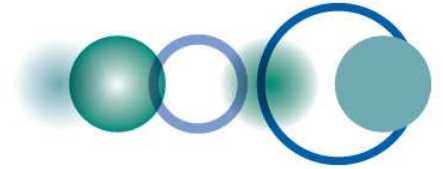


# **GEO Biodiversity Observation Network**

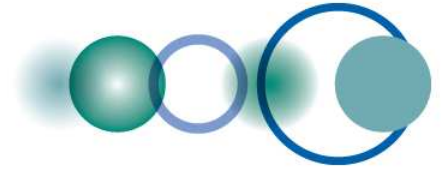
## **WG Business plan – Closing**

**GEO BON Meeting  
Potsdam, 8-10 April 2008**



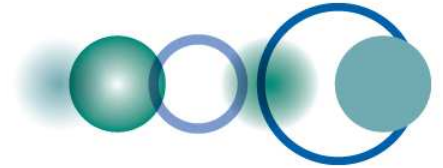
## Position of GEO BON (I)

- Ahead of other GEO fields
- Design outputs that contribute to other areas
- Reporting tasks of different countries are important
- GEO BON is new and requires a new initiative



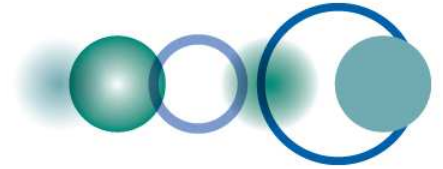
## Position of GEO BON (II)

- Monitoring is breaking down due to lack of expertise
- GEO-BON should not itself be a primary data collector
- GEO-BON should be coordinator, advocate and stimulator
- In situ data should flow better through the pipeline



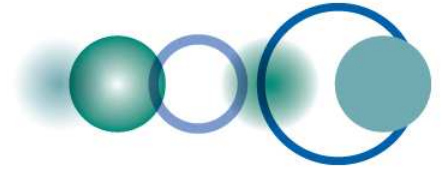
## What is GEO BON

- GEO-BON is an enabling mechanism and will facilitate national organisations to work, giving groups a mandate
- GEO-BON has the mandate to go after the money for projects



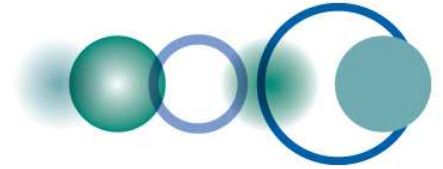
# Organisation

- Lean secretariat
- Strategy development
- Devolved activities
- There has to be continuity and permanence
- Is the organisation of GEO-BON a small and lose ended or big science?

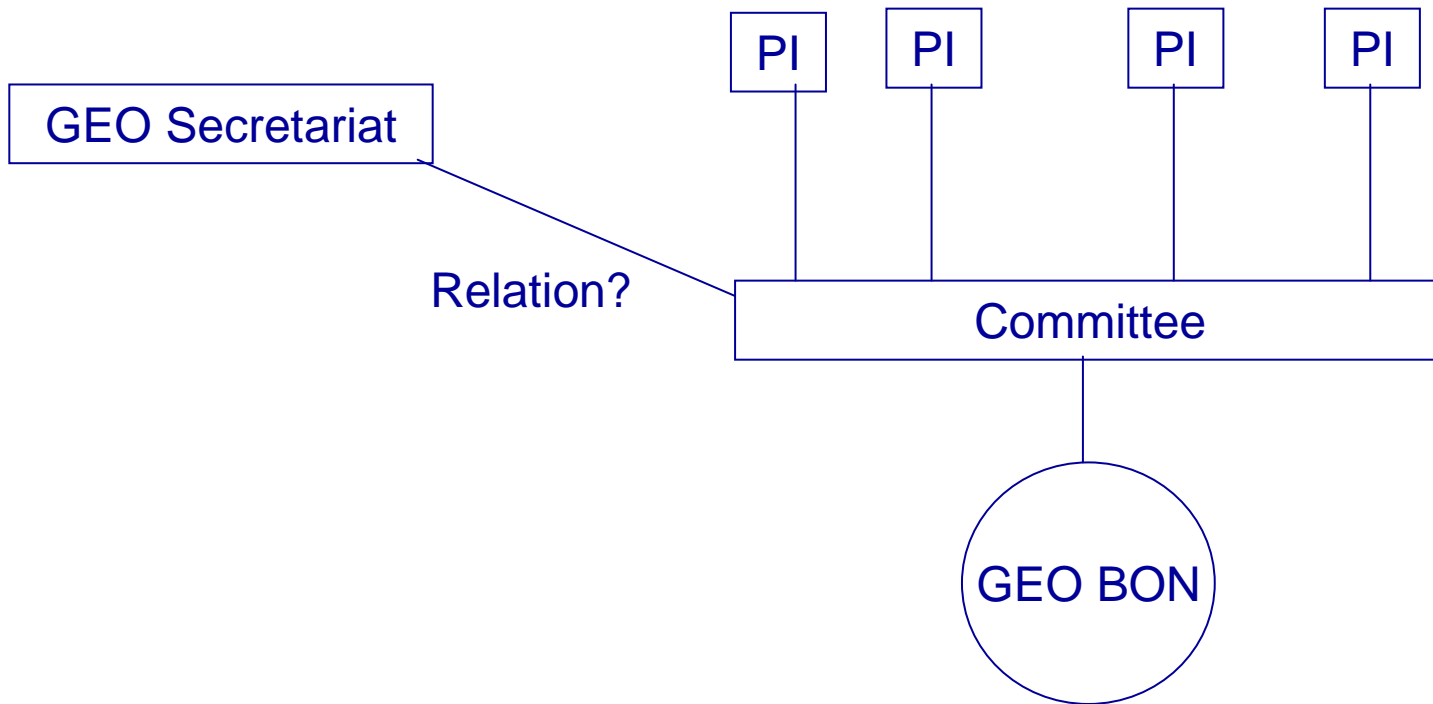


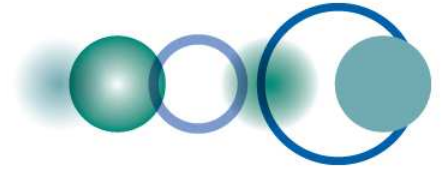
# Secretariat

- Secretariat can be in an existing organisation
- There has to be labelling of priorities
- GEO-BON needs core funding for the secretariat
- Budget is needed for projects



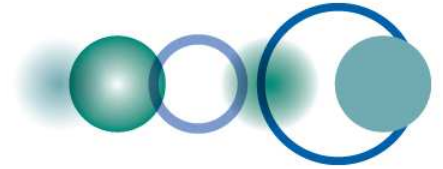
# Institutional structure is important





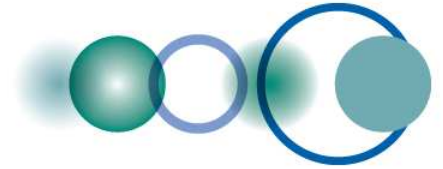
## **GEO BON should advocate**

- A gap analysis in monitoring on the ground
- Open access to data
- Products: well coordinated data
- The added value of EO data for in situ data
- A permanent link between the in situ observation organisations and EO observation institutions



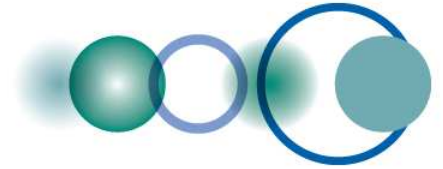
# Continuity and Permanence

- The search for institutions that can take care of continuity in data is an important task
- Permanence of data is important but how to contribute to monitoring on the ground
- Its network nature is key for its continuity



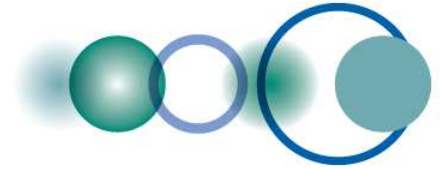
## Funding scenarios

- Governmental funding through existing agencies
- Project funding
- Product delivery
- Exploring the funding of the total GEOBON through the steering committee
- Umbrella funding is according to some unlikely to happen



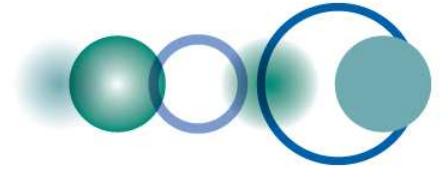
# What is the budget needed

- K€ 250 is at least needed for a secretariat depending on:
  - where it is based, Europe, USA, middle/lower income country and
  - the tasks assigned



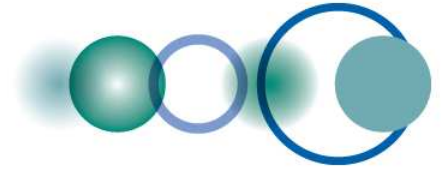
## Potential governments for core funding (secretariat)

- GEO member countries
- USA, France, Germany, Japan
- Brazil, South Africa, Mexico, India (biodiversity rich countries)
- Liaison with GEO secretariat (Switzerland)



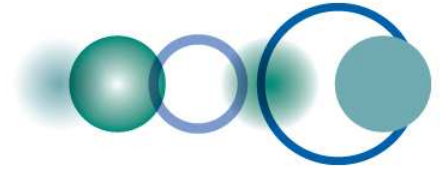
# Intergovernmental Institutions

- European Union is already funding both secretariat and projects
- GEF, possible, but long procedure



# Research Councils projects or core

- USA: NSF projects or core
- Europe: ESF seems unlikely, but to be explored

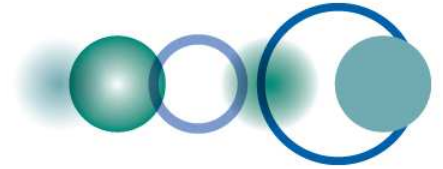


# Development Banks and Agencies

- Not very successful in Africa
- Elsewhere it is also a difficult road
- Capacity building: yes
- Research: difficult

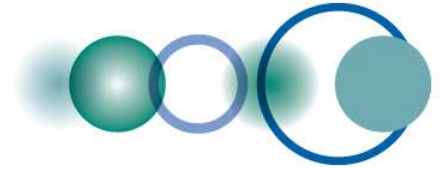


**Biodiversity  
Observation  
Network**



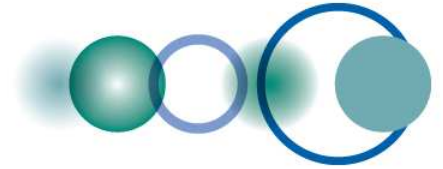
## **NGOs**

- Large NGOs can open doors and maybe PPP can be developed



## Businesses

- WCMC has much money (world database on protected areas) from corporates. From their experience":
  - Secretariat funding is difficult.
  - Funding in kind
  - Funding for facilities



# Foundations

- Most Foundations with international scope are in the USA
- Most countries have national oriented foundations
- Not interested in funding secretariats
- Public funded organisations are in principle not eligible