

WGWAP: Where to from here?

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Purpose

- Scene setting for the 5 year process
- Overview the scope and role of WGWAP
- Overview of TOR
- Roles of parties
- 5 year vision

New Approach

- ‘Panel’ versus ‘Process’
- Builds on work of previous panels
- Opportunity to be proactive and more strategic
- Comprehensive approach and continuity for all parties
- Opportunity to integrate wide range of interested parties into conservation process

WGWAP TOR

- ‘Road map’ for the panel and the conservation process
- Identifies range of parties and their roles
- Developed through wide consultation
- Identifies mechanisms for adopting appropriate changes

Goal & Objectives

Conservation and recovery of the WGW population

- Provide independent scientific and technical advice ... with respect to the potential effects of human activities on WGW population
- Research to be co-ordinated
 - achieve synergies between field programmes
 - minimise disturbance to WGW
 - identify/mitigate risks from research activities
 - maximise contribution of research to understanding the status and conservation needs of the WGW

Principles

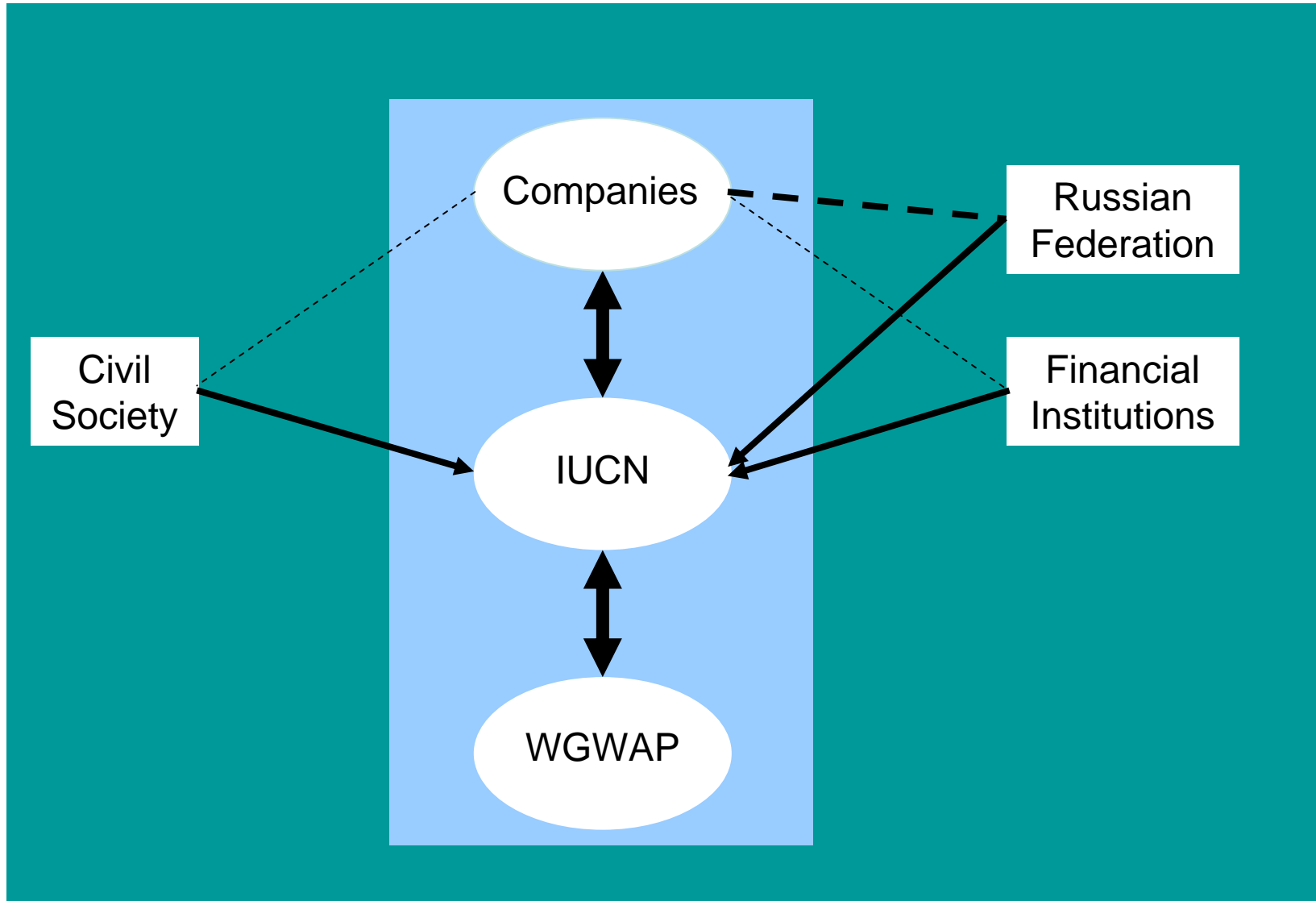
- Recommendations and decision making require openness and transparency
- Consequences of decisions to be monitored
- Decisions withdrawn or modified over time if necessary
- Access to all the relevant information from all interested parties
- Cooperation of those generating information

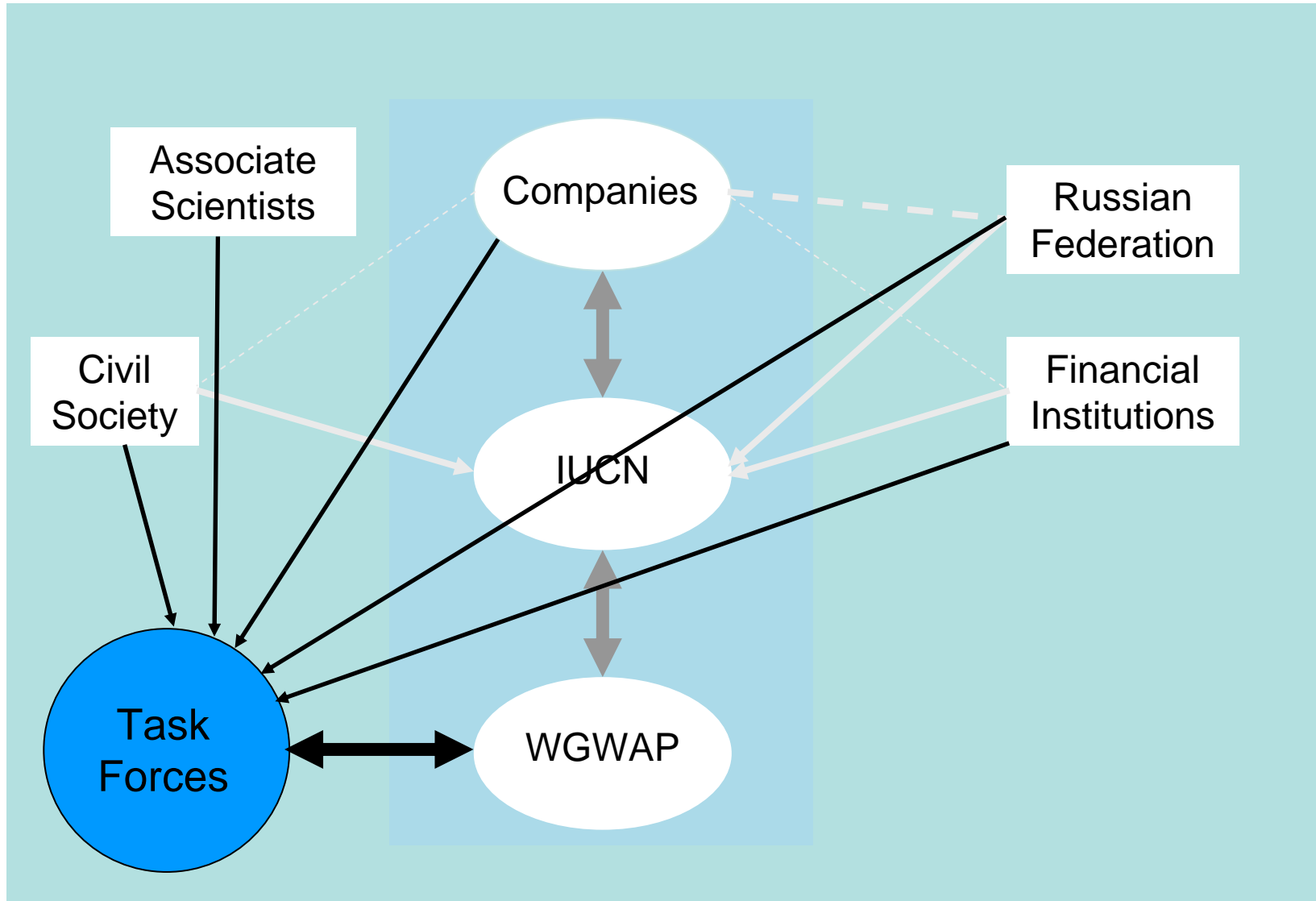
Scope of WGWAP

- ‘Advisory’ panel
- Contracting companies expected to follow advice
- Focus on conservation of WGWs and related biodiversity
- Initial focus on Sakhalin shelf but may be broadened
- Recognizes that all parties impacting WGW should participate

Roles and Responsibilities

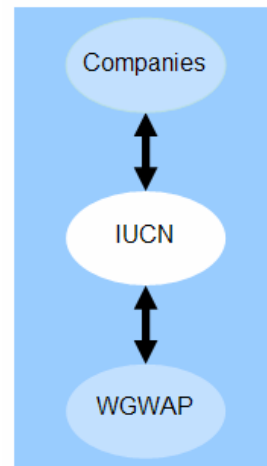
- TOR identifies several parties
 - IUCN
 - Contracting companies
 - Advisory panel
 - Russian Federation (and other range States)
 - Civil Society
 - Financial institutions





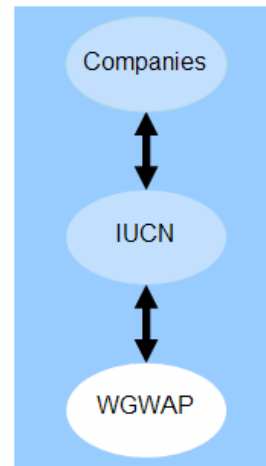
IUCN

- Impartial convener of the WGWAP
- Link for all stakeholders
- Ensure independence of WGWAP
- Information transfer to/from WGWAP
- Secretariat for WGWAP
- Facilitate delivery of TOR outputs



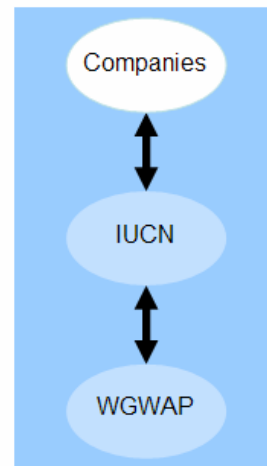
WGWAP

- Provide recommendations for conservation of WGWs
- Independently assess contracting companies' assessments and plans
- Assess status of the WGW population
- Review the effectiveness of mitigation measures
- Review and provide recommendations on research programmes



Contracting Companies

- Implement WGWAP recommendations
- Provide relevant information to WGWAP
- Contribute the services of associate scientists
- Provide responses to recommendations raised by WGWAP



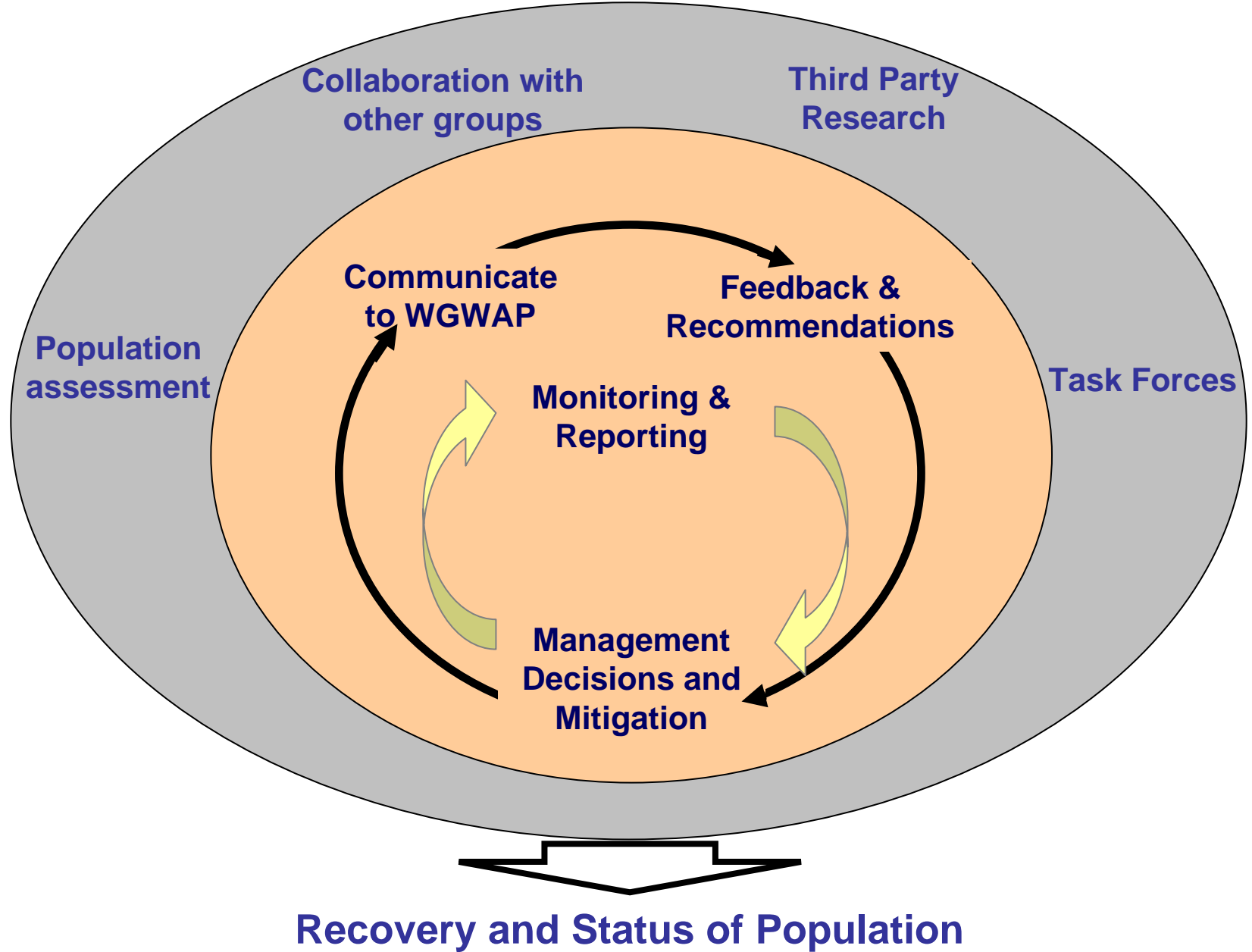
Stakeholder Input

- WGWAP process & technical issues – IUCN
- Information for meetings submitted to IUCN
- Submissions in writing in advance of the meeting
- IUCN hosted information meetings
- 2-yearly independent review process

QUESTIONS??

Implementation of Recommendations

- Contracting companies to respond to WGWAP recommendations, conclusions and advice
- Identify where they will/will not implement these
- Online register of WGWAP recommendations and their implementation - “living document”



WGWAP Performance

- Provision for annual self assessment
- Two yearly independent review of performance against the TOR

QUESTIONS??

Vision for the Future

- Why have a vision for the future?
- Range of things to consider for a broader conservation management strategy

Discussion Points

- In the context of *WGW* conservation where do we want to be in 5 years time?
- What steps we need to take to get there?
- Will the vision contribute to the achievement of goals and objectives?
- How will we determine whether *WGWAP* has been effective?

DISCUSSION