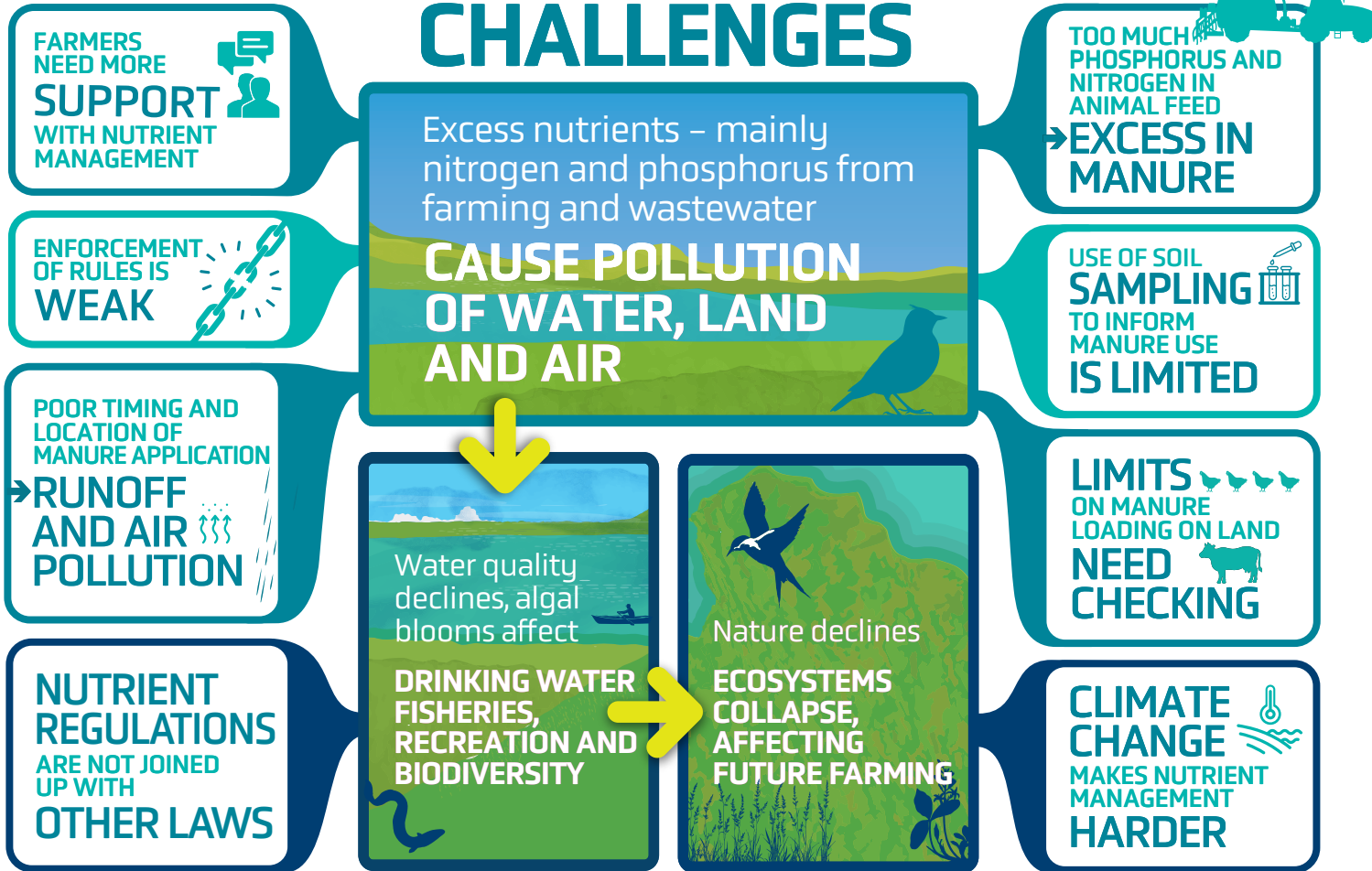


REDUCING NUTRIENT POLLUTION FROM FARMING

Regulations have not done enough. What needs to change?

Review of Northern Ireland's Nutrient Action Programme Regulations (2019)

CHALLENGES



RECOMMENDATIONS 12 actions for positive change, to build on progress already made

Improving implementation

1. Assess and prevent harm to protected habitats
2. Provide more on-farm support
3. Increase inspections
4. Check and ensure farm compliance with manure nitrogen limits
5. Clarify enforcement approach and penalties

Ensuring the rules are sufficient

6. Review evidence for manure nitrogen loading limits
7. Set nutrient balance targets, addressing inputs from animal feeds
8. Require soil sampling so nutrient inputs can match crop needs
9. Better rules for manure application
10. Integrate regulations for air and water pollution
11. Adapt for climate change

Achieving the goal of clean water

12. Calculate and ensure the necessary reductions in nutrient pollution from both farming and wastewater