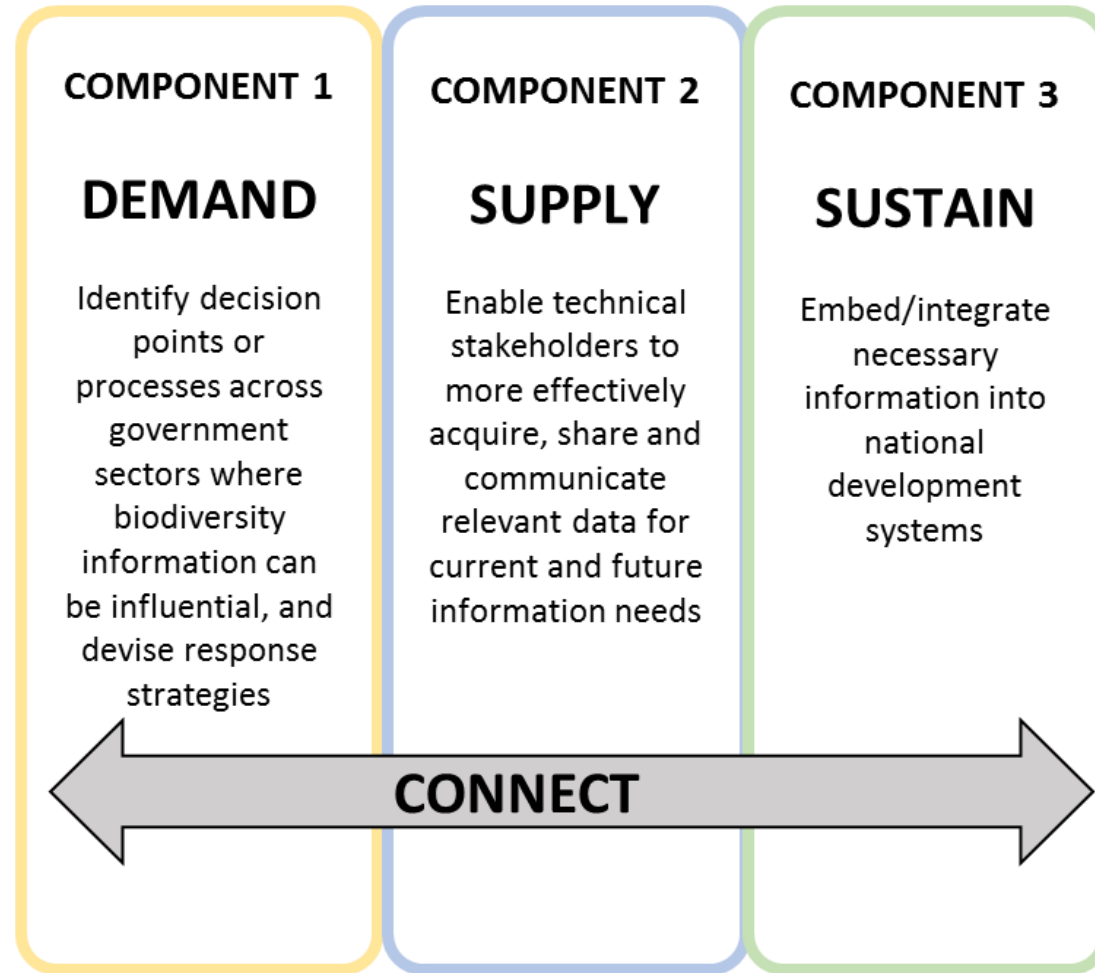


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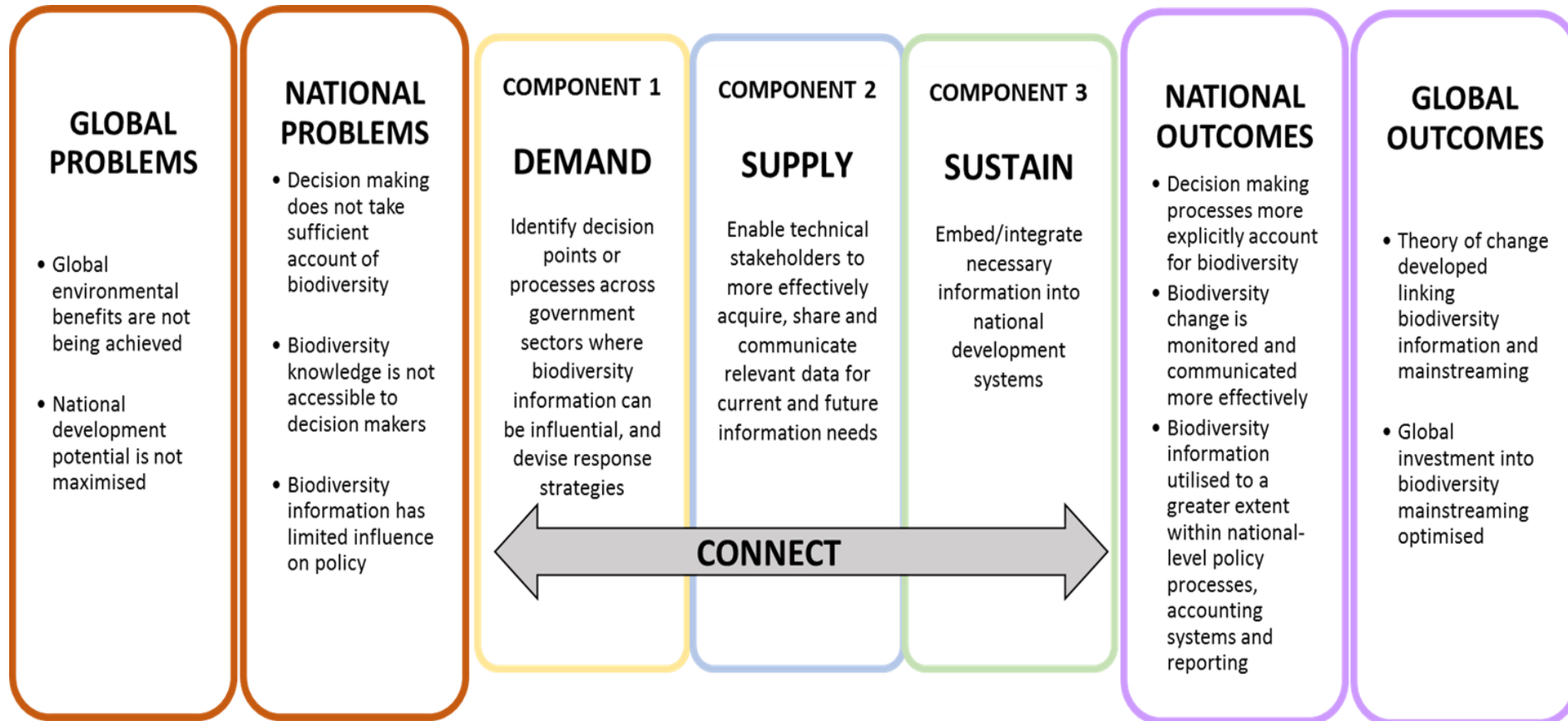
# The Connect Project

- 2018 – 2021
- Global GEF allocation
- 3 showcase countries
  - Ghana
  - Mozambique
  - Uganda



# MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION INTO THE HEART OF GOVERNMENT DECISION MAKING

## The Connect Project: linking supply and demand



# Connect project part of four BID “Data Use for Decision Making” workshops

- **With GBIF**
- **Regional workshops:**
  - **South Africa (April 2018),**
  - **New Zealand (September 2018)**
  - **Suriname (November 2018).**
  - **Bosnia and Herzegovina (December 2019)**
- **Sessions structured according to the Connect ‘Demand, Supply and Sustain’ Theory of change**
- **Group exercises to draft a mainstreaming roadmap and action plan**



# Some lessons from our collaboration

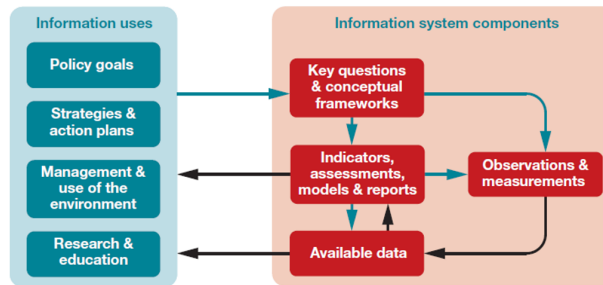
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- Joint agreement and programming at the earliest stages of project concept & fundraising
  - Easier to collaborate on specific events e.g. training than on-going national engagement
  - Use project activities to bring in more resources
  - Need flexibility as different projects have different time schedules
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# Biodiversity Information System Framework Tool

[www.wcmc.io/info-systems-tool](http://www.wcmc.io/info-systems-tool)



Project managed by UN Environment Europe Office.

Technical implementation supported by UNEP-WCMC.

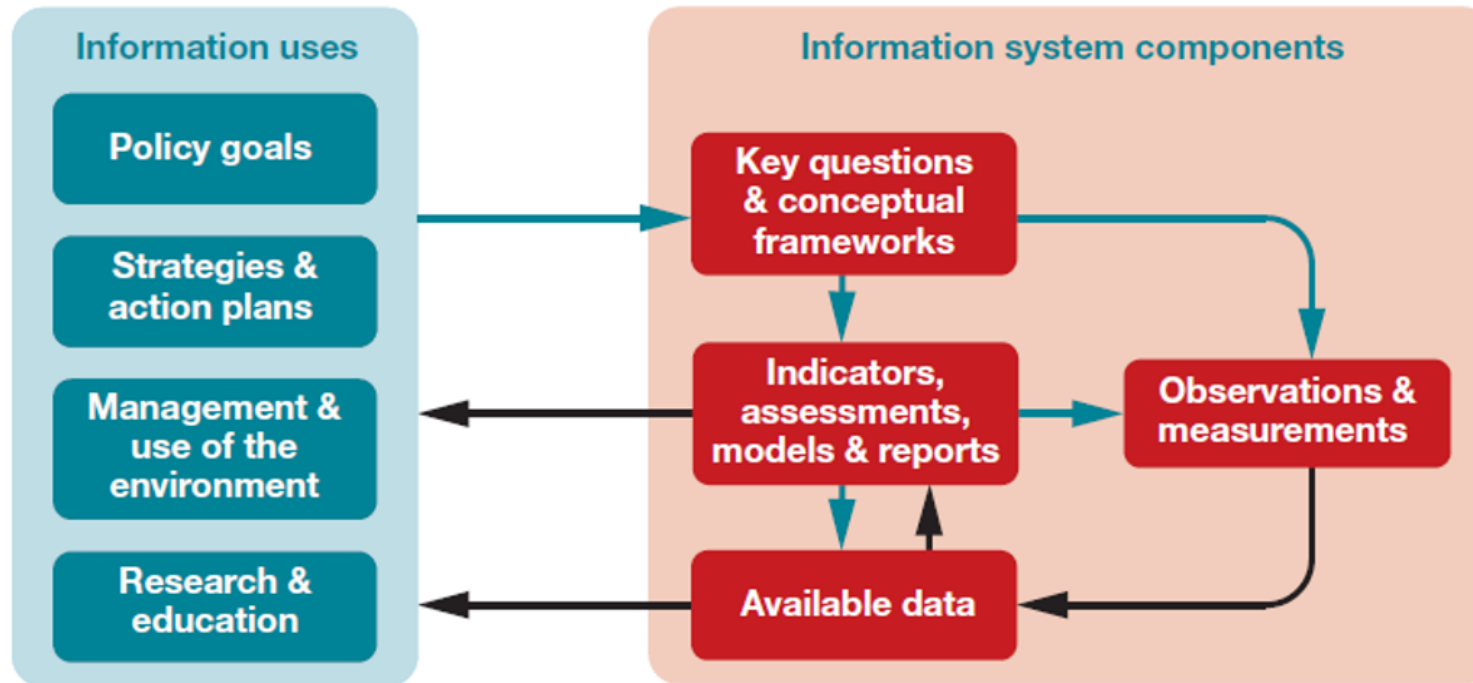
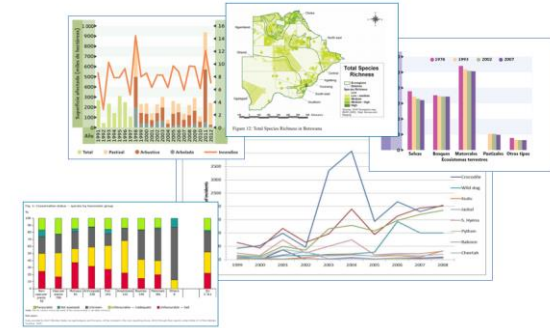
Funded by European Commission.

Project activities in 2018 in Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Belarus.





The information system framework diagram helps to identify and to address why biodiversity indicators or databases are often not available or are inadequate for government or business.



For a specific indicator or database, all of these components and data flows need to be defined and functioning.

- ➡ Definition of information needs & system design
- ← Data and Information flow

# Biodiversity Information System Framework Tool

Assessment title:

User information	
Person completing this form:	Contact details:
Date:	

**Information uses**

Policy goals	
Policy name	
Information use	
Information user(s)	

Strategies and action plans	
Strategy or action plan name	
Information use	
Information user(s)	

Management and use of the environment	
Name of management plan or decision	
Information use	
Information user(s)	

Research and education	
Name of research or education issue	
Information use	
Information user(s)	

**Information system components**

Key question(s)		Conceptual framework (optional)	
The users' key question(s)		Name of conceptual framework	
Responsible agency		Responsible agency	
Agreed responsibility	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Agreed responsibility	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>
Specification of user needs	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>	Specification of user needs	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>

Indicators		Assessments, models and reports	
Name of indicator(s)		Name of assessment(s), model(s) or report(s)	
Responsible agency		Responsible agency	
Availability	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>	Availability	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>
Specification of user needs	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>	Specification of user needs	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>

Observations and measurements	
Names of data types from surveys and sensors	
Responsible agency	
Availability	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>
Specification of user needs	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>

Information products to information uses	
Responsible agency	
Adequacy of information flow	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>

Available data to information products	
Responsible agency	
Adequacy of data flow	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>

Available data	
Name of available data source	
Responsible agency	
Availability	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>
Specification of user needs	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>

Observations and measurements to Available data	
Responsible agency	
Adequacy of data flow	Select... <input type="checkbox"/>



The results of the framework diagram are automatically copied into tables, where comments and conclusions can be added.

The image displays several overlapping form templates for an information systems assessment. The forms are organized into several main sections:

- ASSESSMENT TITLE:** A header section for identifying the assessment.
- USER INFORMATION:** A table for recording user details such as Name, Contact details, and Site.
- INFORMATION USES:** Multiple tables for recording different types of information uses, including Policy goals, Mission use, Strategic and action plans, Management and use of the environment, and Research and evaluation. Each table has columns for the use type, details, and 'Additional Comments'.
- SYSTEM COMPONENTS:** A table for recording system components, with columns for component name, details, and 'Additional Comments'.
- INFORMATION FLOWS:** A table for recording information flows, with columns for flow type, details, and 'Additional Comments'.
- Observations and measurements:** A table for recording observations and measurements, with columns for observation type, details, and 'Additional Comments'.

Each table includes a column for 'Additional Comments' and a footer with the URL [www.wcmc.io/info-systems-tool](http://www.wcmc.io/info-systems-tool).

# BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM ASSESSMENT TOOL: GUIDANCE DOCUMENT



The tool and guidance are available in English, Russian, Georgian, French & Spanish at:

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