The Tansley initiative aims to capitalise on NERC research investments by providing a platform to bring together researchers with different, but related, backgrounds to explore particular issues or ideas, and the emphasis will be on identifying topics for Working Groups that require new combinations of skills, datasets or analyses. The initiative is managed by the Tansley Steering Committee, and all working groups are run at the Silwood Park, Imperial College facilities. For further information see http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/silwoodparkcampus/research/tansley. The following Working Groups have been supported:

2013

- ‘Improving the utility, reliability and transparency of land cover change models’
  Lead: Dr Andrew Bradley, Imperial College London
  Proposed meeting dates: July 2013; January 2014; July 2014

- ‘FunKey Traits: Using Key Functional Traits to develop ecosystem service indicators’
  Lead: Dr Tom Oliver, CEH
  Proposed meeting dates: September 2013; January 214; April 2014; November 2014

- ‘Information visualisation for science and policy: a joined up approach’
  Lead: Dr Greg McInery, University of Oxford
  Proposed meeting dates: September 2013; April 2014; December 2014

2014

- ‘Advancing the ecological foundations of sustainability science’
  Lead: Nessa O’Connor, Queen’s University of Belfast
  Proposed meeting dates: April 2014; September 2014; March 2015

- ‘PerPoe Planet Earth, Planet Ocean: Generalising ecosystem properties, dynamics, and service provision across the marine-terrestrial boundary’
  Lead: Tom Webb, University of Sheffield
  Proposed meeting dates: April 2014; July 2014; December 2014

- ‘Bridging the gap between theoretical community ecology and conservation’
  Lead: Christina Banks-Leite, Imperial College London
  Proposed meeting dates: June 2014; November 2014; May 2015

- ‘Let’s Get Networked: Connecting Evaluation and Conservation through Systems Thinking’
  Lead: Andrew Knight, Imperial College London
  Proposed meeting dates: March 2014; August 2014; March 2015