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### ? About me:

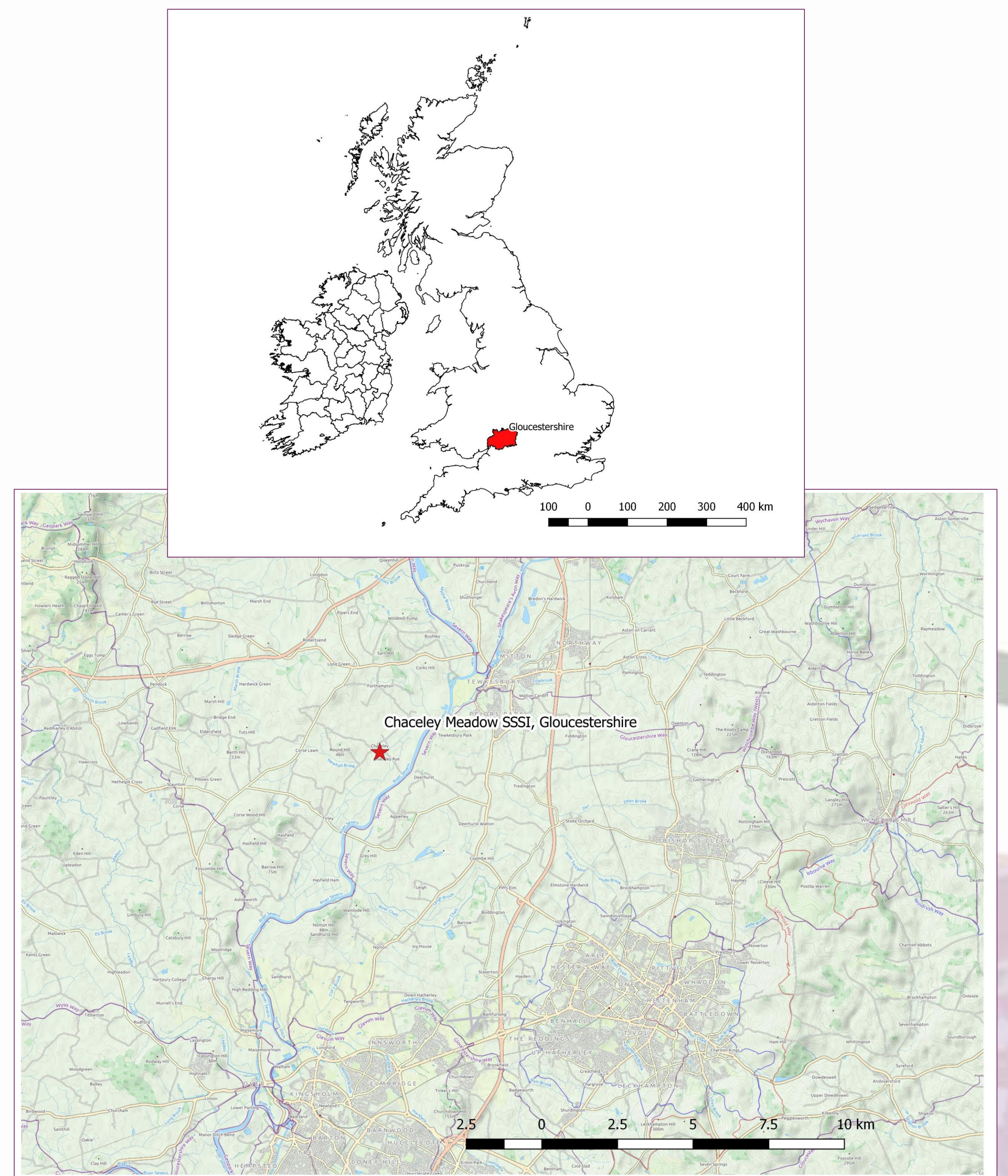
My first encounter with floodplains was at the Ouse Washes doing my Masters degree, then I got to know Pevensey Levels, Lewes Brooks, Arun Valley and the Stour Valley in the SE England for my doctorate. Since then I have been based in Gloucestershire dealing with Severn & Avon Vale floodplain for nearly 15 years with Natural England.

### ? About the site:

Chaceley Meadow is a single field SSSI within the floodplain of the River Severn, owned by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. It has been designated for its species-rich MG4 grassland. It has been traditionally managed by hay cutting followed by aftermath grazing by cattle which still continues to this day.



### ? Site location:



### ? Site monitoring:

I have installed four dipwells along a transect on Chaceley Meadow and have been recording the monthly water levels. Additionally, I have been using the summer months to get to grip with the identification of sedges, rushes and grasses.

### ? My ambassadorial role:

Undertaking the hydrological and botanical monitoring on Chaceley Meadow has really given me a much needed insight to the practicalities of monitoring wet grassland. Within months of starting as an ambassador I have already been able to relay what I have learnt to colleagues in the Cotswolds and on the estuary. I am keen to support and develop the expertise of local organisations including Natural England to carry their own monitoring in-house.