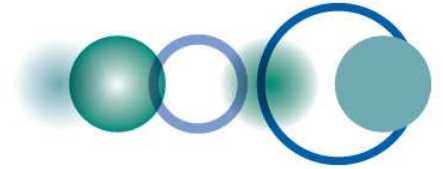


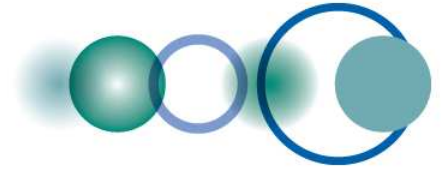
GEO Biodiversity Observation Network

WG Capacity building – Outcomes

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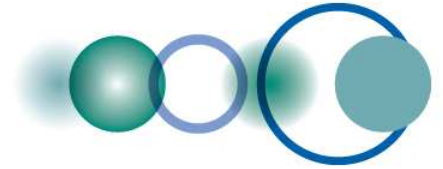


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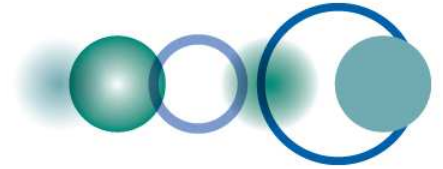
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- Objectives broadly correct but need to be more focussed on GEO BON
- Comments: keep in mind e-learning processes and perhaps mention it in the document.



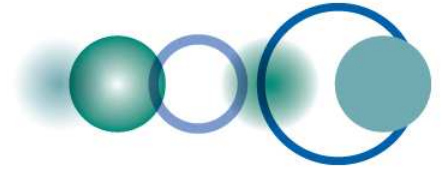
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- Strategy should be developed building on broader GEO capacity building strategy



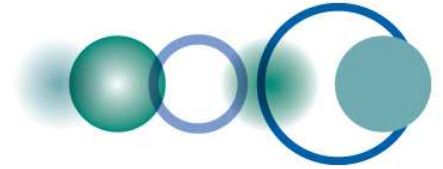
What should the GEO BON CB strategy focus on ?

- Should build on existing efforts and good practices
- Should be user focused and address user needs
- Need to define limits of what GEO BON can do in CB (e.g. Use of GEO BON/observations)
- Should be multilevel, each requiring a different approach
 - national, regional and global CB
 - different levels of education and training
- Should use regional centres of excellence
- Should be structured to reduce resource requirements
- Training the trainers
- Identifying champions
- Should focus on awareness and outreach for decision makers
- Is this more a communication strategy than a capacity building strategy?
- NGOs participation.
- Should we establish short-, medium- and long-term goals? Short-term: find out what we need.
- Perhaps we need a wider framework that does not require training, but establishment of widely-applicable protocols (learning by doing)



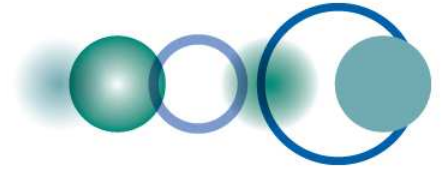
“Qualified specialists produce relevant results by using good-quality data with adequate tools in stable institutions”

Capacity building = people + data + infrastructure



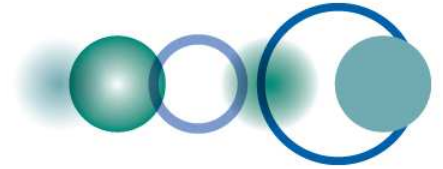
What exists? How do we find out?

- Develop an inventory of existing initiatives at relevant institutions
- Inventory completed through regional contacts



How does one develop an understanding of gaps and needs ?

- Survey of country needs and determine to what extent they would be willing to contribute to costs



Next steps and timeline

- GEO BON to identify a CB champion in GEO BON Sec
- To establish a panel that will focus on CB for the next 2 years. Short-term task: to establish the boundaries of CB for biodiversity. Is it just providing data and using data? Is it to be broader and placed into GEO context? In countries with wider gaps, do we need a tailor-made approach (from collection to use of data)? E.g.: for marine biology, inventory of CB is well organized. Find out what the funding possibilities are. E.g.: In the marine world there is a lot of funding for CB.