



# The Dutch agricultural nature & landscape management scheme (ANLM) & the collective approach

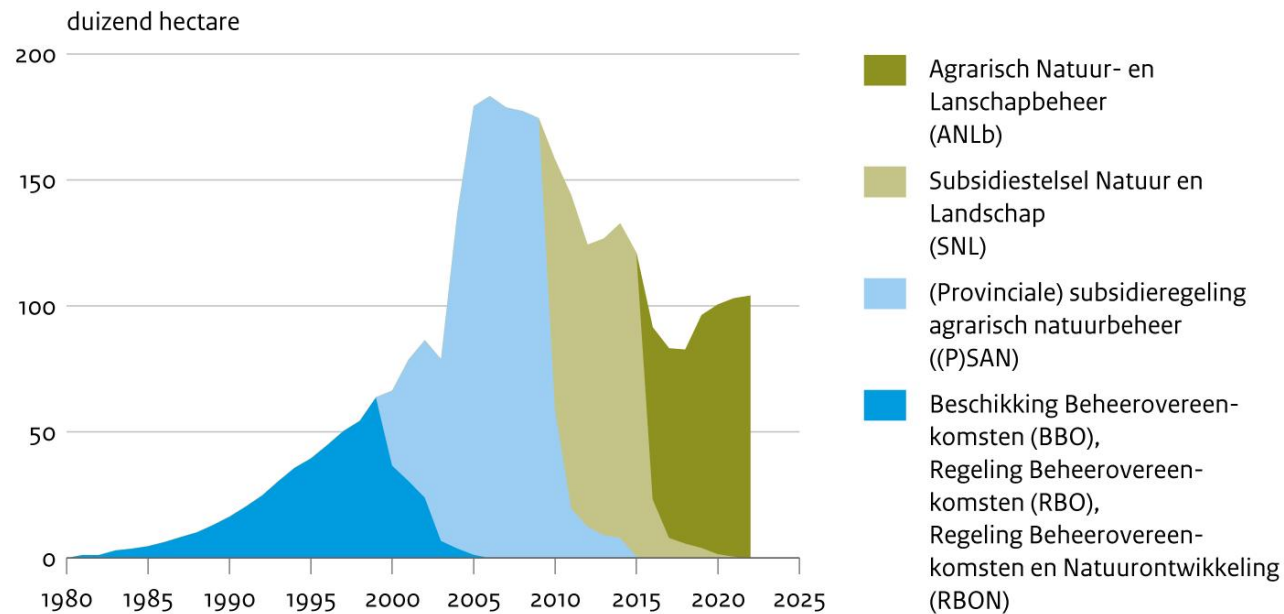
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# The start of agricultural nature & landscape management

Agricultural nature & landscape management has existed in one form or another since 1975

## Areaal agrarisch natuurbeheer per regeling



Bron: RVO

WUR/jun24  
www.clo.nl/n131712

Policy note on relationship between agriculture and nature and landscape conservation 1975:

*“In valuable agricultural cultural landscapes, it is necessary to promote agricultural management that is partly geared to independent management purposes; that is, the farmer, as part of his farm design, carries out a number of actions under circumstances, in a form and at a time appropriate to management from a nature and landscape conservation point of view.”*

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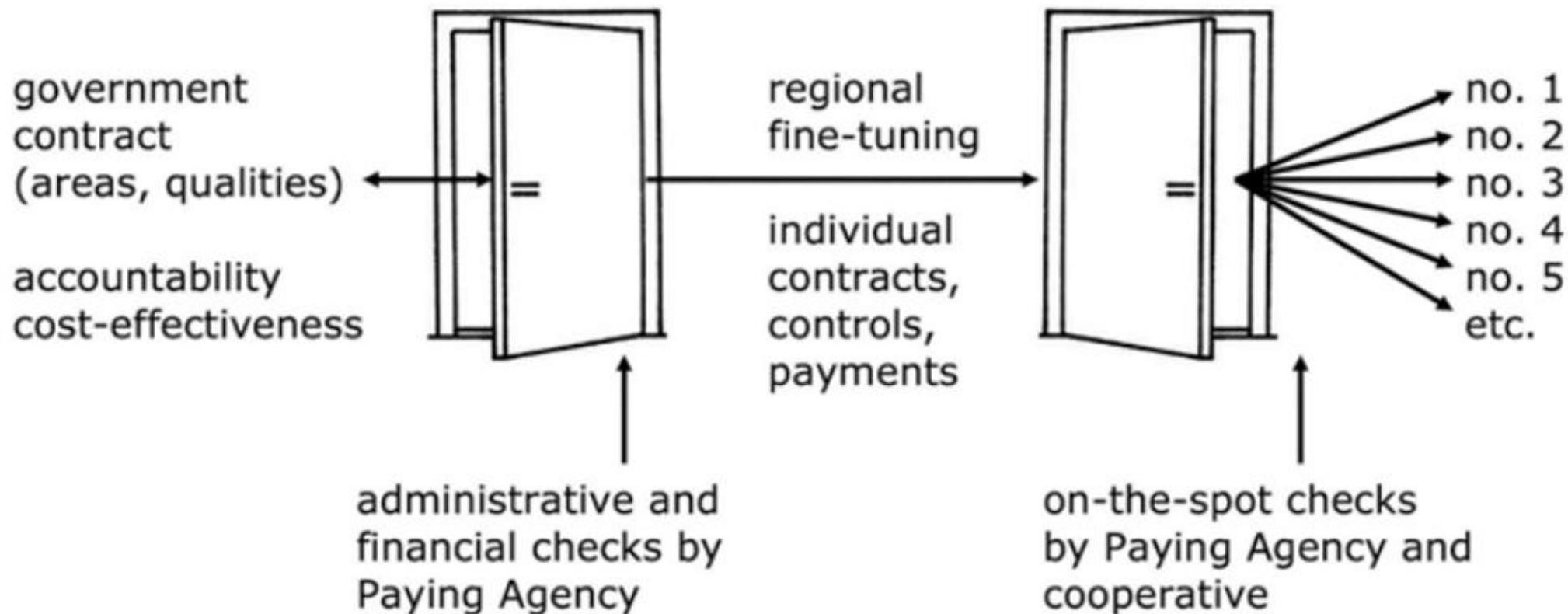
# Focus and structure of the current ANLM scheme

- Current primary focus: the creation and maintenance of habitats for target species, with the underlying aim of achieving a favourable conservation status
- The 12 provinces are responsible for implementing the ANLM ('scheme owner')
- The ANLM is inbedded in the CAP/National Strategic Plan (access to European funding)
- Both the National Strategic Plan and the provincial nature management plans set targets for the ANLM
- In 2016 a collective approach was adopted
- 40 agricultural collectives are the *linking pin* between government and farmers

## AUTHORITIES

## COLLECTIVES

## INDIVIDUAL FARMERS



*The "front door - back door system" of the Dutch agri-environment scheme with a key role for agri-environment cooperatives as final beneficiaries*

Read also [this brochure](#) (in which it is referred to as 'the cooperative approach')

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# The CAP structure: from objectives to results

## OBJECTIVES

10 'specific objectives' (SO)

SO6 = protection of biodiversity

## NEEDS

Restoring and enhancing biodiversity

Conservation & restoration of (cultural) landscapes

## INTERVENTIONS

eco-schemes for climate & environment

agri-environment climate measures (AECM)

non-productive investments

LEADER - community led local development

cooperation scheme

agricultural nature & landscape management (the ANLM or in Dutch: ANLb)



## RESULT INDICATORS

environmental/climate-related performance through investment (R27)

habitat & species conservation (R31)

investments for biodiversity (R32)

preservation of landscape elements (R34)

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# The 'green architecture' of our National Strategic Plan



**3** Quality of habitats through AECM: the Dutch agricultural nature & landscape management (ANLM)

**2** Functional agrobiodiversity through the eco-scheme

in NL there is 1 eco-scheme, consisting of a 'menu' of eco-activities

**1** Basic quality through good agricultural & environmental conditions (GAEC)

in NL there are 10 GAEC

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# Agricultural nature & landscape management: the ANLM scheme

## Hectares



## Participating farmers





# 3 target areas:



open grassland



open cropland



green-blue infrastructure (landscape elements)

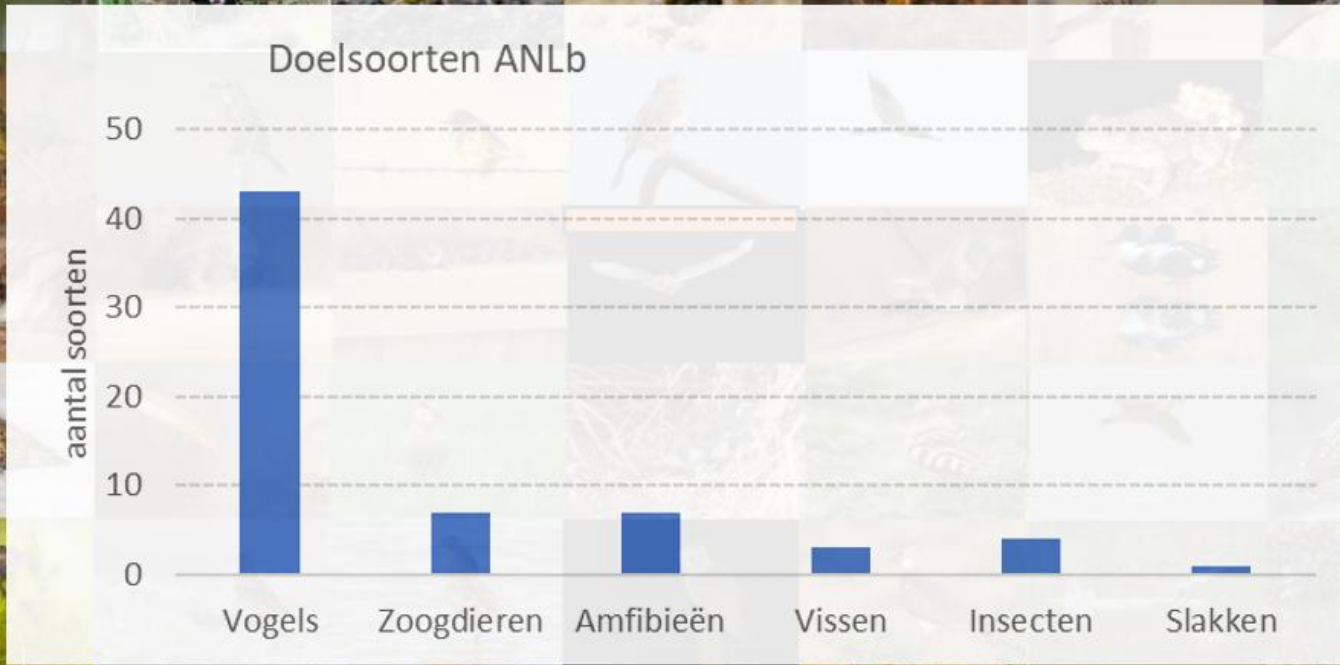


# 2 categories: climate and water

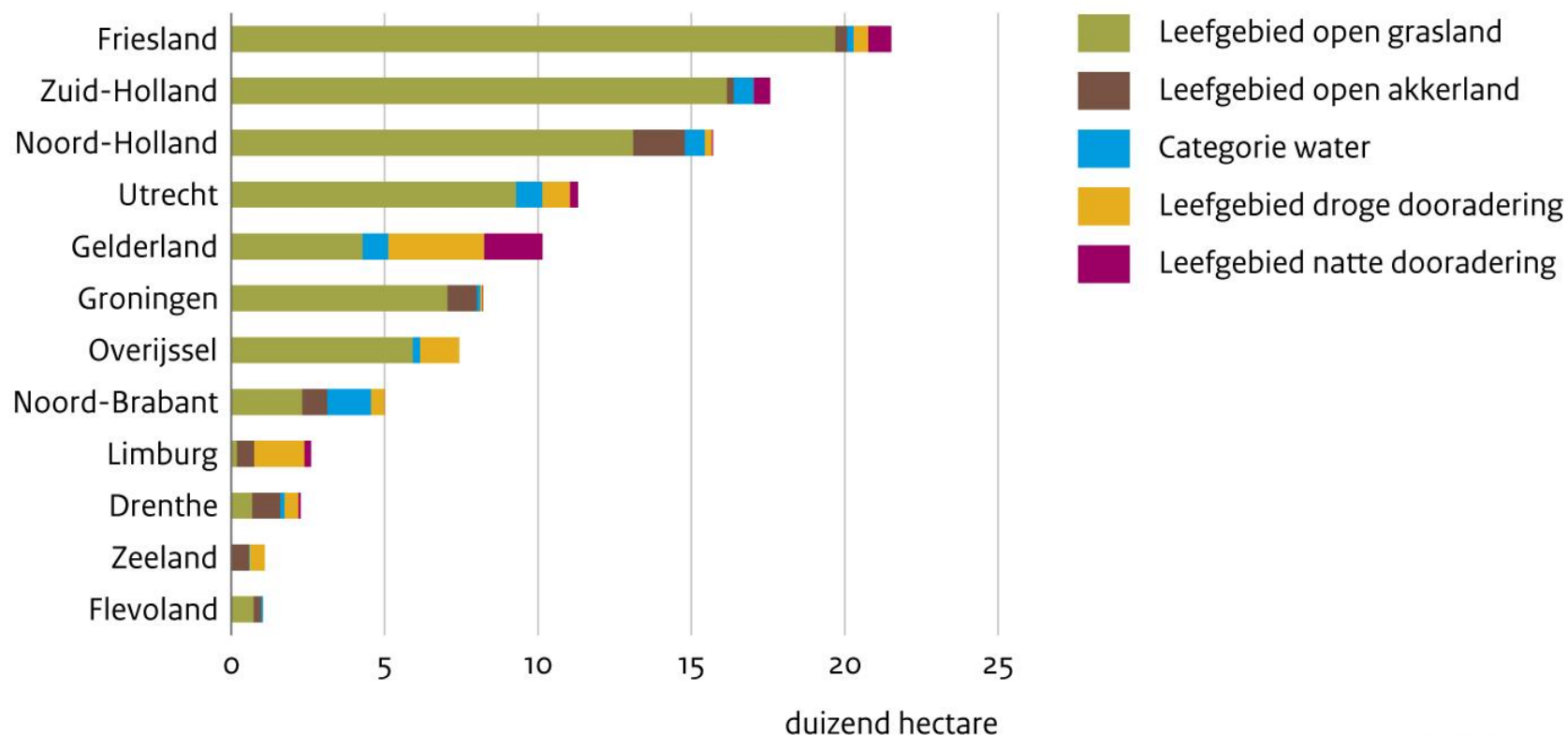
- Management for improvement of water functions:
  - water storage
  - water quality (chemical én ecological)
  - rewetting
  - water retention
- Management for climate adaptation and mitigation:
  - CO2 capture/storage
  - reducing emissions
  - rewetting
  - coping with flooding and drought
  - coping with salinisation



# Current target species Birds and Habitats Directive



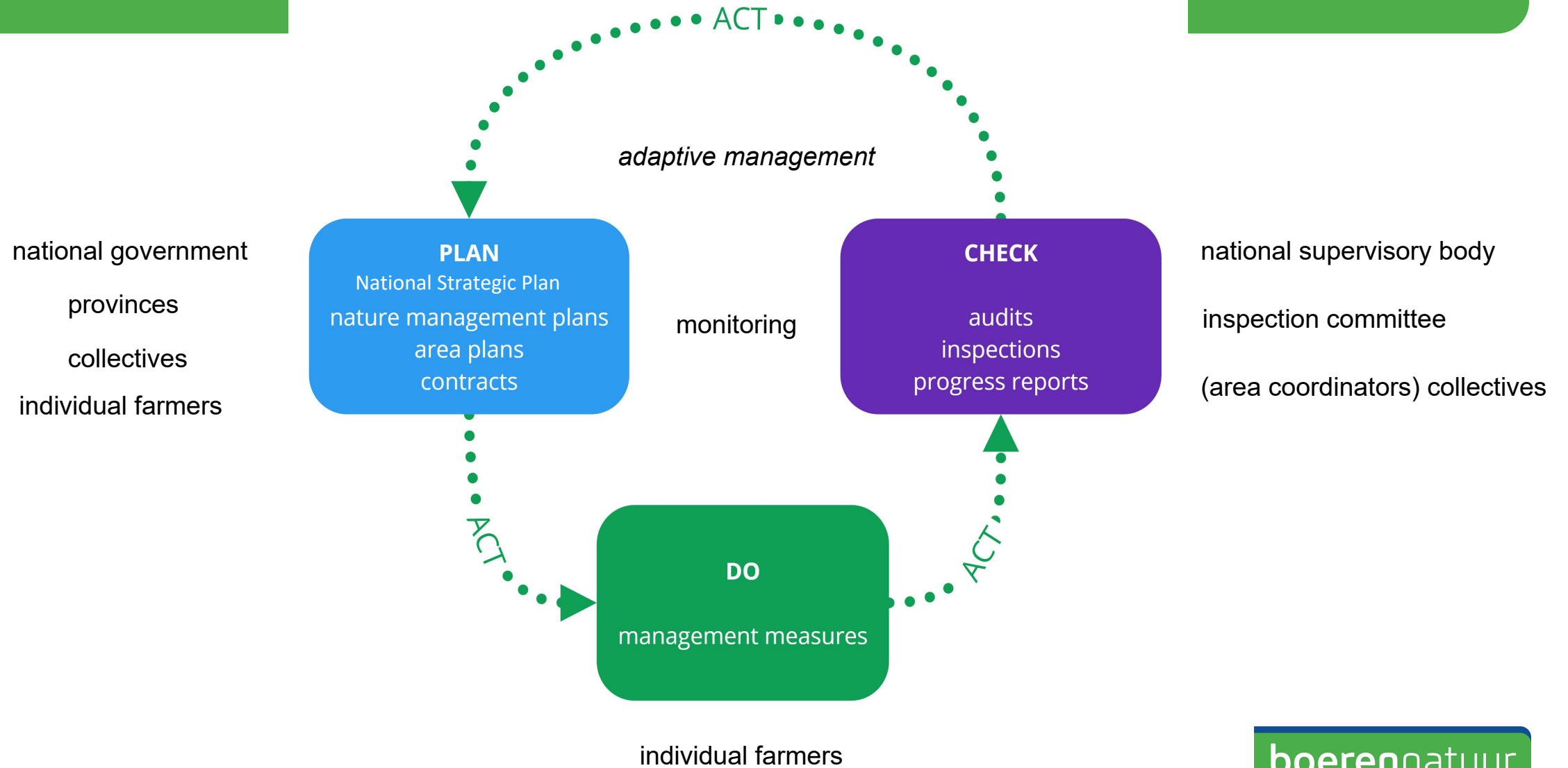
## Leefgebieden Agrarisch Natuur- en Landschapsbeheer (ANLb), 2022



The ANLM is currently executed on about 116.000 hectares/6,5% of total agricultural land in the Netherlands.



# Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle





# Two important developments (but there are more ;))

On a European level: the Regulation on nature restoration ('Nature Restoration Law') was adopted and came into force last August > this will have impact on the ANLM

On a national level: after the elections the coalition parties announced that they will spend an additional €500 mln a year on 'agricultural nature management and ecosystem services' - structurally

# A plan in the making

The ministry is currently working on a plan outlining how this €500 mln will be spent. The House of Representatives (in Dutch: Tweede Kamer) has called on the government to spend it “primarily” using the collective approach of the ANLM.

The government plan will be discussed with the House of Representatives on the 4th of December

# Prerequisites for an effective ANLM

Expansion of the ANLM is much needed! But expansion can only be effective if:

- the scale, intensity and coherence of management practices are sufficient
- structural and adequate financing is guaranteed (incentive payments!)
- policies reinforce each other instead of competing with each other
- supportive policies are in place (f.e. water/soil/predation management)
- other stakeholders contribute to meeting the goals

# THE ANLM SYSTEM

THE DUTCH COLLECTIVE APPROACH TO AGRICULTURAL NATURE & LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

