

Spatial Information Leads to Environmental Choice for Consumers

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SUMMARY

The RICS is one of the oldest professional institutions of practitioners managing and developing land and property, both in the United Kingdom and Worldwide. Just as the international environmental agenda has become more prominent in recent years, so has the role of the Chartered Surveyor in environmental professional practice. Traditionally, Chartered Surveyors have managed and assessed the natural environment and built environment over many decades, with sustainability as an almost subliminal, but key, objective of this activity. They have responded to today's more demanding structured and accountable environmental agenda, by applying the traditional skills and developing new expertise in the fields of environmental assessment, environmental audit, environmental risk assessment and environmental management. These spatial, assessment and management skills are at the heart of environmental practice, which places Chartered Surveyors in a strong position to play a major role in taking environmental practice forward. The paper will examine how these traditional environmental land manager roles are developing into the sophisticated project management, technical and professional roles of today and the future.

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