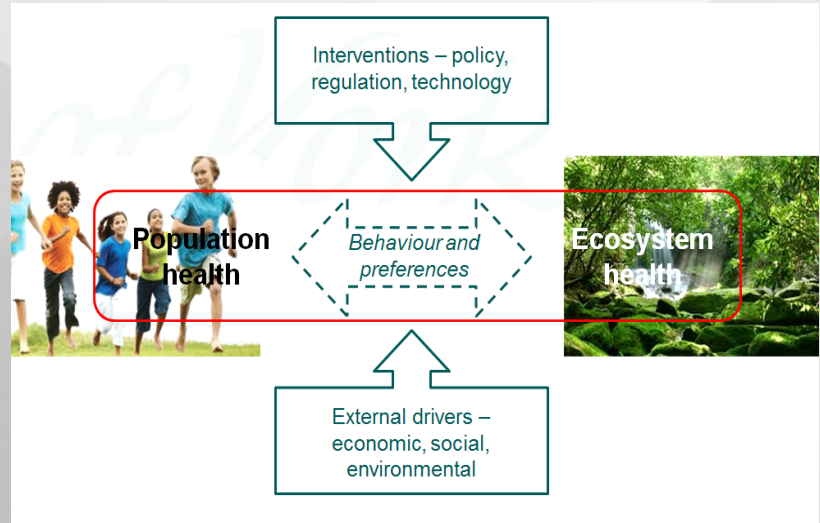


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## What is HOPE?

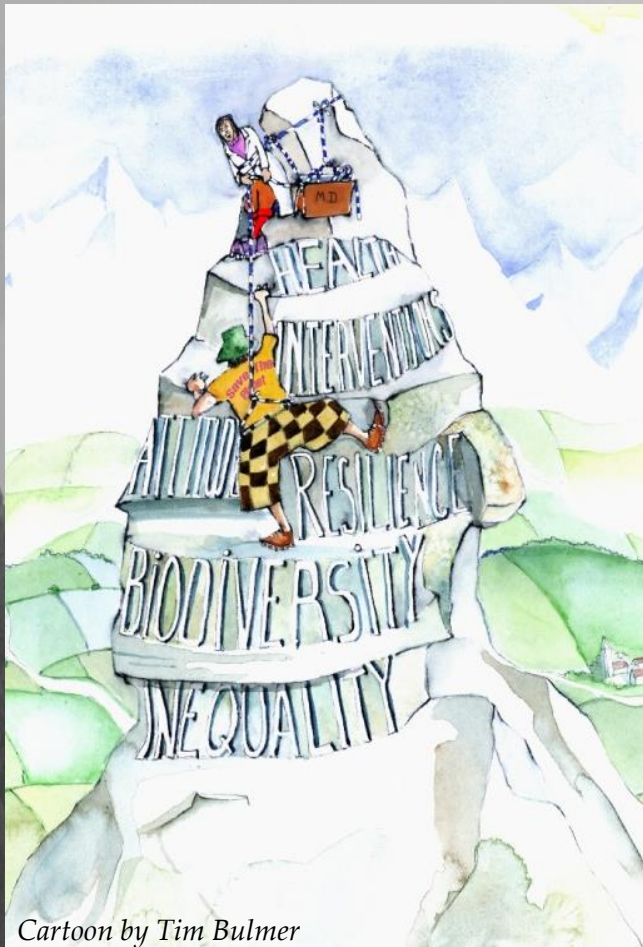
HOPE is an interdisciplinary project, working with two very different research and policy communities, one focused on improving people's health and the other on protecting the natural environment.



## What are the goals of HOPE?

Population health and ecosystem health are linked through behaviour, and shaped by external drivers and policies.

Understanding these relationships better will help us to identify new ways in which government departments, agencies and non-governmental organisations focused on health and the natural environment can work together, to ensure a healthier and more sustainable future for all.



Cartoon by Tim Bulmer

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“ Our children, and our children’s children, will pay with their health for the damage we inflict on the world’s ecosystems today. ”



## What has HOPE achieved so far?

We have discovered that **ecosystem and health frameworks** share some common features, and that functional relationships and feedbacks are of key importance to bring them together.

We have created a **glossary** of commonly-used terms in public health and ecosystem science.

We have shown that **high-quality natural environments** are associated with good health, irrespective of socio-economic background.

We have found out that **public preferences** regarding health and environmental benefits for future generations are at odds with economic models used in policy.

We have developed a **HOPE app** – you can download it from the Google Play store to find out how your own preferences compare with the rest of the population.

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