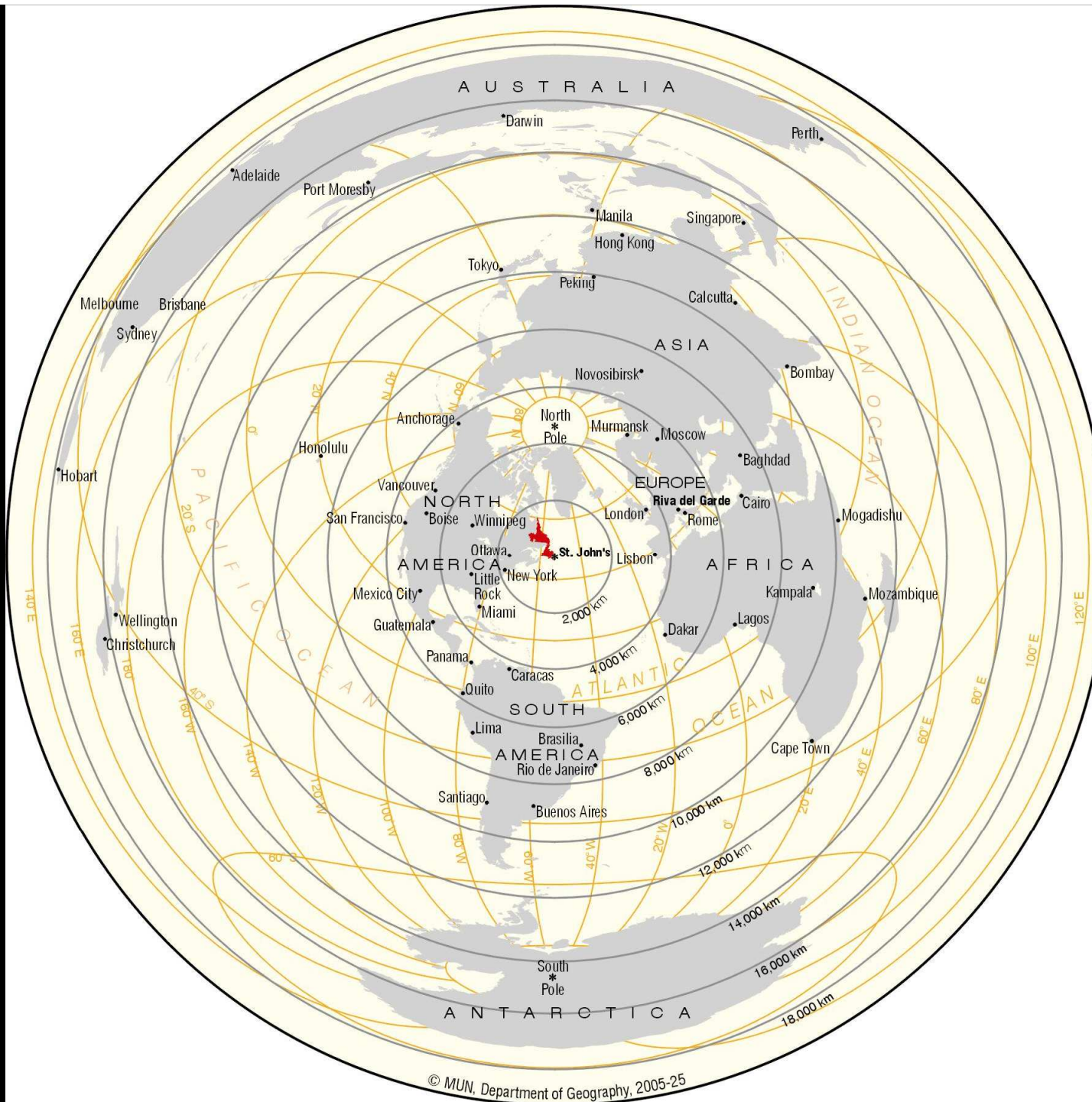


From Engaging Society in Conservation to staying Happily Married for 25 Years!



Dr. Alistair Bath
Memorial University
Canada

Engaging local communities
in nature conservation –
developing a tool box 2012





Good biophysical research =

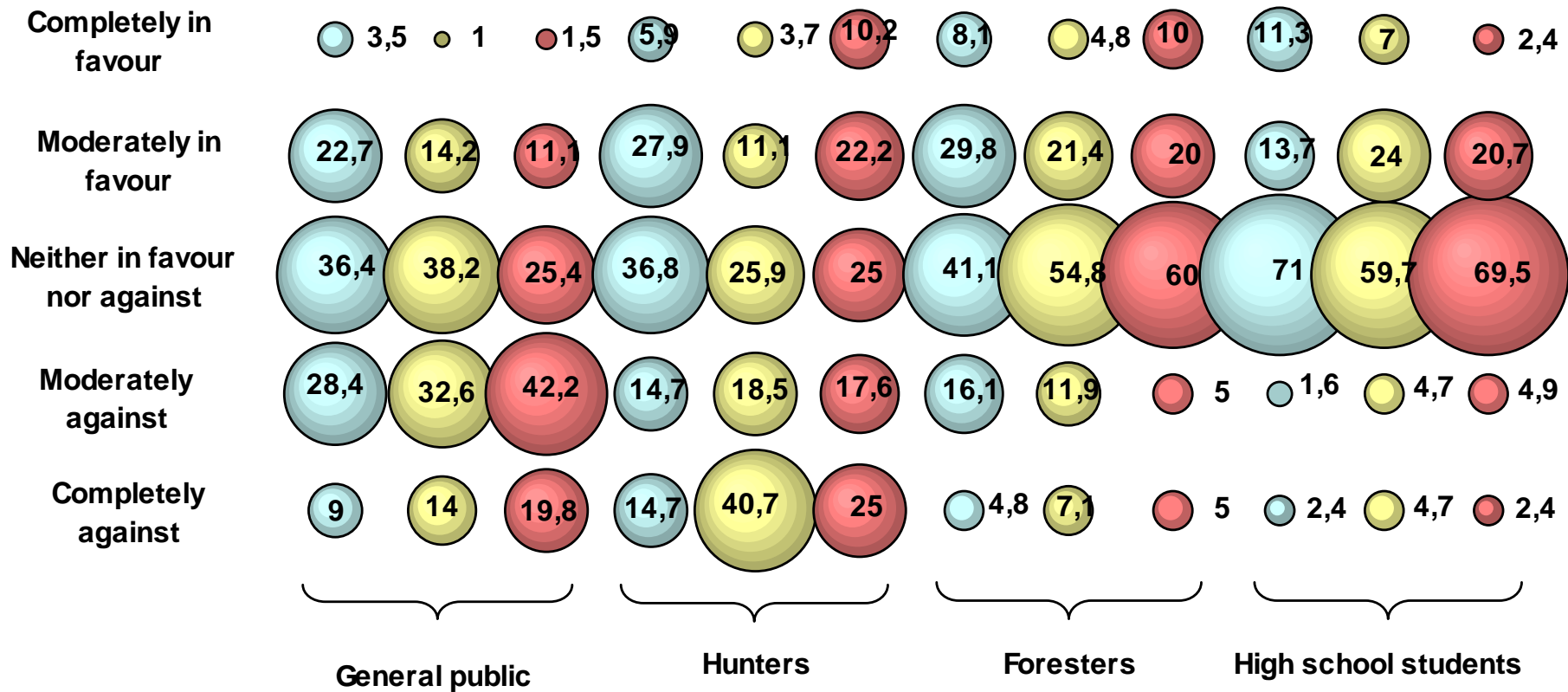
Good wildlife conservation?

Human Dimensions Research

- Understanding public attitudes toward wildlife species.

Which of the following best describes your feelings toward wolves?

Responses:



There's plenty of room for all God's creatures.
Right next to the mashed potatoes.



SASKATOON
STEAKS • FISH • WILD GAME
477 HAYWOOD ROAD

(FAIRWAY)

Ideas for Analysis

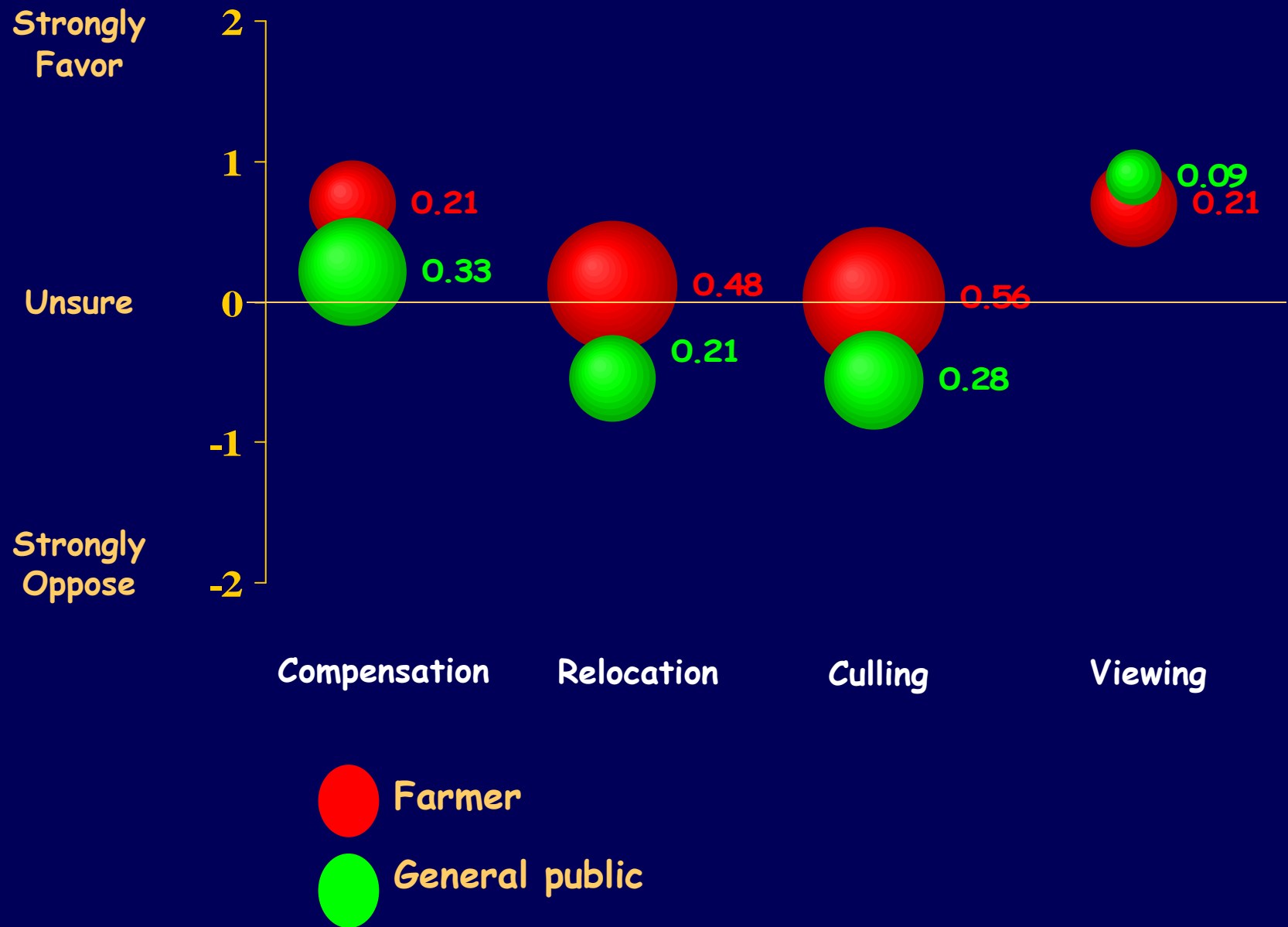
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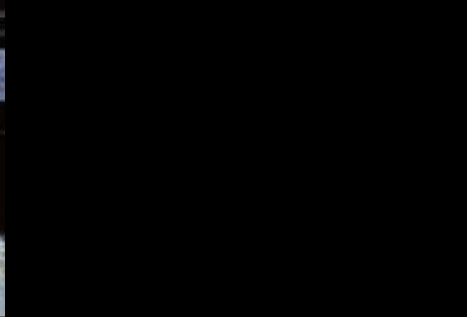
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- **Understanding public attitudes toward possible management approaches**

Results





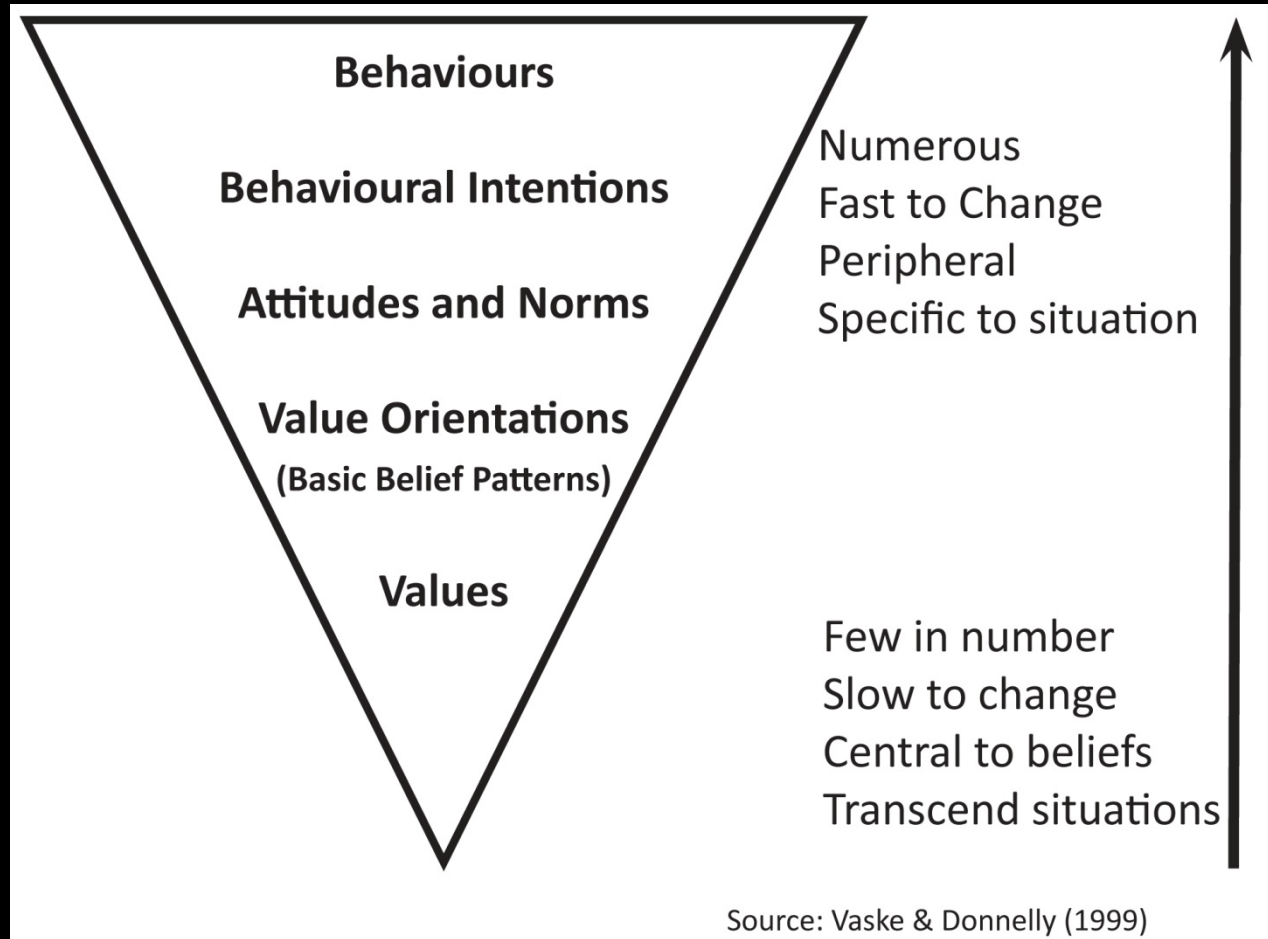




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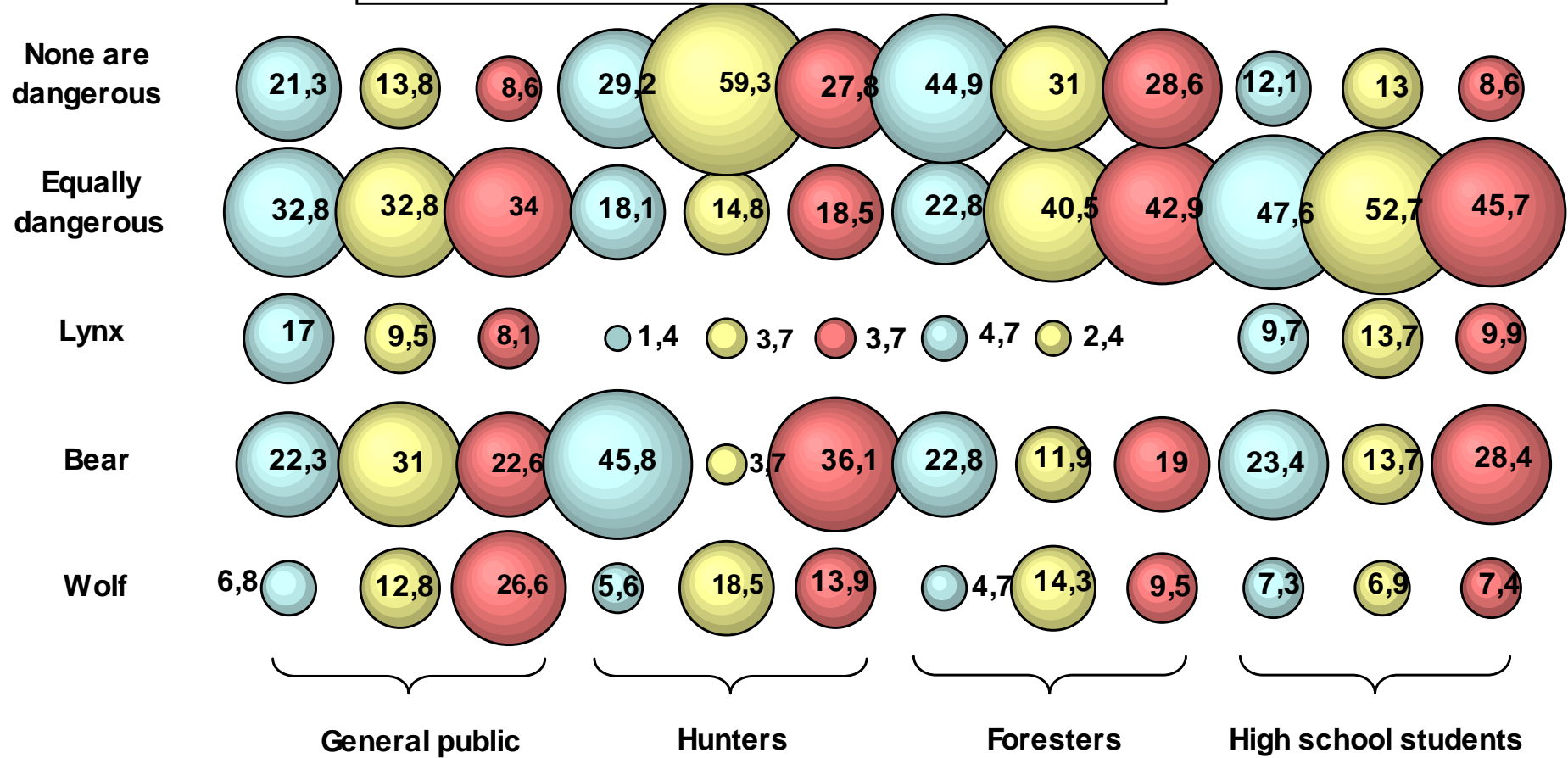
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- Understanding public attitudes toward possible management approaches;
- **Targeting educational programs on key beliefs affecting attitudes**

Cognitive Hierarchy



In your opinion, which animal is most dangerous to humans?

Responses:



Human Dimensions Research

- Understanding public attitudes toward wildlife species.
- Understanding public attitudes toward possible management approaches;
- Targeting educational programs on key beliefs affecting attitudes and behavior.
- **Identifying the nature of conflict in wildlife management issues;**

Identifying types of conflict or resolving conflicts?

Framework for
categorizing
wildlife-human
interactions
(Bath and Enck 2003)

Dimensions:

- Perspective
- Motivation
- Effect
- Impact



Assessing Credibility of the Messenger

Behavioural Conflicts

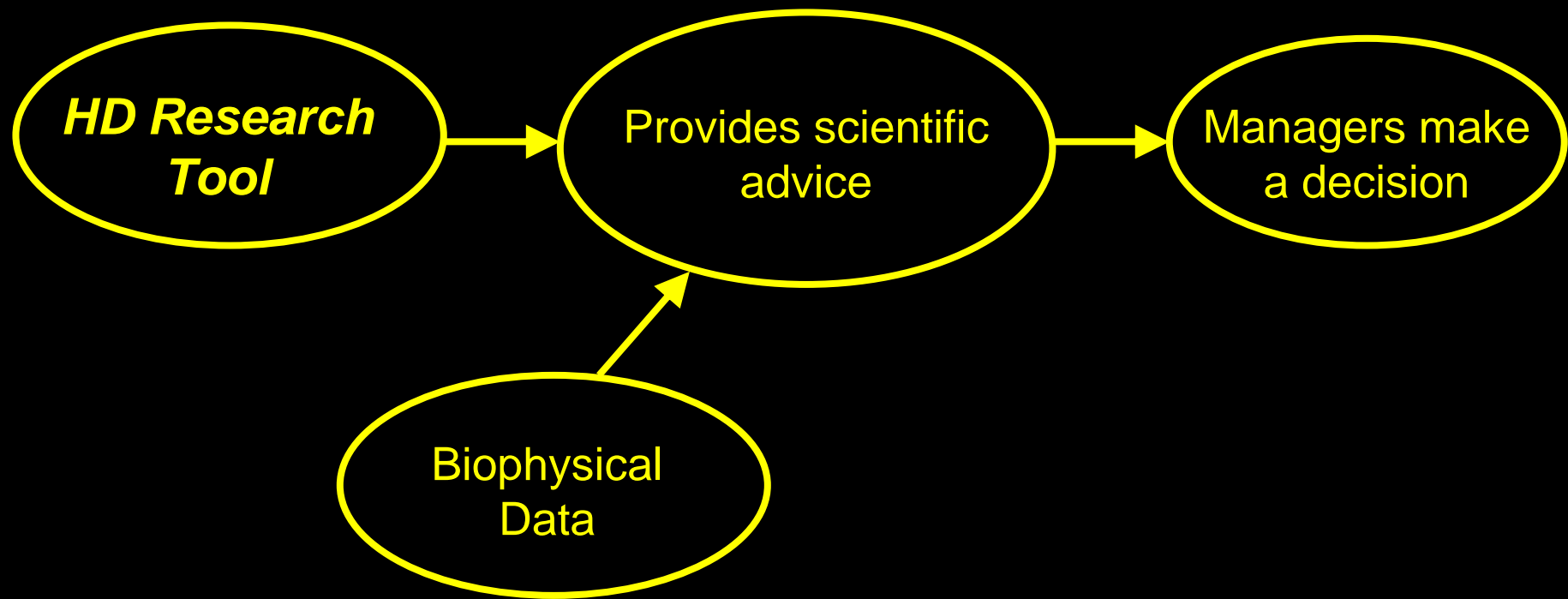


**Good HD research = Good
wildlife conservation?**

**Are HD researchers conservation
biologists?**

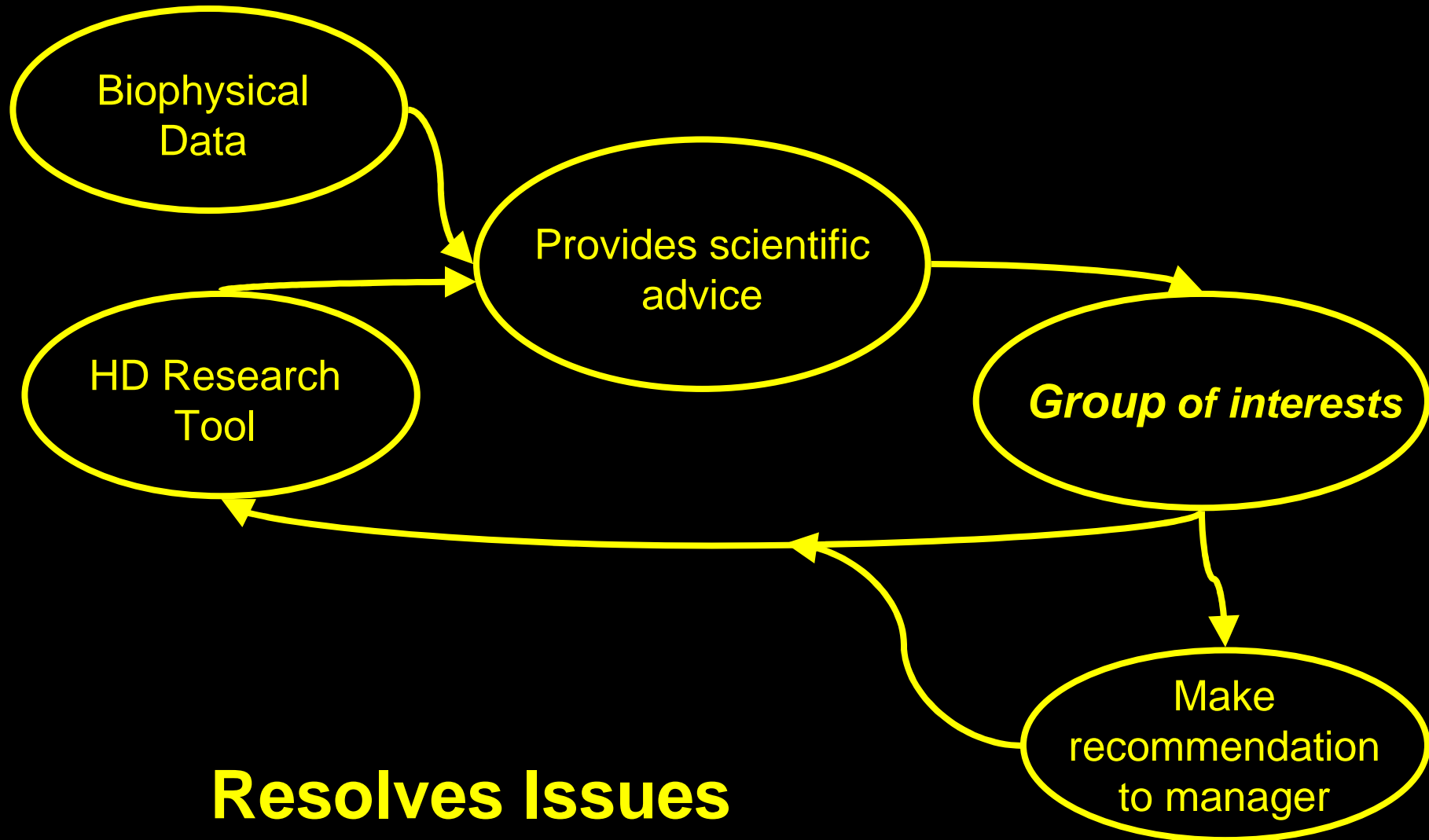
**Are we making a conservation
difference on the ground?**

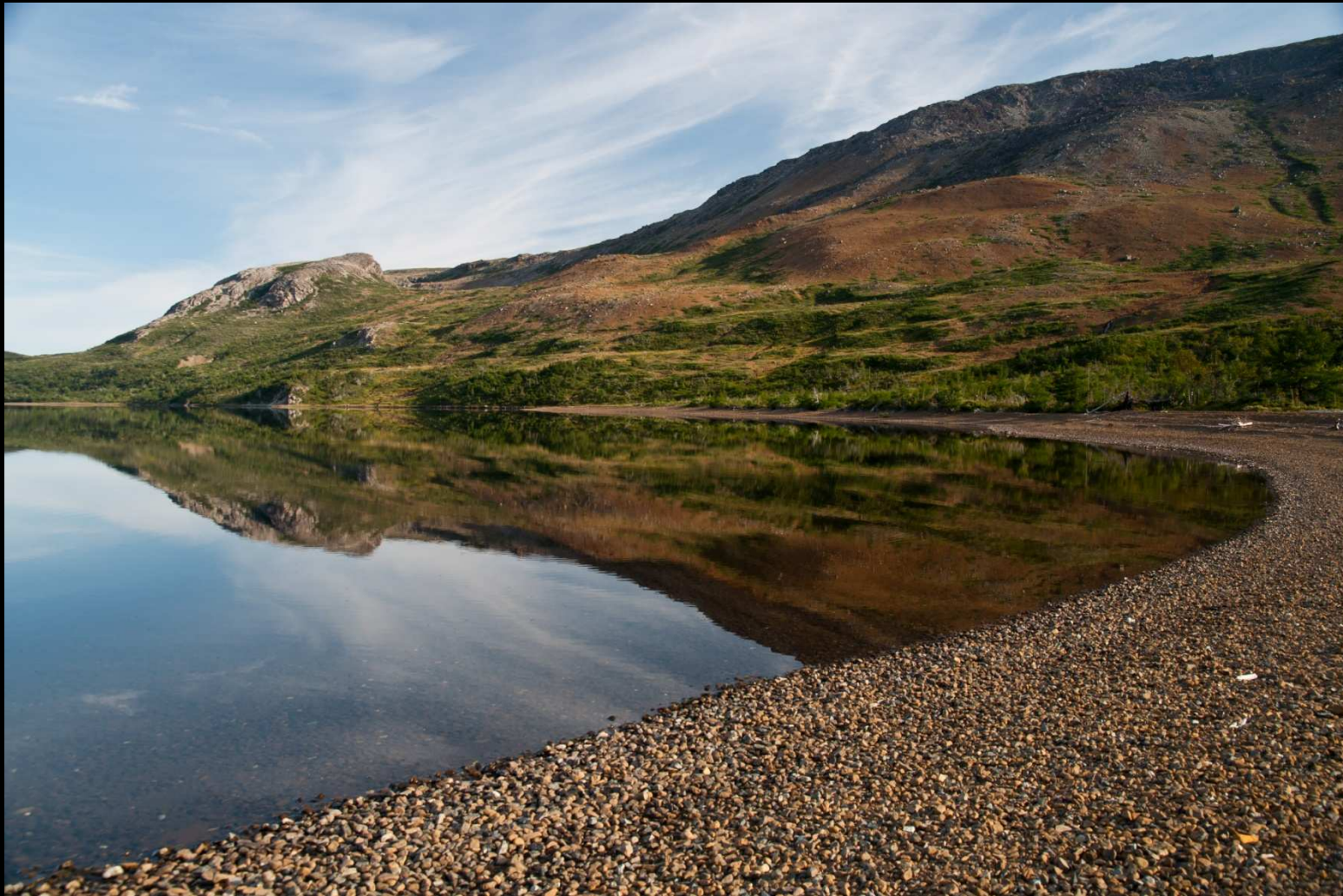
Human Dimensions as a Traditional Research Tool



Provides Insights to Issues

Human Dimensions as an Approach to Management





- Problem solving
- Research integrated into decision-making



Consensus

“...is a package agreement—often a package of compromises—which each party can live with because it attends to their most important concerns.”

Consensus

“To me, consensus seems to be the process of abandoning all beliefs, principles, values and policies. So it is something in which no one believes and to which no one objects”

- Margaret Thatcher

Engagement – Dating is Fun!

Slovakia

- 5 workshops and still going out
- Measure of success?





11/10/2011 - 11/10/2011

Quem é quem? Quem é quem? Quem é quem?

SEMPRE LEMBRAR



QUE É O PARADIGMA DA POSICIONAMENTO VISUAL?

CONTEÚDO DE TEXTO
E SUAS
EXPLICAÇÕES

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Human Dimensions Facilitated Workshops

I KNOW WHY I AM HERE.

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OPTIMISTIC ENJOYING TO SEE INTERESTS.

INTEREST IN COLLABORATION OVERALL STRATEGY

ROOM FULL OF GREAT IDEAS WHEN WE ARE GOING TO WORK TOWARD A COMMON VISION.

VERY UNFAMILIAR WILLING TO LEARN

LOOKING AT REGION HOW MUCH FURTHER CAN WE PUSH IT

SOMETHING NEW EMERGING

WHAT ROLE SHOULD YOU PLAY?

FIGURE OUT OUR ROLE IN STEWARDSHIP CONNECTIONS

HOW TO TIE THINGS TOGETHER & GET ACTION ON GROUND

LOT TO LEARN

LOOKING AT ADDRESS TO HOW WE GET PEOPLE INVOLVED IN SCIENCE FINDING LINKS

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

MORE FAMILIAR ABOUT BIOSPHERE RESERVE SYNERGISTIC PROCESS

SO MANY PLAYERS IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO ALL GROUPS

COOPERATIVE DELIVERABLES COMMUNICATION/ SHARING LINKAGES

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FACILITATOR DR ALISTAIR BATH ABATH@MUN.CA

WORKSHOP 2 JAN. 13TH 2012

I KNOW WHY I AM HERE.

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NEW TO SITUATION HERE

THINGS CHANGE KNOW PROCESS IS FLEXIBLE

COMING OFF VACATION

MOVE FORWARD NOT SURE WHAT

FIND PATHS TO SOLUTIONS.

UNDERSTAND PROCESS WHAT'S MY ROLE? WHAT IS ACHIEVABLE IN WHAT TIME SCALE. NEW TO PROCESS

NOT SEEN ANY PROGRESS REPORTS FROM BEFORE

BUILDING A COMMUNITY & A SENSE OF SHARED MEANING OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS

WE'VE SCOPED OUT THE CHALLENGE LET'S GET OUT OF THE BLOCKS.

FACILITATOR ALISTAIR BATH abath@mun.ca

I KNOW WHY I AM HERE AT THIS WORKSHOP.

WORKSHOP 3 FEB. 22-23, 2012

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NOT QUITE SURE

TRYING TO RECALL DISCUSSION → UPDATE

FIRST WORKSHOP

FIRST WORKSHOP

CLARITY OF MY ROLE GROUP NEEDS REFINEMENT

GETTING THE PICTURE → CITIZEN SCIENCE

DOVE INTO SOME MEAT OF IT!

RESULT STATEMENT/ OUTCOME THAT CAN BE SHARED

COALESCING → WE'VE GOT FOCUS

UNDERSTAND ACTIVITIES FIND LINKAGE TO SITE

HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT IS A BIOSPHERE → STARTING TO GET THE DETAILS

OPTIMISTIC → TIME TO DRILL DOWN & HAVE SOME CONNECTIONS TO BH2

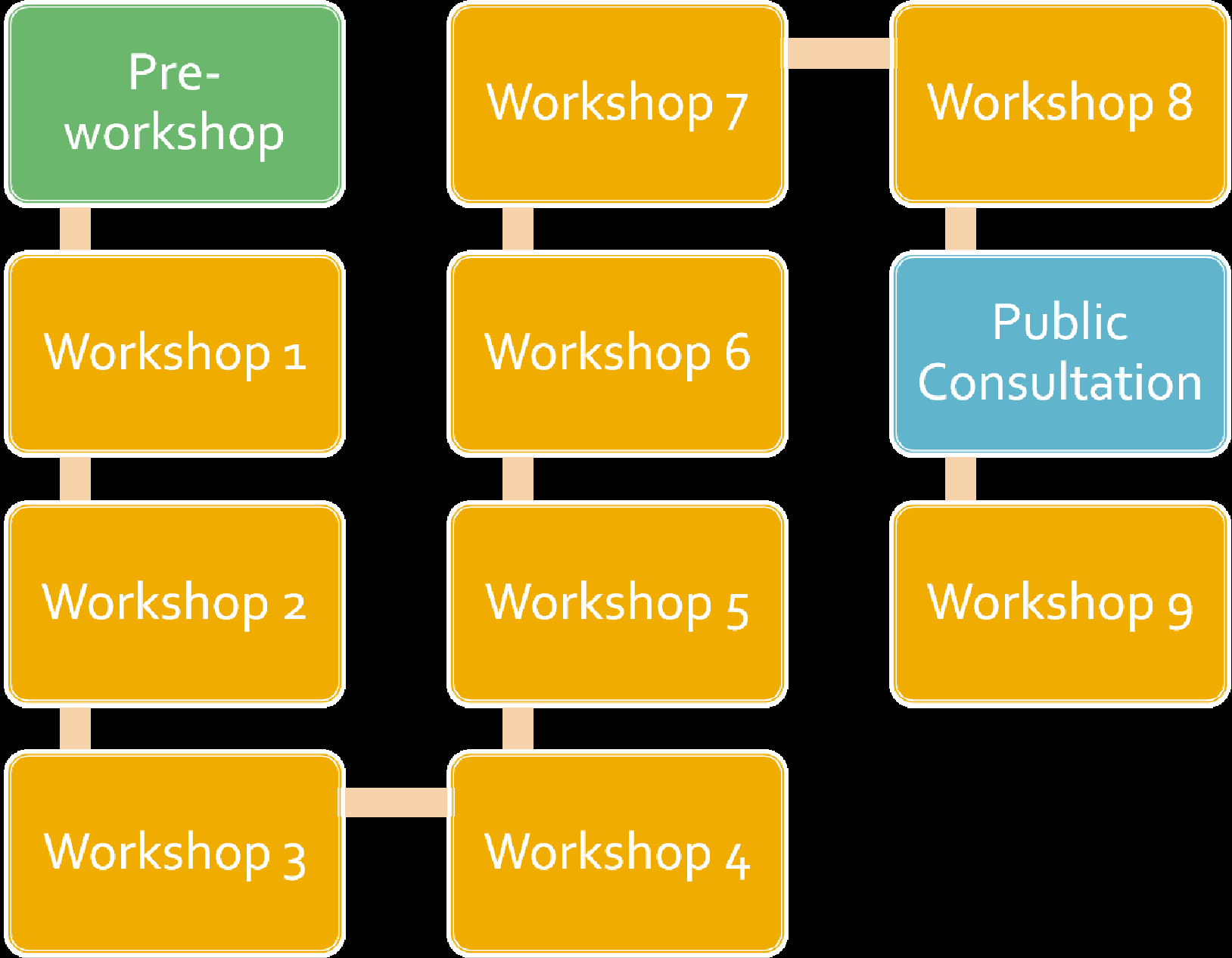
Just Married – Honeymoon is Great!

Bulgaria

- 9 workshops over 2 years – bear
- 10 workshops over 4 years -
wolf

СЪЗДАВАНЕ НА ПЛАН ЗА ДЕЙСТВИЕ В РАБОТНИ ГРУПИ





Pre-workshop

- Behind the scenes
- Setting the stage

Workshop 1

- Making the room safe
- Process issues

Workshop 2

- Homework gets done
- Getting into the issues

Workshop 3

- Science in the room
- Everyone's facts heard

Workshop 4

- Tackling tough issues
- Lots of feedback

Workshop 5

- Revisiting values
- Assign writing tasks



Workshop 6

- From cards to screen
- Agreement on wording

Workshop 7

- Working on the details
- Working in the field

Workshop 8

- Ready for public review
- Ready to defend



REGIONALNE RABUJE

RELACIJA S
POSILJANJE
KURSEJ, KONFER. LOKAL.
DOKUMENTI

NE ZANEMARJATI
NIZINERJE
MULTIKULTURNI

BITNE ZA OBESEBANO
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Public Consultation

- Visiting communities
- Team works the room

Workshop 9

- Discuss comments
- Celebrate consensus

Continuing the Relationship

- How are things going?
- Do we need changes?

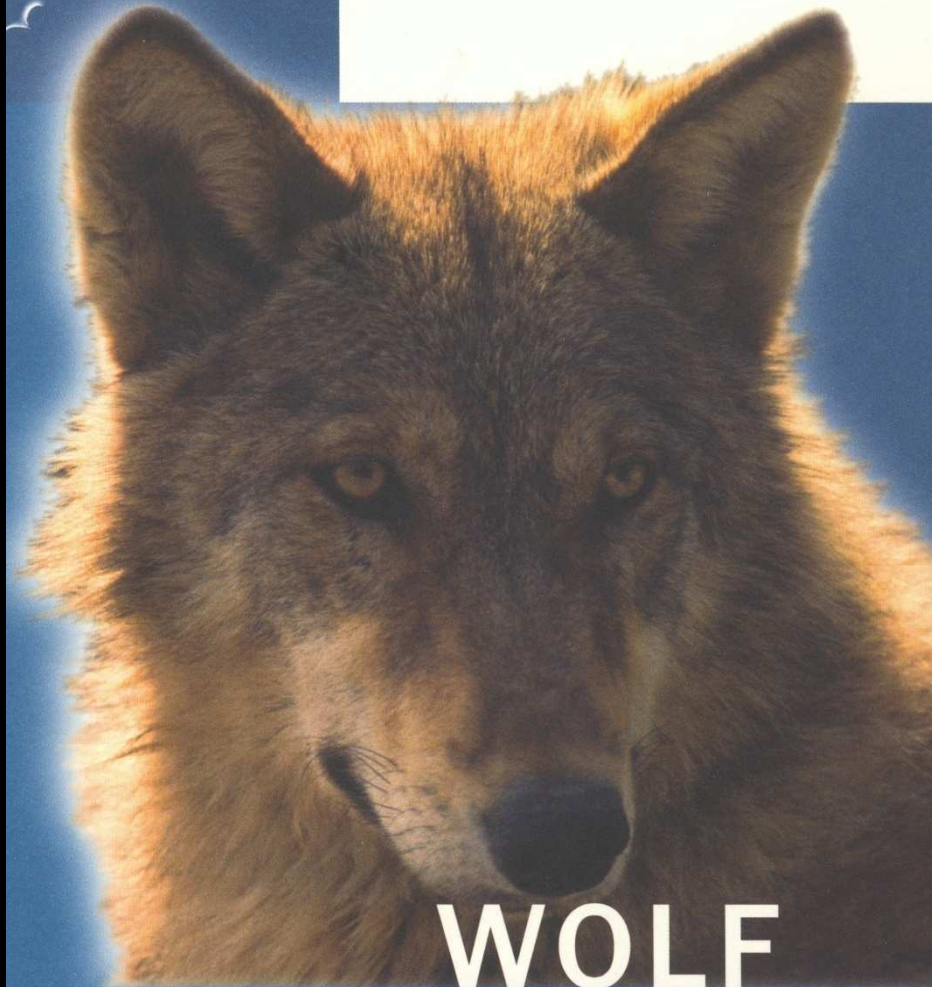


Building a lasting marriage?

Croatia

- 9 workshops over 2 years – wolf
- 2 years later still talking to each other
- 5 years time to check base again

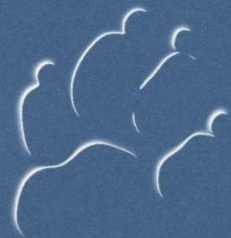
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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA



WOLF

Management Plan for Croatia

Towards understanding and
addressing key issues in wolf
management planning in Croatia



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- **Why don't we build 25 year relationships?**
 - “Engagement is the third pillar of academia with research and teaching”
MUN President
 - **Collective agreements and P&T committees say otherwise.**

Communication



"We are born with two ears and one mouth, so we should be listening at least twice as much as talking to the various interest groups and general public"

