



A framework for monitoring biodiversity inside and outside protected areas

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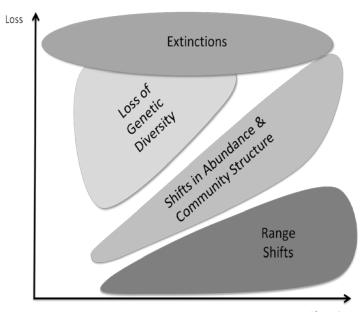
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Reaching conservation goals

- Measuring biodiversity change is essential but difficult
- Not all change is bad
- Information on all dimensions of biodiversity needed
- Global networks and integration needed



Alteration

Pereira, H.M. et al (2012) Annual Review of the Environment and Resources.





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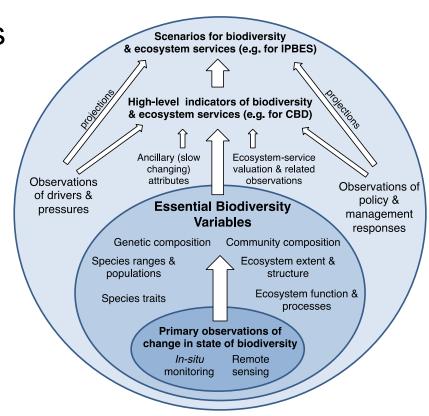
- A global, scientifically robust framework for observing biodiversity change
- Gathering and delivery of information globally
- Long-term continuity of data supply
- Innovative and products based on the integration of relevant data sets including a variety of in-situ and remotely derived data





Essential Biodiversity Variables

- Biodiversity observation systems not adequate for measuring progress towards Aichi targets
- Hundreds of indicators used but only a fraction are based on evidence
- Similar challenges for tracking climate change led to the development of Essential Climate Variables.







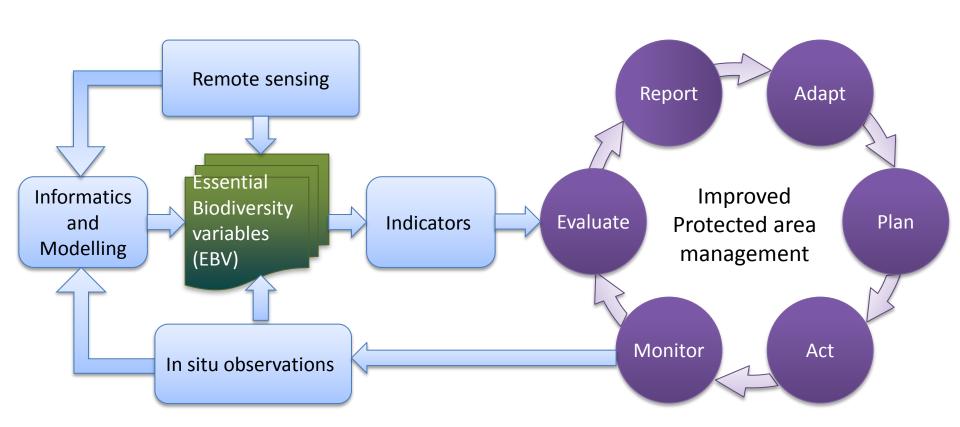
Relevance to finer spatial scales

- Application of the EBV framework at regional, national and sub-national scales (workshop in Germany, June 2014).
- NSW Australia, ASEAN, Europe, South Africa, Colombia, Turkey, South Korea and Madagascar.
- Major differences among jurisdictions in the focus of biodiversity monitoring in relation to protected areas.
- Common challenges in coordination of monitoring across the regions, long term data collection, interoperability and data sharing.





Links to protected area management







Aims and structure of monitoring sessions

- 1. Outlook on monitoring status and trends of protected areas across the world by 2020 and beyond.
- 2. Key topics: In-situ monitoring; remote sensing; Informatics, indicators, adaptive monitoring, modelling
- 3. Applications: Practice in monitoring, integration and reporting. Introductions and interactive presentations.
- 4. Panel discussion: linking concepts and practices
- 5. Wrap up: key messages and recommendations for Promise of Sydney.