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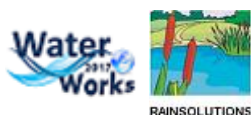
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## Background information

The present report is produced in the frames the Water Joint Programming Initiative Water Challenges For A Changing World 2018 Joint Call Closing the Water Cycle Gap, according to the terms of the contract No. ...., between the Lead Partner (Lund University) and The WaterWorks2017 Follow-Up Secretariat

The report, entitled “ Building on existing knowledge” was prepared by UT with the contribution of DDNI.

This report provide the results obtained during the first year of implementation of the project and is focused on the current state-of-the art of NBS in urban areas.

This WP explored existing successful implementations of the key nature-based technologies and challenges of their implementation.

Stakeholder and end user’s attitude to adopt the NBS, as a way to identify catalysers, but also the main barriers such as costs, which were limiting the installation in urban areas have been also investigated.

The WP assessed previous projects concerning social inclusion through NBS, and assessed existing guidelines for planning and design of the different cost-effective solutions, as well as the potential for their transferability and training.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

Nature-based solutions (NBS) are actions, what are inspired by, supported by, or copied from nature. NBS are resource efficient and adapted in diverse spatial areas, facing social, environmental, and economic challenges (Somarakis, Stagakis, & Chrysoulakis, 2019). Nature based water management are considered sustainable solutions against shortage (droughts) and abundance (floods) of water in urban areas. Future climate models predict an increase of intensive rainfalls and also periods without precipitations all around the world. European Commission a has accepted long-term strategic vision to move to climate neutrality by 2050 (European Commission, 2019). NBS in urban areas are the enhancement of sustainable urbanization, helping the development of climate change adaptation and mitigation (Somarakis, Stagakis, & Chrysoulakis, 2019).

NBS including such as wetlands, ponds, green roofs, detention structures and permeable pavements, has reducing impact on urban heat flux (Augusto et al., 2020). However, they have not achieved wide-spread uptake, due to the gaps in knowledge regarding designing, implementing, and maintaining NBS or quantifying the benefits and co-benefits of their ecosystem services (Somarakis, Stagakis, & Chrysoulakis, 2019).

The benefits of NBS varies in space and time, due to various aspects (impact on individual, family, group, and a larger population) and scales (building and plot, district, regional). The assessment of their benefits is strongly related to complex thinking (Somarakis, Stagakis, & Chrysoulakis, 2019).

Most common barrier to implement NBS are the cost of system, availability of free space in urban area( depends on scale and capacity) and lack of confidence of decision makers and sucessful experience. Barriers are possible to cross by education (starting with kids in the scool, but also community and council level), increasing awarenes about climate change (discussion during project meeting in Oslo, 2019).



There are different methods to assess the effectiveness and the quantification of NBS benefits using Life Cycle Assessment and Costing, evaluating comparable technical parameters (treatment efficiency, water retentions), public and private (incl. local business) feedback (discussion during project meeting in Oslo, 2019).

Our literature overview focuses on finding successful nature-based water management solutions by evaluating their technical parameters and through this evaluation shaping the attitude and motivation to adopt new solutions.

## 2. METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

Analysis of reference sources in order to summarise the state-of-the-art and gaps in knowledge regarding case studies, nations and international scene.

In this respect, a MetaData has been created with reference sources (Annex 1) and a Database (Annex 2) with information for data analysis of the successful implementations of the key nature-based technologies.

MetaData is link to the Google Drive depository of NBS papers:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s4ZymCcOuil7xJMEd0So6YGOxLkgQErB>

The overarching aim of the literature survey was to set focus for the most widely spread and implemented NBSs in the world. These measures include green roofs (GR), constructed wetlands (CW; also including detention and retention ponds), bioretention (BR), buffer strips (BS), rainwater harvesting (RWH), permeable layer (PL) and swales (S). We reviewed 179 papers published in international peer-reviewed journals indexed by the Thomson Reuter Web of Science. The terms “green roof(s)”, “constructed wetland(s)”, “detention pond(s)”, “retention pond(s)”, “bioretention”, “buffer strip(s)”, “rainwater harvesting”, “permeable layer” and “swale(s)” in combination with the terms “urban”, “cities”, “water retention”, “phosphorus (removal)”, “nitrogen (removal)”, “total suspended



solids (removal)", "BOD7(5)", "storm" and "urban runoff" were searched. From the papers we collected the following data: annual temperature, annual precipitation, climate zone, climate (warm, wet; cold, wet; warm, dry; warm, wet), coordinates, depth of the NBS, area of the NBS, flow rate, removal efficiency of total phosphorus, total nitrogen and total suspended solids and water retention.

In total of 173 green roof, 17 permeable layer, 21 rainwater harvesting, 15 swales, 38 bioretention and 35 constructed wetland studies were analysed (Figure 1). The R program was used for the data analyses.

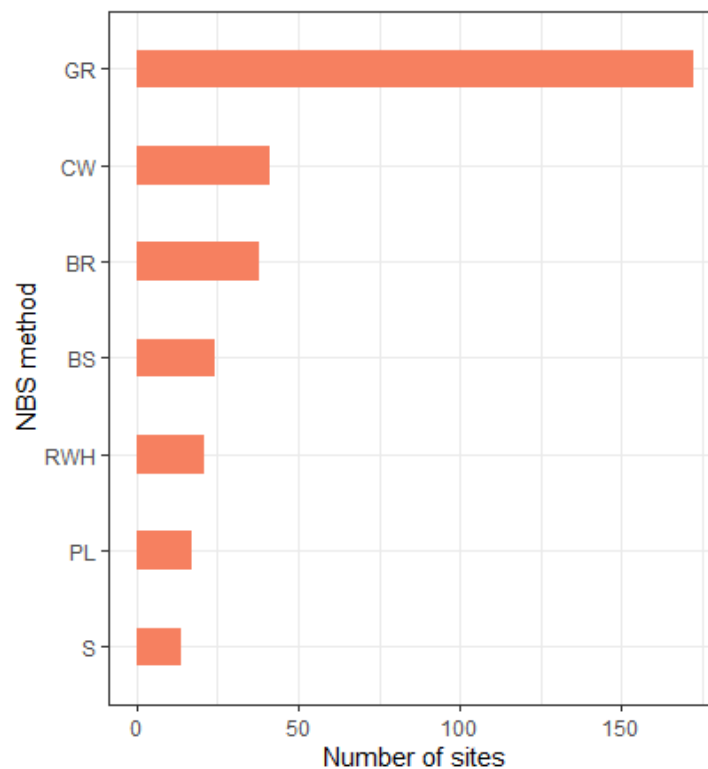


Figure 1. NBS methods for water retention in urban environment

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the collected data, we first analysed to see what data is missing and how it affects further analyses. We saw that while the information about water retention is available in





most of the studied green roofs and rainwater harvesting sites (Figure 3), it is almost completely absent in other solutions (Figure 2). Probabaly one of the reason is that while it is easy to analyse retention in green roofs and rainwater harvesting systems where there is controlled effluent. It is more challenging to analyse that in other solutions, therefore making it difficult to evaluate the overall potential of various NBSs in urban environment to retain water. In terms of pollutant data, we saw that BOD is absent in most of the solutions and therefore we excluded that in analyses, while TP, TN and TSS was available at least in half of the studied systems. The pollutant removal data in green roof and rainwater harvesting systems is difficult to evaluate, because they are usually designed to receive only precipitation that does not include excessive amount of pollutants, especially phosphorus compounds. Although, there have been some studies (e.g., Teemusk & Mander, 2007, 2011) where both nitrogen and phosphorus coumpounds are evaluated, their concentrations have been negligible.

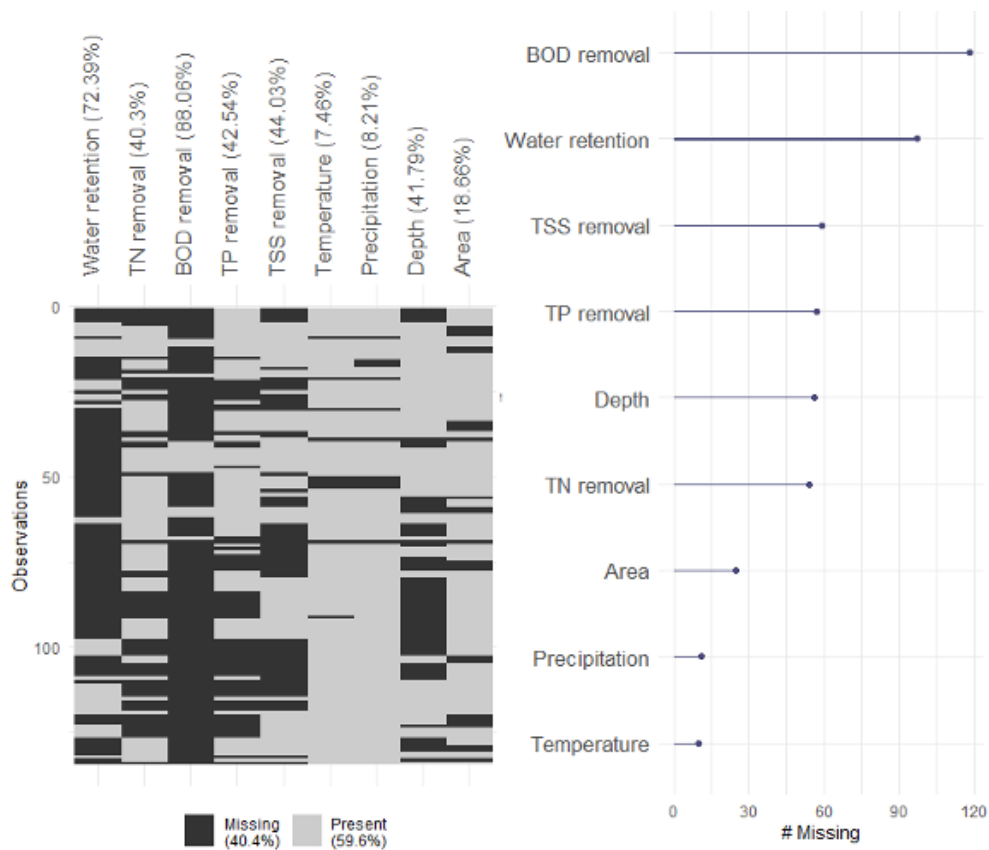
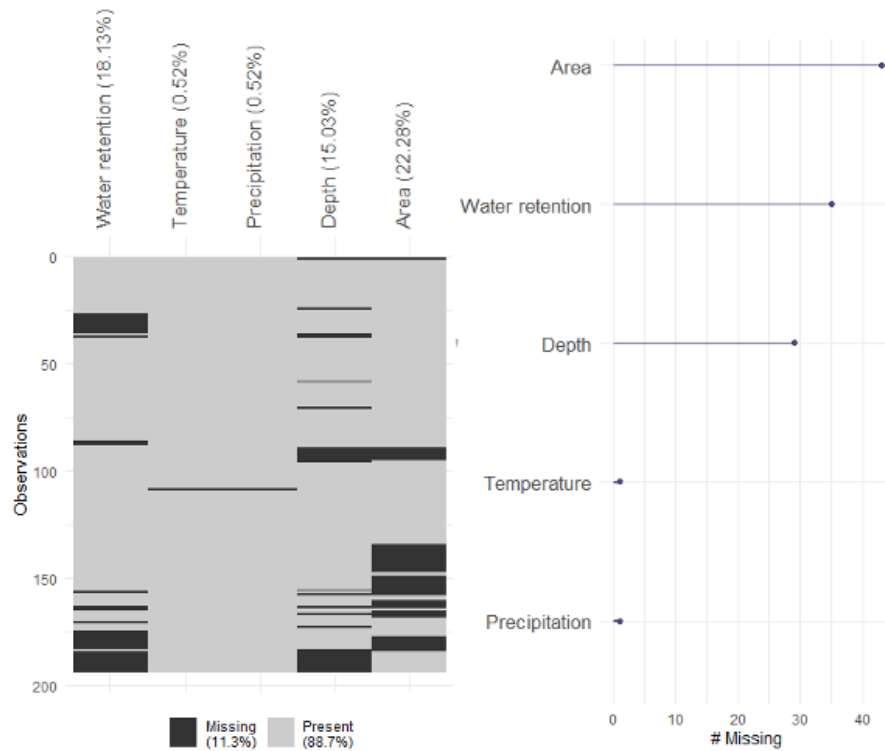


Figure 2. Missing data from PL, S, CW, BR and CW

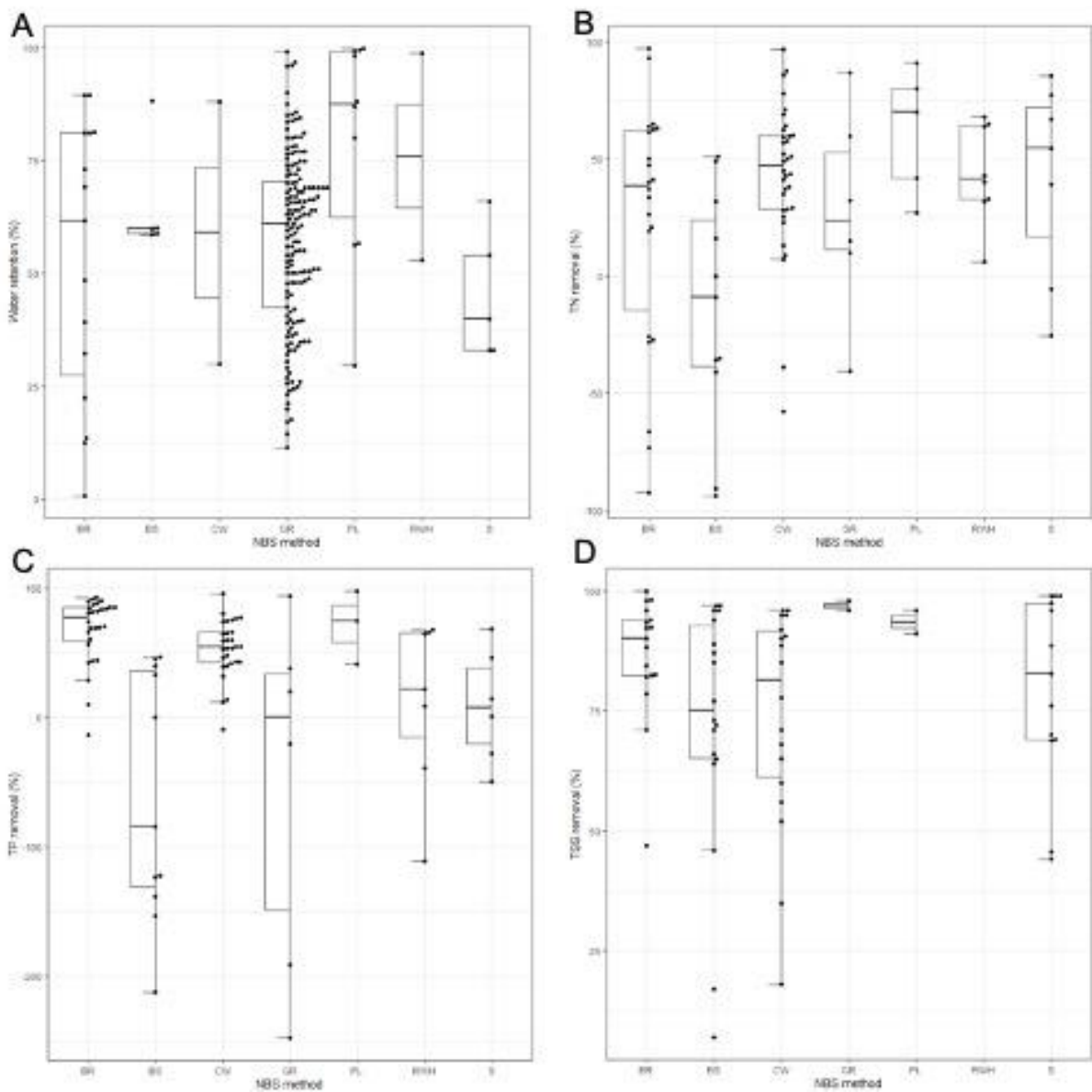


**Figure 3.** Missing data from green roofs and rainwater harvesting sites.

The water retention efficiency was highly variable in all solutions, however as seen in figure 4, the reliable data is only available for green roofs. For other solution the amount of data is scarce and therefore it is difficult to say what is the actual efficiency. For green roofs, the average water retention efficiency was 58% with maximum value of 99%. The average water retention for other measures was slightly higher or in a same range but due to the low amount of data there is still a lot of ambiguity. The total nitrogen removal was also highly variable in all solutions but the highest average efficiency was with permeable layer, which was 62%. The average removal efficiency of constructed wetlands was 42%. All other measures on the other hand showed very high variability and some of the systems even increased the total nitrogen concentration at the outflow. The highest increase of TN was observable with bioretention and buffer strips, where maximum effluent concentration increased 270% and 94%, respectively. This can be due to the sudden and rapid runoff that potentially have washed out the contaminants from the system. Total phosphorus removal was relatively good in bioretention, constructed wetlands and in permeable layer, where the average efficiency was 65.5%, 53.5% and 71.3%, respectively. However, some



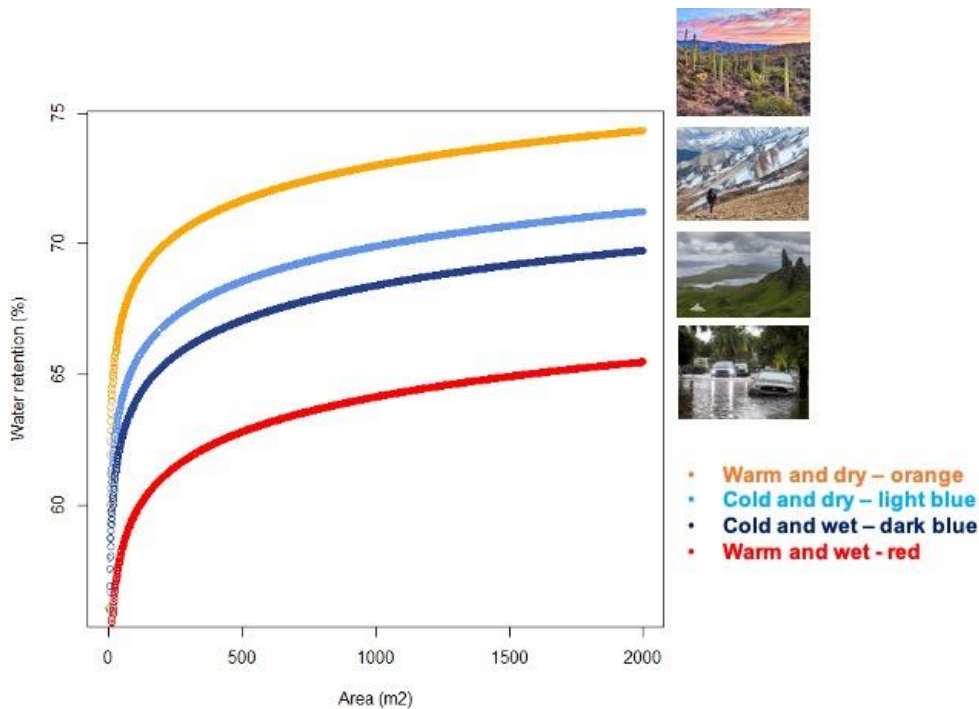
systems increased the concentration and for example, the average effluent concentration increased 66.7% and 51% in buffer strips and green roofs, respectively. The increase of pollutants in buffer strips, again probably is caused due to the sudden flood or changes in filter media. The increase in green roofs is probably related to fertilisers that are sometimes used to increase the plant growth rate in the roofs. And due to the rainfall, these phosphorus compounds are probably washed out from the system. TSS removal efficiency was also highly variable and based on the available data, the highest efficiency was with green roofs and with permeable layer, however this is based only on few data points (Figure 4).



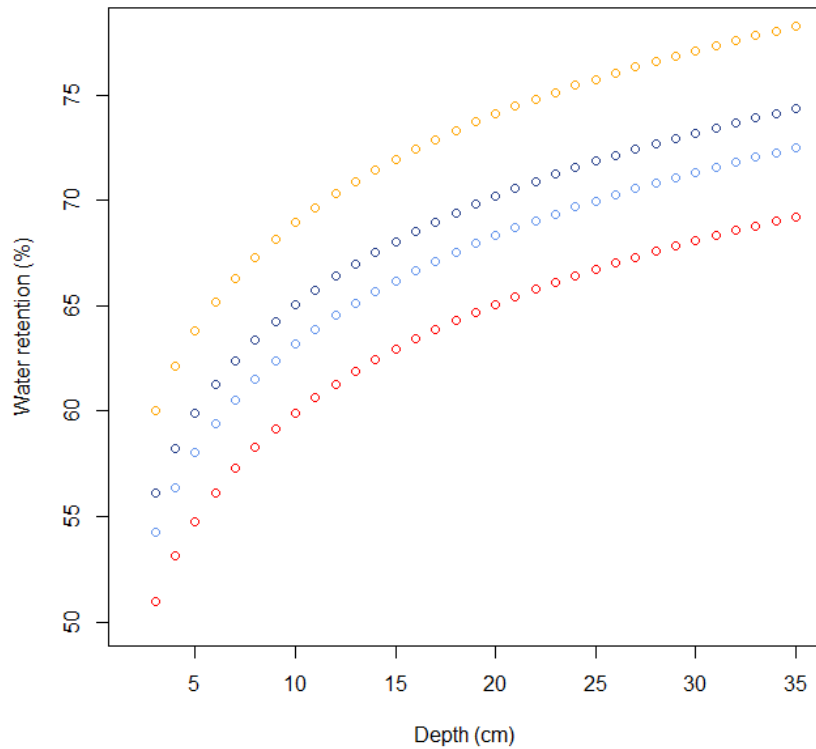


**Figure 4.** Water retention (A), TN removal (B), TP removal (C) and TSS removal (D) with different NBS. Box and whisker plot represent median values with 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles and with min-max values.

Since green roofs had the highest amount of available data about water retention, we used that information to analyse how different design parameters such as area and depth will affect water retention efficiency in different climate (Figures 5-6). As can be seen in figure 5, the highest water retention efficiency was in warm and dry climate, while in warm and wet climate it was lowest. This shows that the green roof efficiency to retain precipitation in rainy conditions is lower. Mostly due to the water saturation. In dry condition, green roofs are able to retain more water and in dry condition usually the rainfall is much more rapid and therefore its efficiency is higher. In wet climate, the precipitation is often continuous with few massive storm but overall the efficiency is lower. This on the other hand does not mean that green roofs are not efficient in wet climate. Figure 6. shows that the thickness of green roof is highly important for water retention. And thicker the green roof material is, the higher amount of water it is able to retain.



**Figure 5.** Modelled green roof water retention efficiency based on area and climate zone.



**Figure 6.** Modelled green roof water retention efficiency based on depth and climate zone.

A recent review by Sarabi et al., 2019 (“Key enablers of and barriers to the uptake and implementation of nature-based solutions in urban setting: a review“) has brought out the main objectives for developing NBS:

- Climate change mitigation and adaption
- Water management
- Coastal resilience
- Green space management
- Air quality
- Urban regeneration
- Participatory planning and governance
- Social justice and social cohesion
- Public health and well-being
- Economic opportunities and green jobs.



The same paper also noted the main barriers to develop and implement NBS in urban environment that are as follows:

- Inadequate financial resources
- Path dependency
- Institutional fragmentation
- Inadequate regulations
- Uncertainty regarding implementation process and effectiveness of the solution
- Limited land and time availability.

Among these barriers we found that another concern is the lack of available data to evaluate if some of the measures are efficient enough for water retention or for water treatment. For green roofs the amount of available data gives a great opportunity to evaluate the efficiency and therefore could serve as a good basis for future recommendation. From the barriers we can also see that one of the crucial issues is also the availability of land. For example, in dense urban environment it is difficult to build large systems and therefore these measures often end up in peri-urban areas where their efficiency is lower. The best methods in densely populated areas are solutions that can be built on top of roof or to the walls, e.g. green roofs, green walls and rainwater harvesting. These measures do not require any land from the streets and therefore are much easier to implement. In addition to potential water retention, they are also important to reduce the urban heat.

As we saw, there are a lot of barriers for the successful implementation but Sarabi et al. (2019) also brought out key enablers that are:

- Partnership among stakeholders
- Knowledge sharing mechanisms and technologies
- Economic instruments
- Plans, acts and legislations
- Education and training
- Effective monitoring and valuation systems for implementation process and benefit
- Open innovation and experimentation
- Combining NBS with other urban elements and gray infrastructures



- Appropriate planning and design.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMANDATIONS

We found that, although NBS has recently studied a lot in terms of potential barriers and enablers, there is still lack of information about the efficiency of various measures. Various guidelines (e.g. urban planning) are suggesting different NBS to reduce flooding and pollution, however we can see that there still a lot of missing information. For example, some of the measures are well studies not only in urban environment but also elsewhere (e.g. constructed wetlands, buffer strips) and therefore have a lot if information about potential treatment efficiency. But on the other hand, as we saw from previous figure, the data about water retention capacity is missing in most cases. And if urban planning is done that also include various measures to mitigate flooding, there is a missing information about the real efficiency. Therefore, more case stdues has to be done to investigate the efficiency of different measures. Hence, if more precise information about the effieicny is available it is more efficienct to recommend measure to stakeholders and descicion makers and this could reduce some of the barriers for implementation. For example, green roofs are well studies in terms of their water retention capacity and therefore easy to recommend. On the other hand, we donät know much about the actual water retention capacity of permeable layer, constructed wetlands, swales etc.

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## ANNEX 1

NBS	Annual temperature	Annual Precipitation (mm)	Climate	depth (cm)	Area (m2)	TN removal %	TP removal%	BOD removal (%)	TSS removal %	water retention %	Reference
BF	9.8	1120	cold, wet		74000		90.5				Hurley and Forman 2011
BF	9.7	1127	cold, wet		74000		88.5				Hurley and Forman 2011
BF	9.8	1120	cold, wet		81000		87				Hurley and Forman 2011
BF	9.7	1127	cold, wet		81000		85.25				Hurley and Forman 2011
BF	16.1	1049	warm, wet	0.27	1.4		29		47	0.7	Brasswell et al 2018
BR	20.3	1578	warm, wet	200		-92.7	85.3		-30.4	39.15	Lucke & Nichols 2015
BR	20.3	1578	warm, wet	200		-25.78	73.92		-42.85	61.6	Lucke & Nichols 2015
BR	20.3	1578	warm, wet	200		26.2	60.23		-52.3	81.2	Lucke & Nichols 2015
BR			warm, wet	55	0.025	63.3	81.9		90.1		Weng et al 2015
BR	27.4	2336	warm, wet	80	16	-27.2	42.5	71.8	88.3	81.1	TAKAIJUDIN thesis 2016
BR	27.4	2336	warm, wet	80	16	-270.5	-13.6	73.3	82.4	69.2	TAKAIJUDIN thesis 2016
BR	15.1	1091	warm, wet	60		21	10		71	89.54	Brown et al 2013; brown and hunt 2011
BR	15.1	1091	warm, wet	90		19	44		82	89.54	Brown et al 2013; brown and hunt 2011
BR	27.4	1329	warm, wet	65	0.15	63.96	89.7		9318	12.49	Goh et al 2015
BR	5.2	884	cold, wet	70	959				100		Blecken 2010 thesis
BR	10			90	0.11	-73.3	80.73		969		Blecken et al 2007
BR	10			90	0.11	-66.6	91.3		98		Blecken et al 2010
BR	20	681	warm, dry	80	0.0707	93	93				Zhang et al 2011
BR	12.7	1034	warm, wet	40	0.032		70.5		94		Hsieh et al 2007
BR	12	1350	warm, wet	65	0.36	47.5	56.5	56.95	82.5		Kim et al 2018
BR				56	0.0254		44.5				Erickson et al 2007



BR	12.6	1125	warm, wet	90	102					22.5	Davis et al 2012
BR	9.3	1045	cold, wet	120	149					48.4	Davis et al 2012
BR	15.3	1146	warm, wet	110	146					13.6	Davis et al 2012
BR	13	1124	warm, wet	65	181	41			96		Li et al 2009; Li and Davis 2014
BR	14.8	1163	warm, wet	55	162					73	Li et al 2009
BR	14.8	1163	warm, wet	55	99					81	Li et al 2009
BR	16.1	1150	warm, wet	105	0.125	50.1	69.7				Wu et al 2017
BR	14.8	560	warm, dry	105	0.2	62.39				32.23	Jiang, et al. 2019
BR				130	0.075	97.3					Cho et al 2009
BR	14.8	653	warm, wet	81	0.1875	-28.4	84.4		98.1		Bratieres et al 2008
BR	27.1	999.9	warm, wet	100	48	61.4	82.1		92.2		Muha et al 2016
BR	27.1	999.9	warm, wet	100	48	64.7	83.3		92.4		Muha et al 2016
BR	27.5	1329	warm, wet	60		33.5	66		78.5		TAKAIJUDIN et al 2017?
BR	27.5	1329	warm, wet	70		36.9	69.4		84.4		TAKAIJUDIN et al 2017?
BR	27.5	1329	warm, wet	80		40	69.5		93.4		TAKAIJUDIN et al 2017?
BR	27	2000	warm, wet	80	0.15						Goh et al 2017
BR	27.4	2304	warm, wet	50	0.025		84.7				Goh et al 2014
BS			warm, dry			0	0		87		Jiang et al. 2015, Barrett et al. 1995
CW	9.8	650	cold, wet		360			29	18		#VALUE!
CW	11.1	822	cold, wet		1750			24	35		#VALUE!
CW	27.1	2307	warm, wet	8.5	4000000	60	53	44	56		Nur Asmaliza Mohd Noor et al. 2017
CW	21	237	warm, dry	80	3	38	66	90	90		<a href="#">Cerezo et al 2001</a>
CW	21	237	warm, dry	80	3	41	55	90	96		<a href="#">Cerezo et al 2001</a>
CW	21	237	warm, dry	80	3	23	48	88	96		<a href="#">Cerezo et al 2001</a>



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CW	21	237	warm, dry	80	3	78	60	90	95		Cerezo et al 2001
CW	25.2	1032	warm, wet	85	41.8	59.4		65.1	77.75		#VALUE!
CW	7.9	634	cold, dry	90	748	62.6	75.4	82	52		Dušek et al 2008
CW	10.3	970	warm, wet	120	19500		74				Kohler et al 2004
CW				27.5	66	43.5	53.5		85		Terzakis et al 2008
CW				27.5	66	28.5	59.5		88.5		Terzakis et al 2008
CW				47.5	64	50	60		90.5		Terzakis et al 2008
CW				47.5	64	57.5	65.5		92		Terzakis et al 2008
CW	18.9	1717	warm, wet	50	4	87.4	80.15				Headley et al 2001
CW	17.6	1074.7	warm, wet	2	800	9	12		-4		Birch et al 2004
CW	12.2	1113	warm, wet			7	14				Bangs 2007
CW	18.7	910	warm, wet		9000	57	53.7				Adyel 2017 thesis
CW	18.7	770	warm, wet		10000	45	65				Adyel 2017 thesis
CW	7	700	cold, wet			35	43	40	68		Farrel & schenken 2003
CW	7	700	cold, wet			13	46	15	60		Farrel & schenken 2003
CW	17.8	567	warm, dry	85	27.25	37	40	50	65		Ventura et al 2019
CW	11.8	1279	warm, wet	100	23	97	96		95	88	Choi et al 2015
CW	11.8	1431	warm, wet	70	6.5	49	42		71	30	Choi et al 2015
CW	22.9	1100	warm, wet		11400	69	43				Thomas et al 2016
CW	22.9	1100	warm, wet		11400	-39	-9				Thomas et al 2016
CW	22.9	1100	warm, wet		11400	71	75				Thomas et al 2016
CW	22.9	1100	warm, wet		11400	-58	32				Thomas et al 2016
CW	8.5	706	cold, wet	83	0.008	59.65		87.3			Lee and Schols 2007
CW											Vymazal, 2007
CW	24	1440	warm, wet		27000	42,7	55				Nesbit and Mitsch 2018



CW	23.9	200	warm, dry	87.5	420000	28						Sanchez et al. 2016
CW	17.6	340	warm, dry	50	1860000	64.3	39.3					Ibekwe et al. 2007
CW	18.2	300	warm, dry	77	99000	52						Smith et al. 2000
CW	21.6	300	warm, dry		124600	29						Kmiec & Thomure 2015
CW	23.9	200	warm, dry			86						Palta et al. 2017
CW	23.9	200	warm, dry			51						Palta et al. 2017
CW	14.7	1010	warm, wet			25.5						Harrison et al. 2011
DP	9.8	1120	cold, wet	106.5	112300		76.8					Hurley and Forman 2011
DP	9.7	1127	cold, wet	106.5	121500		77.2					Hurley and Forman 2011
FS	15	1089	warm, wet		80.1	32	40		72			Winston et al 2011
FS	15	1089	warm, wet		42.6	16	33		65			Winston et al 2011
FS	14.8	1163	warm, wet		86.5	51.1	46.7		88.9			Winston et al 2011
FS	14.8	1163	warm, wet		38.9	49.2	45.6		73.1			Winston et al 2011
FS	15.9	470	warm, dry		4.75				85			Barret 2004
FS	16.9	355	warm, dry		9.2				96			Barret 2004
FS	16.8	879	warm, wet		4.2				97			Barret 2004
FS	14.4	899	warm, wet		8.3				96			Barret 2004
FS	17.8	393	warm, dry		7.4				94			Barret 2004
FS	17.2	366	warm, dry		8				97			Barret 2004
FS	17.2	379	warm, dry		6.25				-450			Barret 2004
FS		338	warm, dry		5.6				77			Barret 2004
FS	19.9	1018	warm, wet		185	-35	-84		17			Li et al 2008
FS	19.9	1018	warm, wet		218	-94	-153		46			Li et al 2008
FS	19.9	1018	warm, wet		185	-41	-138		7			Li et al 2008
FS	20.1	870	warm, wet		185	-91	-123		64			Li et al 2008



FS	20.1	870	warm, wet		185	-9	-122		66		Li et al 2008
FS	20.1	870	warm, wet		185	-36	-212		71		Li et al 2008
FS	8.3	762	cold, wet		1.68					59.8	Deletic and Fletcher 2006
FS	7.1	814	cold, wet		4					58.9	García-Serrana et al 2017
FS	7.1	814	cold, wet		4					60.1	García-Serrana et al 2017
FS	7.1	814	cold, wet		7					58.6	García-Serrana et al 2017
FS	7.1	814	cold, wet		4					88.2	García-Serrana et al 2017
GR	16.1	1150	warm, wet							24.5	Li et al 2018
GR	12.5	830	cold, wet	5	2000					26	Sailor ja Bass 2014
GR	12.5	830	cold, wet	15	2000					39.5	Sailor ja Bass 2014
GR	10.7	810	warm, wet	10	2000					59	Sailor ja Bass 2014
GR	10.7	810	warm, wet	10	2000					90	Sailor ja Bass 2014
GR	10.4	360	warm, dry	10	2000					99	vanWoert et al 2005
GR	10.4	360	warm, dry	10	1000					50	Sailor ja Bass 2014
GR	7	421	warm, dry	5	1					25.7	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	10	1					42.1	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	15	1					36.2	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	5	1					41.5	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	10	1					36.7	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	15	1					33.8	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	5	1					34.8	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	10	1					17.6	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	15	1					23.1	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	7	421	warm, dry	5	1					40.6	Liu et al 2019 (two articles)
GR	9	785	cold, wet	5.5	1.63					50.4	VanWoert et al 2005



GR	9	785	cold, wet	5.5	1.63					60.6	VanWoert et al 2005
GR	9	785	cold, wet	5.5	5.95					70.25	VanWoert et al 2005
GR	9	785	cold, wet	5.5	5.95					67	VanWoert et al 2005
GR	22.6	2400	warm, wet	4	1.1					39.45	Wong&Jim 2014
GR	22.6	2400	warm, wet	8	1.1					44.8	Wong&Jim 2014
GR	25.6	1400	warm, dry		0.25					65.7	Vijayaraghavan, Raja 2015
GR	15.1	1093	warm, wet	5	235					87.5	Voyde et al 2010
GR	5	732	cold, wet	18	120					85.7	Teemusk, Mander 2011; Teemusk, Mander 2007
GR	5.3	732	cold, wet	14	100						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	5.3	732	cold, wet	14	100						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	5	732	cold, wet	11	1.5						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	5	732	cold, wet	9	1.5						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	5.2	732	cold, wet	18	35						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	5.1	732	cold, wet	18	50						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	5.1	732	cold, wet	20	50						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	4.6	732	cold, wet	20	70						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	5	732	cold, wet	20	30						Teemusk, Mander 2011
GR	15.6	1182	warm, wet		1					72	Malcolm et al 2014
GR	15.6	1182	warm, wet		415						Malcolm et al 2014
GR	11.9	96	cold, wet	7.6	235					39	Hutchinson et al 2003
GR	11.9	96	cold, wet	12	243					69	Hutchinson et al 2003
GR	9	690	cold, wet	8	24.3					61	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	25	12					80	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	25	12					81	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	15	12					74	Uhl and Schiedt 2008



GR	9	690	cold, wet	5	12					67	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	5	12					73	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	10	12					69	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	10	24.1					62	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	10	25					69	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	15	25.1					69	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	10	12					71	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	15	12					77	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	15	12					77	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	10	12					69	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	4	12					64	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	8	17.6					69	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	8	24.2					64	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	9	690	cold, wet	8	12					67	Uhl and Schiedt 2008
GR	8.1	785	cold, wet		5.95					80.2	Getter et al 2007
GR	15.2	1200	warm, wet	6	217					66	Fassman-Beck et al 2013
GR	15.2	1200	warm, wet	10	4					48	Fassman-Beck et al 2013
GR	15.2	1200	warm, wet	15	4					57	Fassman-Beck et al 2013
GR	15.2	1200	warm, wet	10	171					66	Fassman-Beck et al 2013
GR	13	1059	warm, wet	10.2	3.696					54.2	Harper et al 2015
GR	13	1059	warm, wet	10.2	3.696					45.3	Harper et al 2015
GR	16.4	546	warm, dry	30	0.15					76.96	Beecham and Razzaghmanesh 2015
GR	16.4	546	warm, dry	10	0.15					71.65	Beecham and Razzaghmanesh 2015
GR	11	700	cold, wet	6	4				96	84.1	Seidl et al 2013





GR	11	700	cold, wet	16	4				98	83.7	Seidl et al 2013
GR	10.5	828,8	cold, wet	17	408	-40.6	-20			65.7	Speak et al 2013, 2014
GR	3.9	647	cold, wet		0.2		20			70	Kuoppamäki et al 2016
GR	9.6	824	cold, wet	8	3					50.2	Stovin et al 2012
GR	11.2	1107	cold, wet	13	3.6					42.55	Schroll et al 2011
GR	19.9	1017,5	warm, wet	11	0.36					77.7	Volde and Dvorak 2014
GR	18.1	465,6	warm, dry	8	2					54.98	Soulis et al 2017
GR	18.1	465,6	warm, dry	16	2					66.25	Soulis et al 2017
GR	9.3	968	cold, wet	13	0.26					34.6	Franzaring et al 2016
GR	9.5	1154	cold, wet	13	830					66.21	Nawaz et al 2015
GR	11.9	914	cold, wet	5	0.36					28	Buccola and Spolek (2011)
GR	11.9	914	cold, wet	14	0.36					60	Buccola and Spolek (2011)
GR	9.3	1307	warm, wet	10.2	248	32.1	-191			51.4	Gregoire and Clausen (2011)
GR	16.2	1232	warm, wet	8	42.64					78	Carter and Rasmussen (2006)
GR	8.3	785	cold, wet	14	241	15.1	-247.6			63	Seters et al. (2009)
GR	10.1	925	cold, wet	7,5	1					39,8	Graceson et al 2013
GR	10.1	925	cold, wet	15	1					47.7	Graceson et al 2013
GR	14.7	1086	warm, wet	35	350					68	Fioretti et al. (2010), Palla et al. (2011)
GR	16.4	1600	warm, wet	40	2.16						Berndtsson et al 2009
GR	8.1	600	cold, dry	3	5						Berndtsson et al 2009
GR	19	1200	warm, wet	17	1					68	Zhang et al 2015
GR	9.9	1283	warm, wet							35	Talebi et al 2019
GR	3.4	428	cold, dry							53	Talebi et al 2019
GR	2.4	384	cold, dry							61	Talebi et al 2019
GR	7.4	946	cold, wet							38	Talebi et al 2019



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GR	8.3	785	cold, wet							48	Talebi et al 2019
GR	6.5	1410	cold, wet							27	Talebi et al 2019
GR	9.4	1055	cold, wet		1190					95.9	Todorov et al 2018
GR	13.5	900	warm, wet	6	4.9					85	Ferrans et al 2018
GR	11.2	633	cold, wet	10	0.012					20	Dusza et al 2017
GR	11.2	633	cold, wet	30	0.012					33	Dusza et al 2017
GR	11	820	cold, wet	8	2.25					67.9	Yilmaz et al 2016
GR	11	820	cold, wet	12	2.25					74.9	Yilmaz et al 2016
GR	11	820	cold, wet	8	2.25					72.8	Yilmaz et al 2016
GR	11	820	cold, wet	12	2.25					80.2	Yilmaz et al 2016
GR	11	820	cold, wet	12	2.25					75.3	Yilmaz et al 2016
GR	11	820	cold, wet	12	2.25					74.9	Yilmaz et al 2016
GR	11.9	1373	warm, wet	15	1					24.1	Young Lee et al 2015
GR	11.9	1373	warm, wet	20	1					51.8	Young Lee et al 2015
GR	8.1	785	cold, wet	10.5	1.92					85.2	Whittinghill et al 2015
GR				15	0.37	87	38			21.13	Beck et al 2011
GR	8.4	551	cold, wet	35	2.88					64.75	Burszta-Adamiak 2012
GR	22	2500	warm, wet	15	0.288					74.33	Fang 2010
GR	12.4	541	warm, dry	10	0.35					48.8	Wang et al 2017
GR	26.8	2378	warm, wet	25	4					11.4	Qin et al. 2012
GR	26.6	2325	warm, wet	20	0.75					32	Musa et al 2008
GR	3.4	428	cold, dry	15	52					83.6	Sims et al. 2016
GR	7.4	846	cold, wet	15	65					76.5	Sims et al. 2016
GR	6.5	1196	cold, wet	15	55					59.6	Sims et al. 2016
GR	16	1287	warm, wet	10.2	27					63	Moran et al. 2003



GR	16	1233	warm, wet	7.5	70					62	Moran et al. 2003
GR	12.1	1144	warm, wet	3	0,5					36	Carson et al. 2013
GR	12.1	1144	warm, wet	10	12					54	Carson et al. 2013
GR	9.4	1055	cold, wet	10	1190	59.55	93.75			96.8	Carpenter et al. 2016
GR	12.1	1144	warm, wet	3	310					60	Hakimdavar et al. 2014
GR	12.1	1144	warm, wet	3	99					64	Hakimdavar et al. 2014
GR	12.1	1144	warm, wet	3	0.09					56	Hakimdavar et al. 2014
GR	20.1	811	warm, wet	10	3.4					37.1	Simmons et al. 2008
GR	16.2	1232	warm, wet	7.6	42.64					78	Carter and Rasmussen 2006
GR	12	1219	warm, wet	16	12					81.9	Nardini et al. 2012
GR	7.8	653	cold, dry	4	1.54					35	Villarreal and Bengtsson 2005
GR	9.9	1117	warm, wet	35	1500					48	Johnston et al. 2004
GR	9.9	1155	warm, wet	15	33					29	Connelly et al. 2006
GR	9.9	1155	warm, wet	7.5	33					26	Connelly et al. 2006
GR	11.9	940	cold, wet	12.5	290					14.5	Spolek 2008
GR	11.9	940	cold, wet	15	500					25	Spolek 2008
GR	8.3	785	cold, wet	14	241					63	Van Seters et al. 2009
GR	9.3	995	cold, wet	9.5						52.6	Berghage et al. 2009, Akther et al 2018
GR	8.1	784	cold, wet	4						69	Rowe et al. 2003, Akther et al 2018
GR	8.1	784	cold, wet	6						72	Rowe et al. 2003, Akther et al 2018
GR	9.5	816	cold, wet	2						39	Russell and Schickedantz, 2003, Akther et al 2018
GR	9.5	816	cold, wet	10						58	Russell and Schickedantz, 2003, Akther et al 2018



GR	8.2	870	cold, wet	4						48.35	Monterusso et al. 2004, Akther et al 2018
GR	8.2	870	cold, wet	10						84.46	Carpenter and Kaluvakolanu 2011, Akther et al 2018
GR	12.5	1113	warm, wet	9						58.5	DeNardo et al. 2005, Akther et al 2018
GR	8.3	785	cold, wet	8.5						57	Liu and Minor 2005, Akther et al 2018
GR	8.3	785	cold, wet	14						65.3	TRCA (2006), Akther et al 2018
GR	10.9	969	cold, wet	15						30.5	Berkompas et al. 2008, Akther et al 2018
GR	10.9	969	cold, wet	11.25						33	Berkompas et al. 2008, Akther et al 2018
GR	10.9	969	cold, wet	15						17.1	Berkompas et al. 2008, Akther et al 2018
GR	16.4	536	warm, dry	10	0.15					51	Beecham and Razzaghmanesh 2015, Akther et al 2018
GR	16.4	536	warm, dry	30	0.15					96	Beecham and Razzaghmanesh 2015, Akther et al 2018
GR	10.6	943	warm, wet	14						70	Bliss et al 2009, Akther et al 2018
GR	10	918	warm, wet	12.5						50	Morgan et al. 2012, Akther et al 2018
GR	10	918	warm, wet	7.6						74	Berghage et al. 2010, Akther et al 2018
GR	11.9	1001	cold, wet	12.5						56	Kurtz 2008, Akther et al 2018
GR	11.9	1001	cold, wet	7.5						64	Kurtz 2008, Akther et al 2018
GR	11.5	799	cold, wet	6						55	Arias et al. 2016, Akther et al 2018
GR	13.5	866	warm, wet							76.7	Perez et al 2016, Akther et al 2018



GR	10.2	653	cold, wet	9							Gromaire et al. 2013, Akther et al 2018
GR	9.6	747	cold, wet							34	Stovin 2010, Akther et al 2018
GR	8.1	612	cold, dry	3	5					46	Bengtsson et al. 2005, Akther et al 2018
GR	12.9	1045	warm, wet	10	0.4					50	Harper et al. 2015, Akther et al 2018
GR	16	1233	warm, wet	7.5						63	Moran et al. 2005, Akther et al 2018
GR	15.3	1147	warm, wet	10						55	Moran et al. 2005, Akther et al 2018
GR	16	1233	warm, wet	10						64	Hathaway et al 2008, Akther et al 2018
GR	13.9	1151	warm, wet								Toladn et al 2012, Akther et al 2018
GR	22	2574	warm, wet	10	0.1						Chen and Kang 2016, Akther et al 2018
GR	26.6	2325	warm, wet	15						66.5	Kasmin and Musa ,2012, Akther et al 2018
GR	27.1	2486	warm, wet							51	Kasmin et al. 2014, Akther et al 2018
GR	3.4	428	cold, dry	15						62.5	Alberta Ingenuity 2008, Akther et al 2018
GR	3.9	650	cold, wet	7	2					50.52	Krebs et al 2016, Akther et al 2018
GR	12.1	610	warm, dry	15	120					78.27	Yang et al 2015, Akther et al 2018
GR	12.4	541	warm, dry	22.5	0.5	9.9					Wang et al 2013, Akther et al 2018
GR	10.3	360	warm, dry	10	1858					80	Jiang et al. 2015, Tolderlund 2010
GR	10.3	360	warm, dry		2000					68.7	Jiang et al. 2015, Tolderlund 2010



PL	22	1500	warm, wet	90		80					Chang2019
PL	22	1500	warm, wet	45		70					Chang2019
PL	11.7	1016	warm, dry		18						Brattebo, Booth 2003
PL	11.7	1016	warm, dry		18						Brattebo, Booth 2003
PL	11.7	1016	warm, dry		18						Brattebo, Booth 2003
PL	11.7	1016	warm, dry		18						Brattebo, Booth 2003
PL	14.8	1259	warm, wet		50	91	98			29.65	Brasswell et al 2018
PL	17.1	1417	warm, wet	8	740						Bean et al 2007
PL	16	925	warm, wet	15	108					99.86	collins et al 2007, 2010
PL	16	925	warm, wet	8	108					99.33	collins et al 2007, 2010
PL	16	925	warm, wet	8	108					98.17	collins et al 2007, 2010
PL	16	925	warm, wet	8	108					99.51	collins et al 2007, 2010
PL	16.1	1049	warm, wet	40	215	27	41		91	56.3	Brasswell et al 2018
PL	23.2	695	warm, wet	46	37					87	Alam et al 2019
PL	23	630	warm, wet	57	209					88	Alam et al 2019
PL	23.2	695	warm, wet	38	372					80	Alam et al 2019
PL + BF	16.1	1049	warm, wet	40	216	42	75		96	56.6	Brasswell et al 2018
RG	10.1	1204	warm, wet	60	9.2	32	-110.6			98.8	Dietz ja Clausen 2005
RG	8	774	cold, wet	0.7	405						Elliott et al 2011
RG	6.9	838	cold, wet	0.6	405						Elliott et al 2011
RG	7	985	cold, wet	2	4047						Elliott et al 2011
RG	14.6	1076	warm, wet	122		33	-39				Hunt&Lord2006
RG	14.6	1076	warm, wet	122		43	9				Hunt&Lord2006
RG	14.7	1203	warm, wet	122		40	65				Hunt&Lord2006
RG	14.8	1071	warm, wet	75		64	66				Hunt&Lord2006



RG	14.8	1071	warm, wet	75		68	22				Hunt&Lord2006
RG	15.4	1057	warm, wet	122		65	68				Hunt&Lord2006
RG	10	417	warm, dry			6	-473		-21	53	Jiang et al. 2015
RWH	20.8	856	warm, wet		2.8						Mendez et al 2011
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RWH	20.8	856	warm, wet		2.8						Mendez et al 2011
RWH	20.8	856	warm, wet		3.4						Mendez et al 2011
RWH	20.8	856	warm, wet		3.4						Mendez et al 2011
RWH	14.2	551	warm, dry		180						Gikas & Tsihrintzis 2012
RWH	14.1	541	warm, dry		100						Gikas & Tsihrintzis 2012
RWH	14.1	541	warm, dry		180						Gikas & Tsihrintzis 2012
RWH	15.3	541	warm, dry		75						Gikas & Tsihrintzis 2012
RWH	14	542	warm, dry		130						Gikas & Tsihrintzis 2012
S	1.4	494	cold, dry	0.456					99		Bäckström 2003
S	1.4	494	cold, dry	0.456					99		Bäckström 2003
S	1.4	494	cold, dry	0.456					96		Bäckström 2003
S	1.4	494	cold, dry						70	54	Bäckström 2003
S	1.4	494	cold, dry	5.8	7.5				97.5	33	Bäckström 2002
S	1.4	494	cold, dry	3.7	7.5				99	66	Bäckström 2002
S	1.4	494	cold, dry	4.8	7.5				88.5	33	Bäckström 2002
S	12.8	1105	warm, wet		121	-5.7	-27.5		44.1		Stagge et al 2012
S	12.8	1105	warm, wet		84.2	-25.6	-49.2		45.6		Stagge et al 2012
S	12.8	1105	warm, wet			77.2	14.7		82.7		Stagge et al 2012
S	12.8	1105	warm, wet			85.6	68.7		68.8		Stagge et al 2012
S	20.3	1168	warm, wet	7.44	130	54.4	46		69		Deletic and Fletcher 2006



S	11.4	1219	warm, wet	130	9.3	39				40	Shetty et al 2019
S	17.6	322	warm, dry			67	1		76		Jiang et al. 2015, Caltrans 2004
SP	10.1	699	cold, dry	150	330000						Ivanovski et al 2018





## ANNEX 2

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**Table 1.** Min, max and average values ( $\pm$ std) of key Nature Based Solutions (BR – bioretention, CW – constructed wetlands, BS – buffer strips, GR – green roof, PL – permeable layer, RWH – rainwater harvesting, S – swales) with depth (m), area ( $m^2$ ), flow rate ( $L s^{-1}$ ), nutrient and organic matter removal (%) and water retention (%). N.A. – not available.

NBS	param	depth (cm)	Area ( $m^2$ )	Flow rate ( $L s^{-1}$ )	TN removal (%)	TP removal (%)	BOD removal (%)	TSS removal (%)	Water retention (%)
BR	min	0.3	0.27	0.9	-270.5	-13.6	57.0	-52.3	0.7
BR	max	200.0	81000.0	1.0	97.3	93.0	73.3	98.1	89.5
BR	avg $\pm$ std	87.6	10397.6	1.0 $\pm$ 0	9.9 $\pm$ 78.4	65.5 $\pm$ 28.6	67.4 $\pm$ 9.0	65.5 $\pm$ 49.3	53.0 $\pm$ 30.8
CW	min	2.0	1.68	3.0	-58.0	-9.0	15.0	-4.0	30.0
CW	max	120.0	4000000.0	3.0	97.0	96.0	90.0	96.0	88.0
CW	avg $\pm$ std	69.2	207652.5	3.0	42.9 $\pm$ 32.3	53.5 $\pm$ 22.4	61.1 $\pm$ 28.5	69.8 $\pm$ 28.5	59.0 $\pm$ 41.0
BS	min	N.A.	1.7	N.A.	-94.0	-212.0	N.A.	-450.0	58.6
BS	max	N.A.	218.0	N.A.	51.1	46.7	N.A.	97.0	88.2
BS	avg $\pm$ std	N.A.	63.7 $\pm$ 80.6	N.A.	-15.8 $\pm$ 52.9	-66.7 $\pm$ 98.3	N.A.	42.3 $\pm$ 125.6	65.1 $\pm$ 12.9
GR	min	2.0	2	N.A.	-40.6	-247.6	N.A.	96.0	11.4
GR	max	40.0	2000.0	N.A.	87.0	93.8	N.A.	98.0	99.0
GR	avg $\pm$ std	11.9 $\pm$ 6.7	186.0 $\pm$ 478.6	N.A.	27.2 $\pm$ 44.0	-51.1 $\pm$ 136.5	N.A.	97.0 $\pm$ 1.4	57.8 $\pm$ 19.3
PL	min	8.0	18.0	N.A.	27.0	41.0	N.A.	91.0	29.7
PL	max	90.0	740.0	N.A.	91.0	98.0	N.A.	96.0	99.9
PL	avg $\pm$ std	33.6	156.2 $\pm$ 190.6	N.A.	62.0 $\pm$ 26.7	71.3 $\pm$ 28.7	N.A.	93.5 $\pm$ 3.5	79.4 $\pm$ 24.1
RWH	min	0.6	2.8	N.A.	6.0	-110.6	N.A.	N.A.	53.0
RWH	max	122.0	4047.0	N.A.	68.0	68.0	N.A.	N.A.	98.8
RWH	avg $\pm$ std	70.1 $\pm$ 52.9	396.2 $\pm$ 1060	N.A.	43.9 $\pm$ 21.2	11.5 $\pm$ 66.6	N.A.	N.A.	75.9 $\pm$ 32.4
S	min	0.5	7.5	0.5	-25.6	-49.2	N.A.	44.1	33.0
S	max	130.0	130.0	8.4	85.6	68.7	N.A.	99.0	66.0
S	avg $\pm$ std	19.1 $\pm$ 44.9	52.4 $\pm$ 57.2	1.7 $\pm$ 3.0	41.7 $\pm$ 42.4	9.0 $\pm$ 44.2	N.A.	79.6 $\pm$ 19.5	45.2 $\pm$ 14.4



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