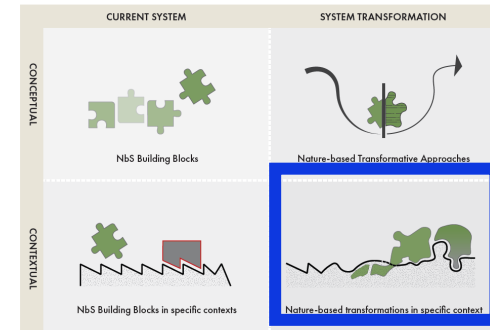
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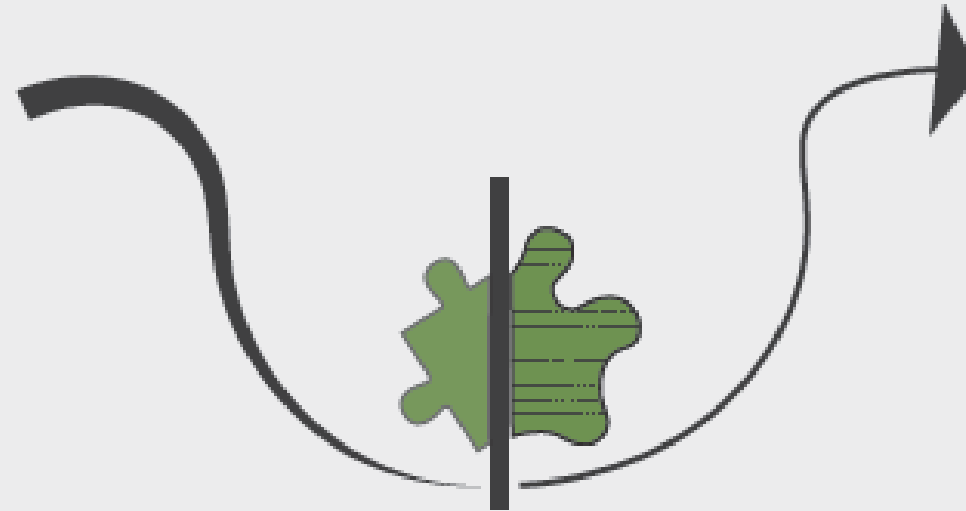
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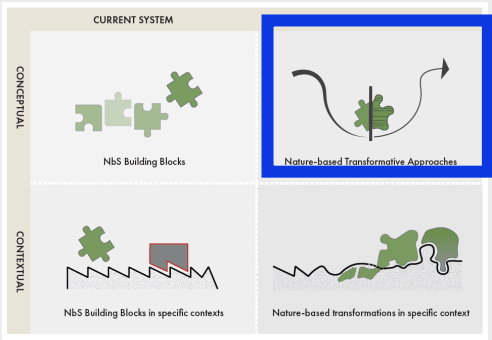


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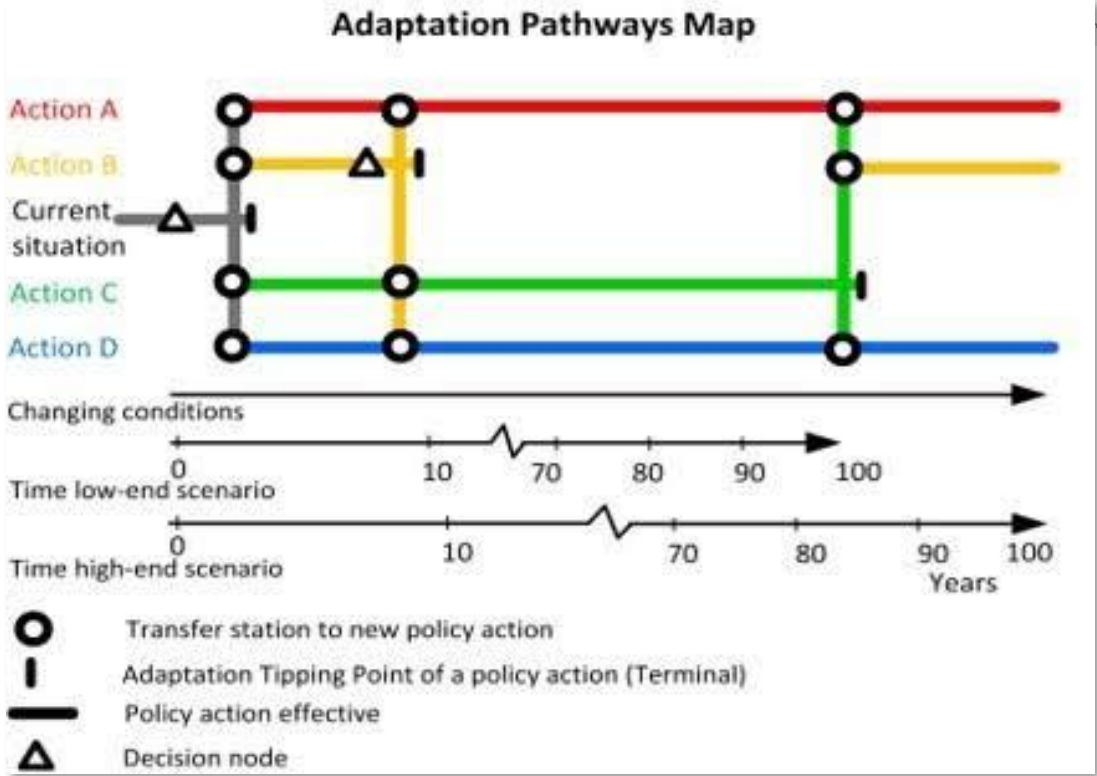
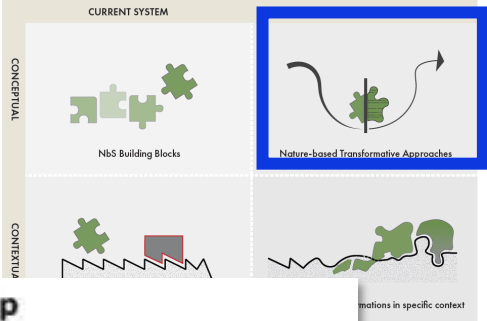
Nature-based Transformative Approaches



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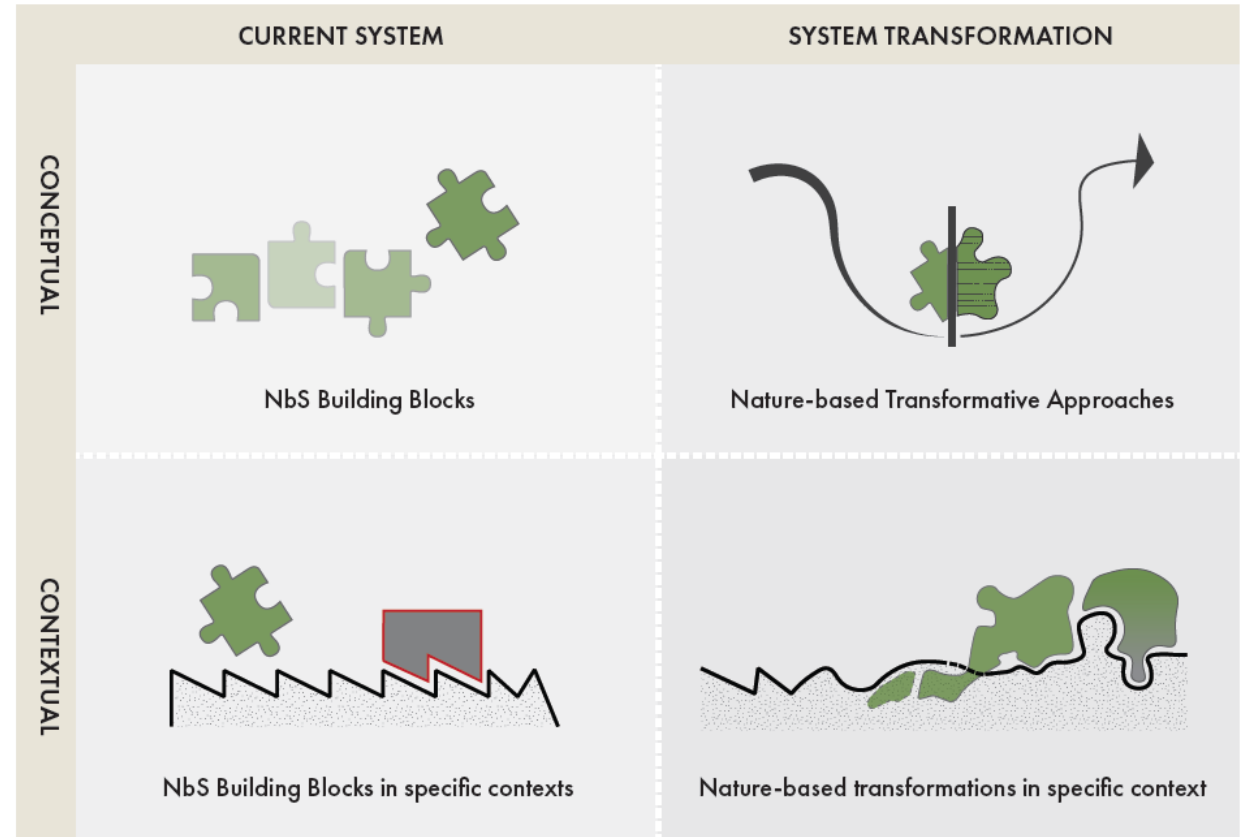
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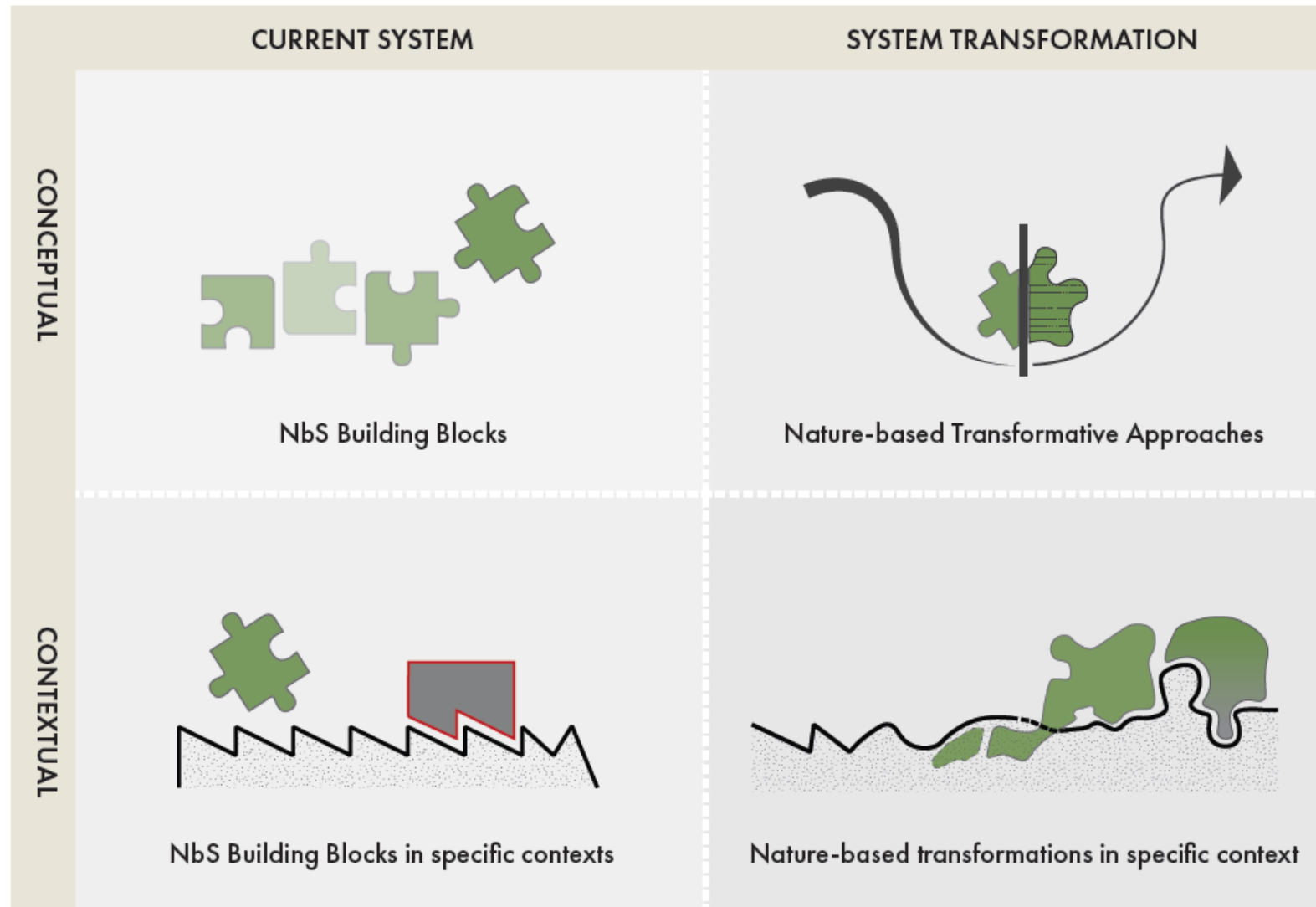
Dynamic Adaptation policy pathways, Deltares

2 considerations

1. The NBS transformative perspective an instrument to reflect and strategize on how we work together on NBS
2. Transformation as new inspiration for NBS scaling. All practices are needed.



Let's test it together!



Reflection questions

1. *What is your next step with NBS in your country?
Where should the focus lie?*



2. *CROSS-LEARNING*

*Do you see opportunities to exchange knowledge on
NBS practice with another ASEAN country?*



3. *CO-LEARNING*

*Do you see opportunities to jointly explore NBS
with another ASEAN country?*

