

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP



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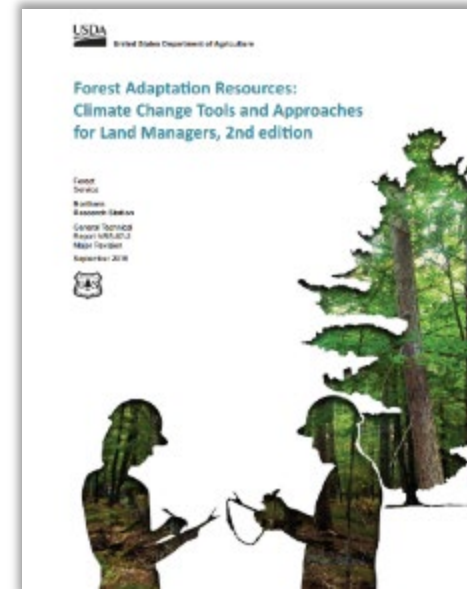
Two Key Questions

1. How might climate change affect the resources that I manage?
2. What management actions could help prepare for those effects?

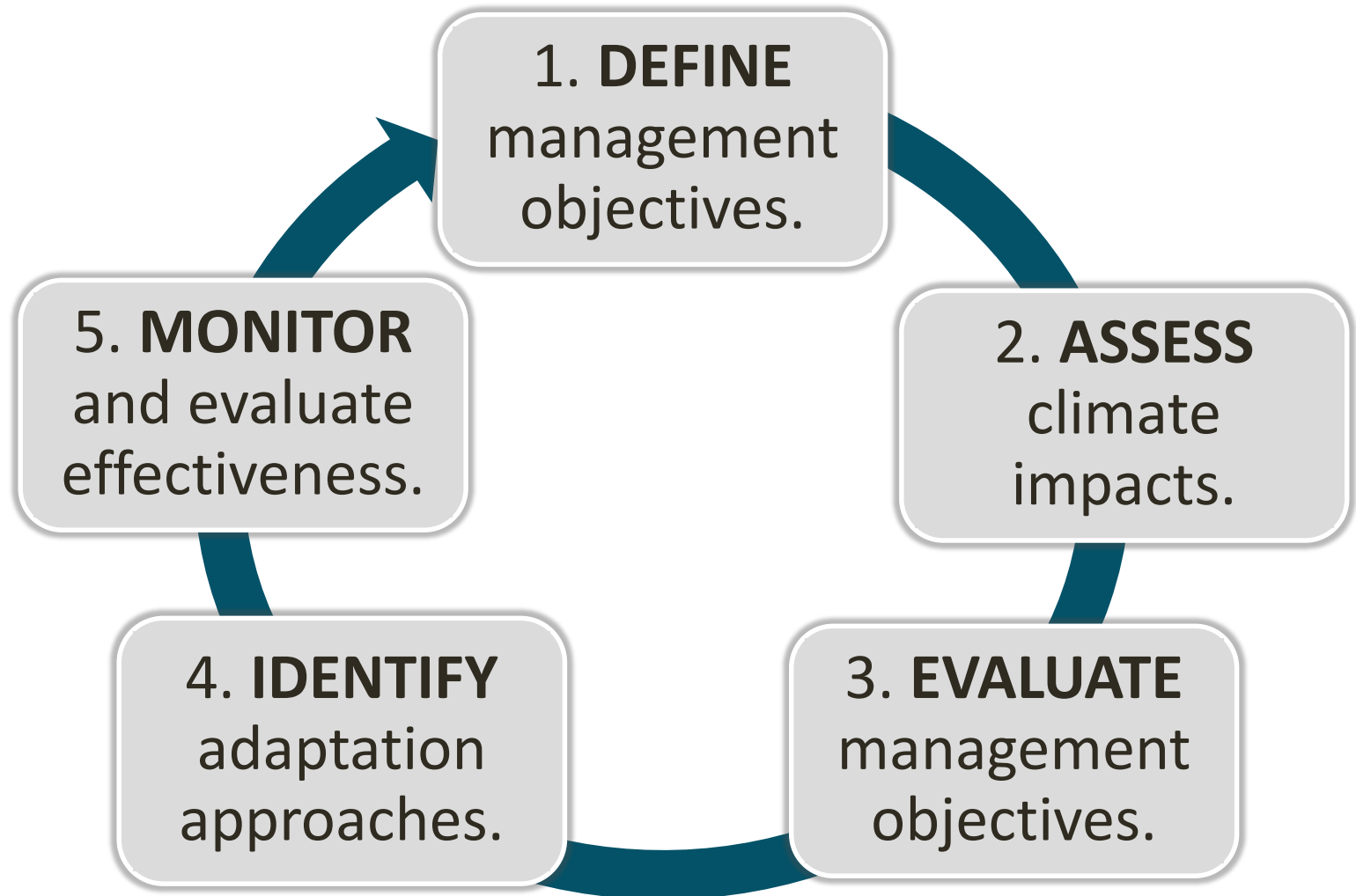
Adaptation Workbook

A flexible workbook and menu to address diverse needs

- Designed for a variety of land owners with diverse goals
- Does not make recommendations
- Menu of adaptation strategies and approaches for forest management
- New online version!



Adaptation Workbook



A systematic process...

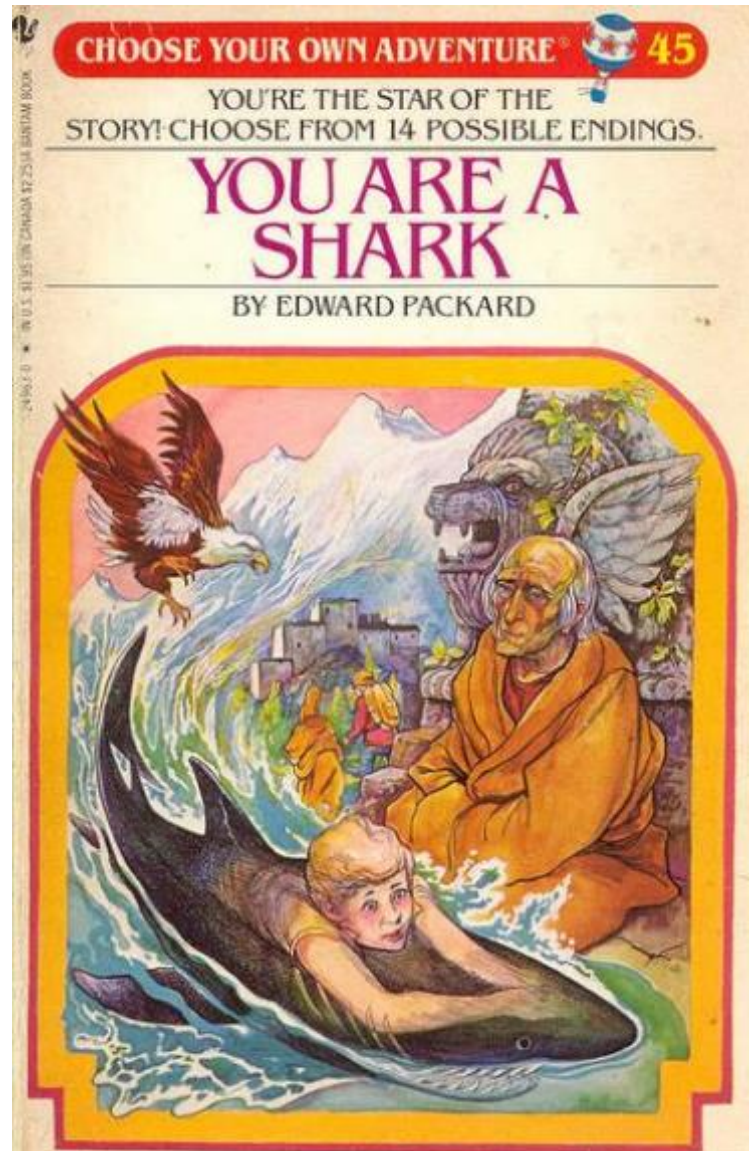
Management Objectives	Challenges	Opportunities	Feasibility	Other Considerations	
Adaptation Actions			Benefits	Drawbacks/ Barriers	Recommend Tactic?
Approach	Tactics	Time Frame			

Intentional

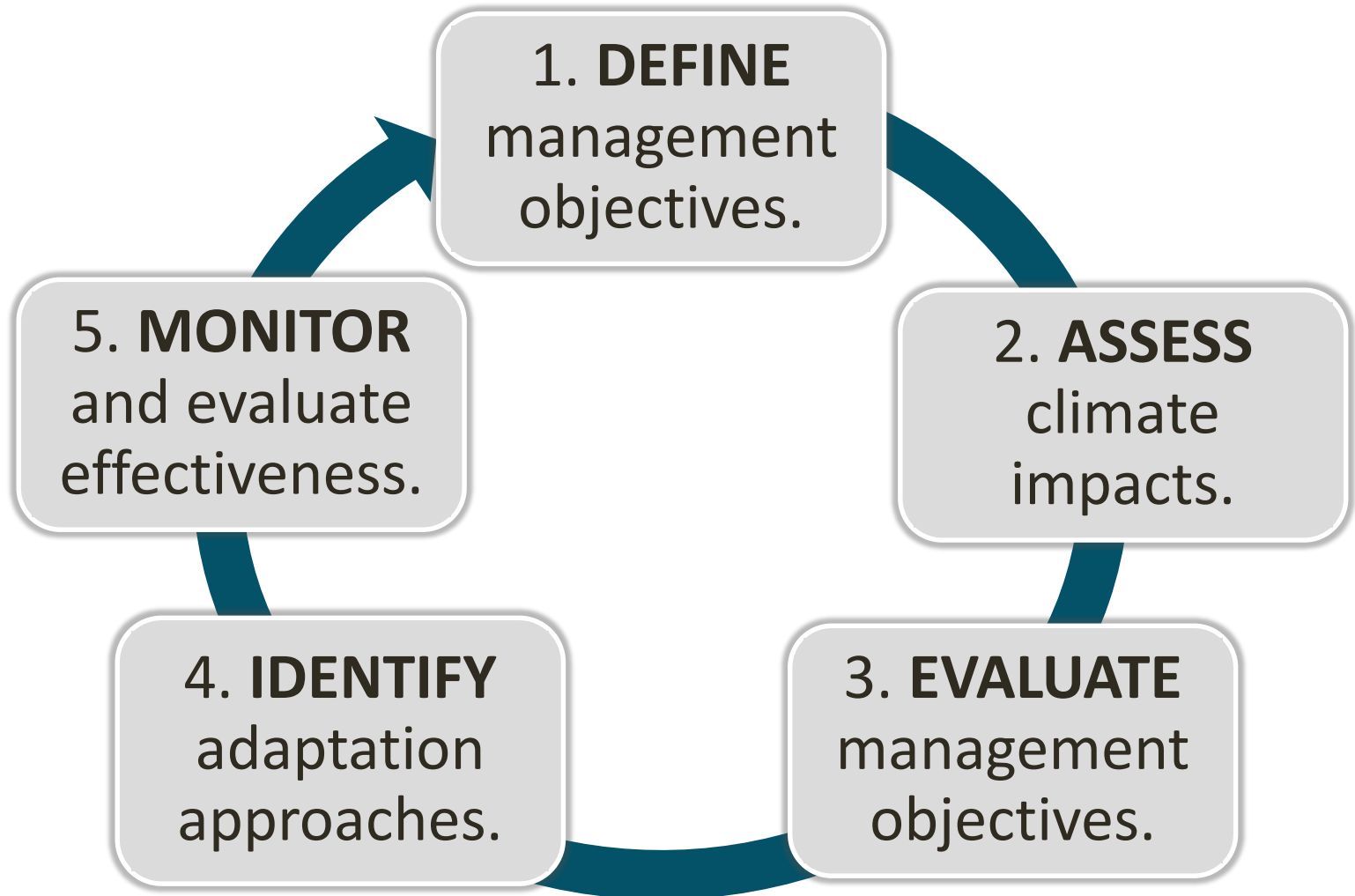
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Flexible

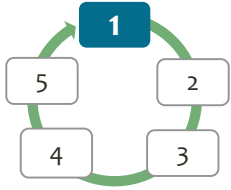


Agenda





Step 1: DEFINE area of interest, management goals and objectives, and time frames.



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Purpose:

- Define the scope of the project

Where are you working?

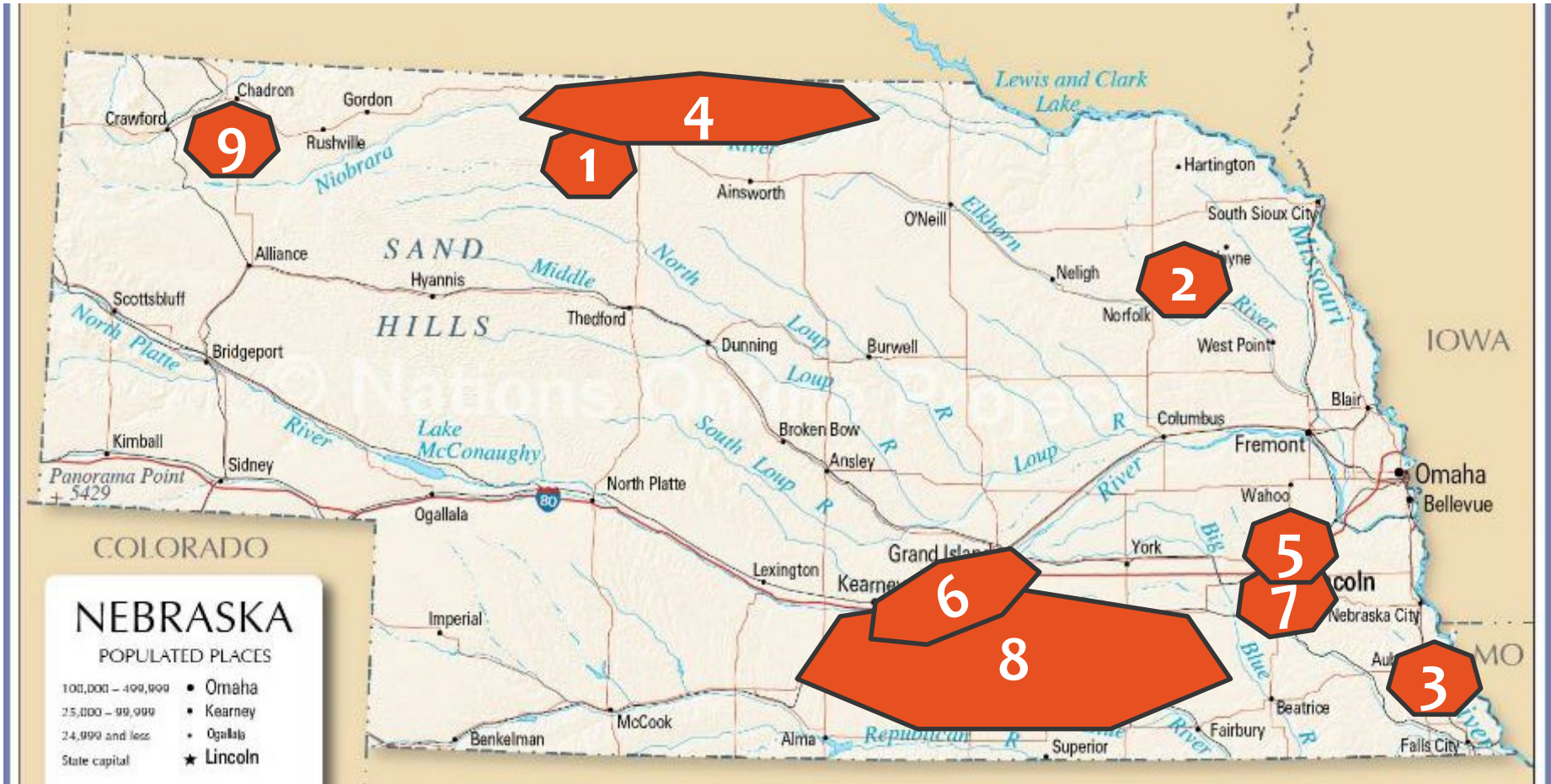
What are your current management goals and plans for this area?

Introductions

- Walk the rest of us through what your project is about (location, ecosystem types, key goals/objectives)
 - A few *brief* comments, please!



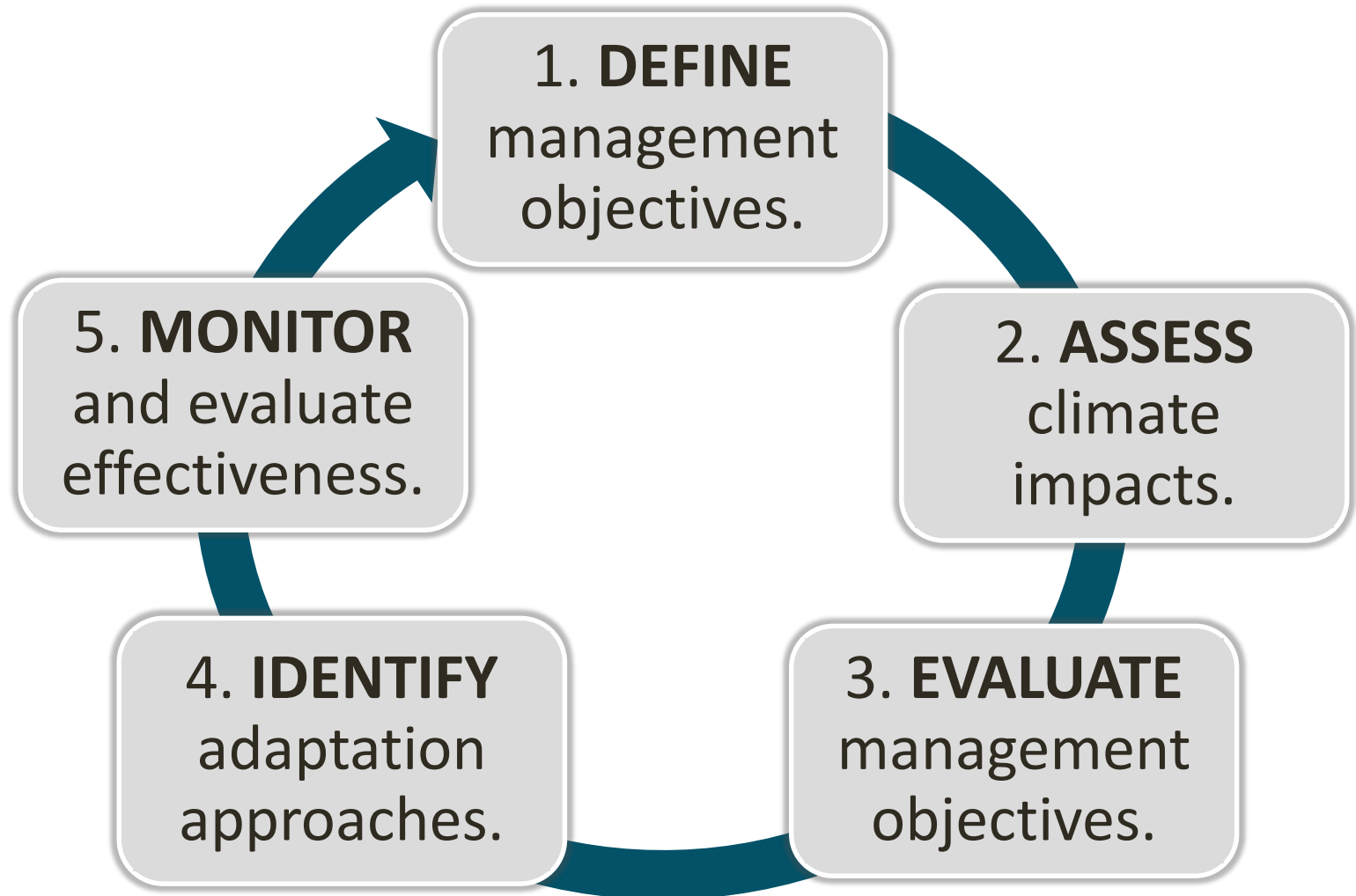
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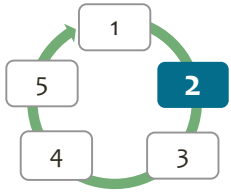




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Purpose:

- Consider how climate change may specifically affect the project area
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- Climate Impacts and Vulnerability
 - Vulnerability Determination

Nebraska's Climate Future

Projected effects of Nebraska's changing climate.

Effect

Longer growing season
Warmer summers
More extreme hot days
Wetter spring
More extreme rain events
Higher cooling degree days
Lower heating degree days
More frequent large hail

Impact

More evaporative demand
Increased water requirement
Crop, livestock stress
Decreased days for field work
Increased runoff/soil erosion
Shifting energy demands
Increased damage potential

Effects on Wildlife

Direct Effects:

- Advance of spring conditions
- Spatial shift in climate niche
- Heat stress
- Cold exposure
- Drought stress
- Flood stress

Indirect Effects:

- Altered interspecific interactions
- Habitat change
- Land-use change
- Invasive spp.
- Pollution
- Pests & pathogens



Considering Vulnerability

- Are your locations/species Exposed, Sensitive, or Adaptable?

1. Highly Vulnerable

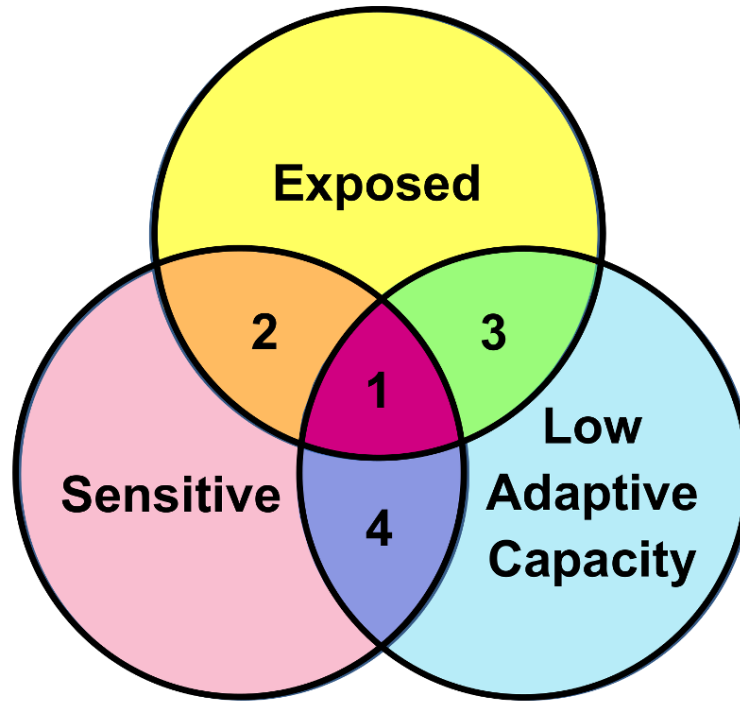
At greatest risk

- Specific research needed
- Interventions generally needed

2. Potential Adapters

May be at risk

- Monitor and support adaptive responses



3. Potential Persisters

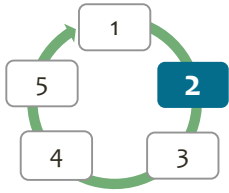
May not be at risk

- Monitor population trends

4. High Latent Risk

Not currently at risk

- Monitor environment



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Climate Change Impacts – Notes and Prioritization

General Climate Change Impacts	Specific Considerations for the Project Area	Points* (20 Total)
<i>General climate change impacts across the Midwest and Northeast US:</i>	<i>How might broad-scale impacts and vulnerabilities be affected by conditions in your project area?</i>	
Warmer temperatures across the entire year, particularly warmer winters		
More days with extreme heat		
Fewer days with extreme cold		
Increased winter & spring precipitation		
Slight or large decrease in summer precipitation		
More frequent heavy precipitation events		
Less snow and more variable snowpack		
Shorter winters		

- You have 20 points (as a group) to distribute how you see fit



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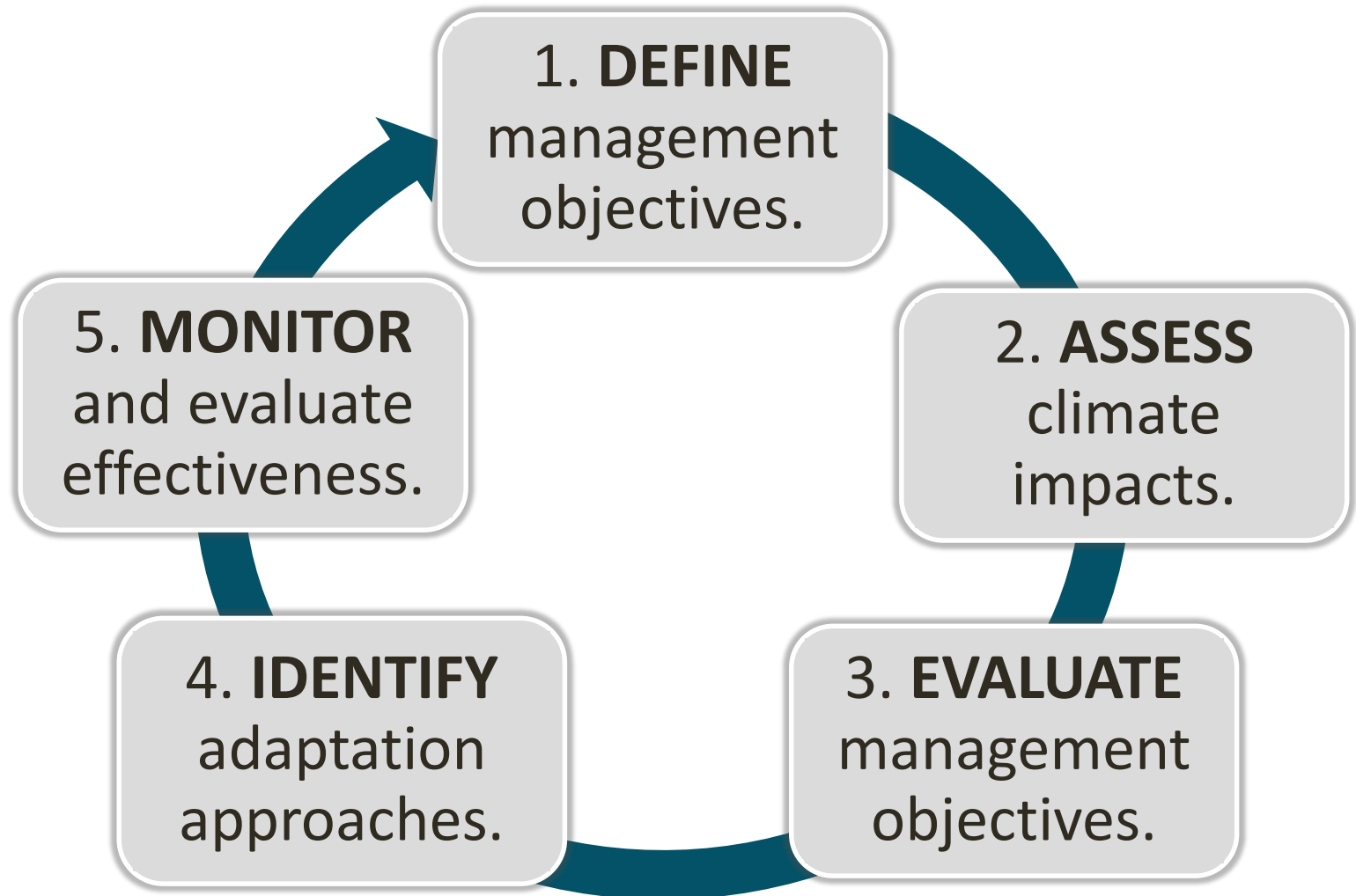


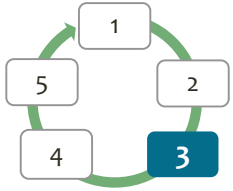
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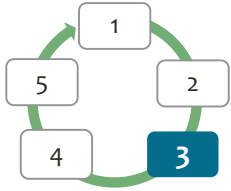


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Purpose:

- Realistically assess the ability to meet goals and objectives under current management.

Can current management achieve goals?



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Management Objective

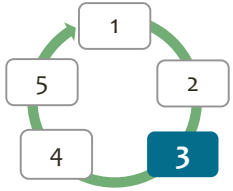
Challenges

Opportunities

Feasibility under
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Other Considerations

From Step 1



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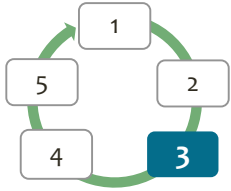
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How climate change impacts and vulnerabilities may make it more difficult to achieve the objective.

For example:

- *Reduced suitable habitat for target species*
- *Reduced winter access*



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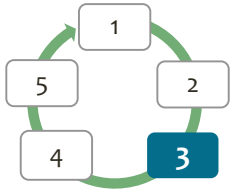
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How climate change impacts and vulnerabilities may make it easier to achieve the objective.

For example:

- *Reduced competition*
- *Increased growth*



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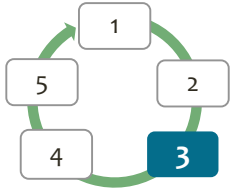
**Feasibility under
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Other Considerations

Is current management adequate for meeting the objectives given climate change?

High: We can do it!
Opportunities > Challenges

Low: We'll need more resources or effort.
Challenges > Opportunities



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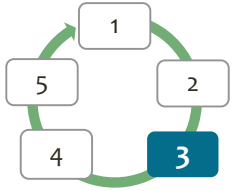
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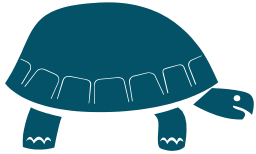
Social, administrative, financial, or other factors that also affect the ability to meet the objectives.

For example:

- *Rare species or high social value—we'll manage for it regardless*
- *Best chance of success—go for the long shot*



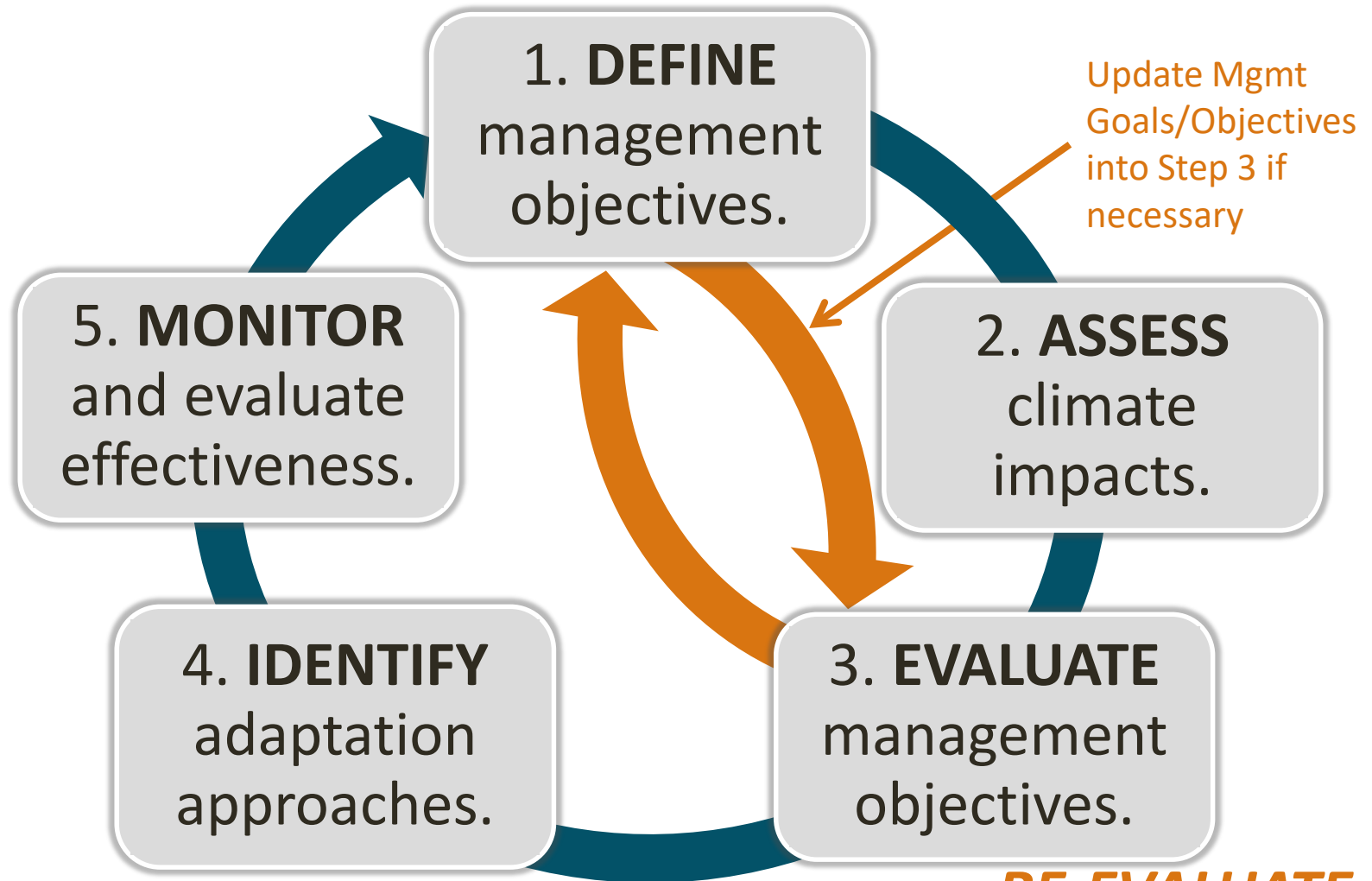
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Slow down!

Are you going to continue with the management objectives that you have identified?

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...or, RE-EVALUATE

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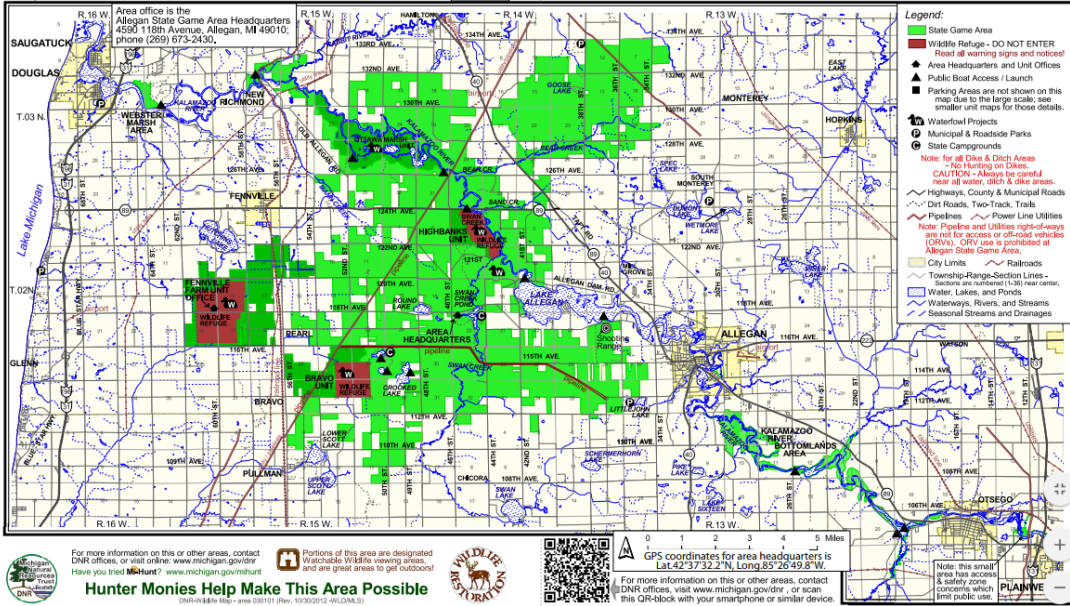


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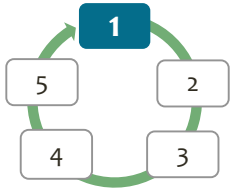


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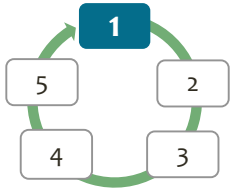
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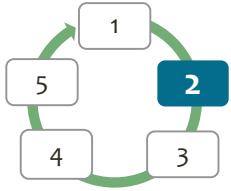


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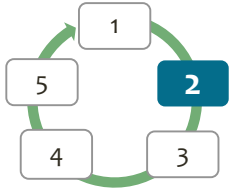
Mgmt. Goals

1. Maintain existing cool season and warm season grasslands (pheasant, Canada goose, etc.)
2. Maintain row crop production and expand grassland nesting habitat for migratory and winter resident waterfowl
3. Provide riparian habitat in Black River drain



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How might the area be uniquely affected by climatic change and subsequent impacts?

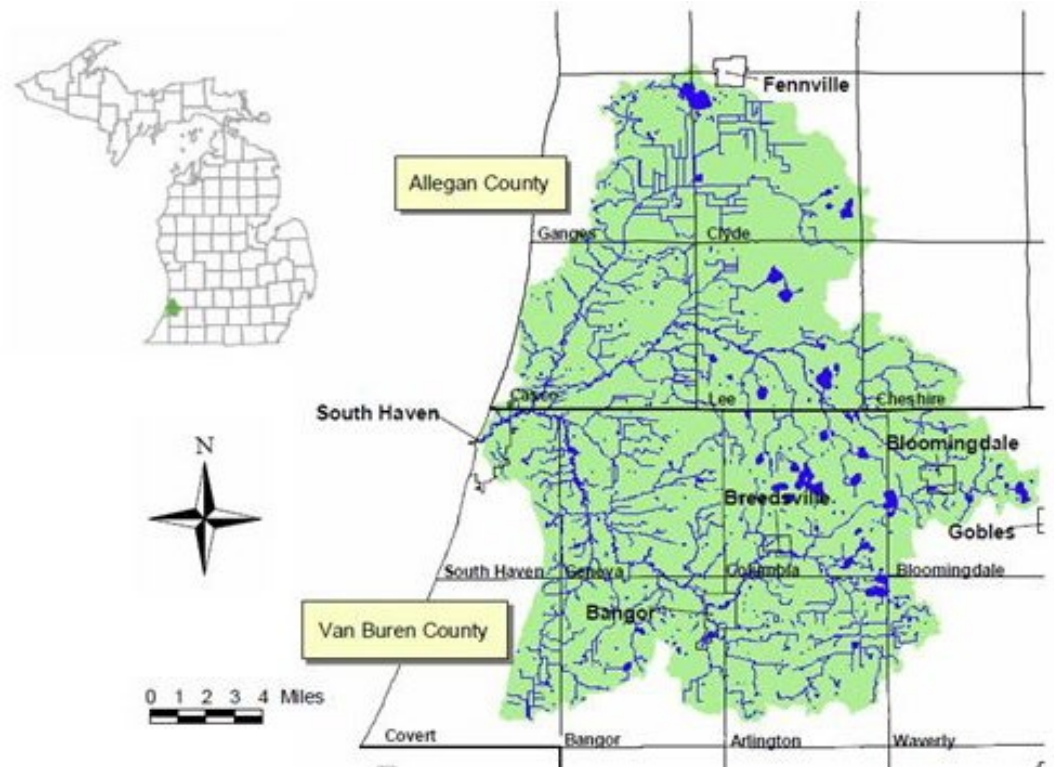


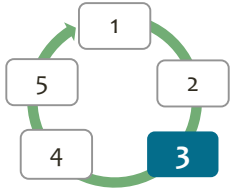
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Broad-scale Impacts & Vulnerabilities

- Warmer temps
- Longer growing season
- Early snowmelt
- More extreme precip

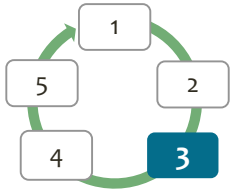
How might broad impacts be different in the area of interest?





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- **What management challenges or opportunities might occur?**
- **Can current management meet management goals?**
- **Do goals need to change?**



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Mgmt. Obj.

Challenges

Opportunities

Feasibility of Meeting Obj. (Current Mgmt)

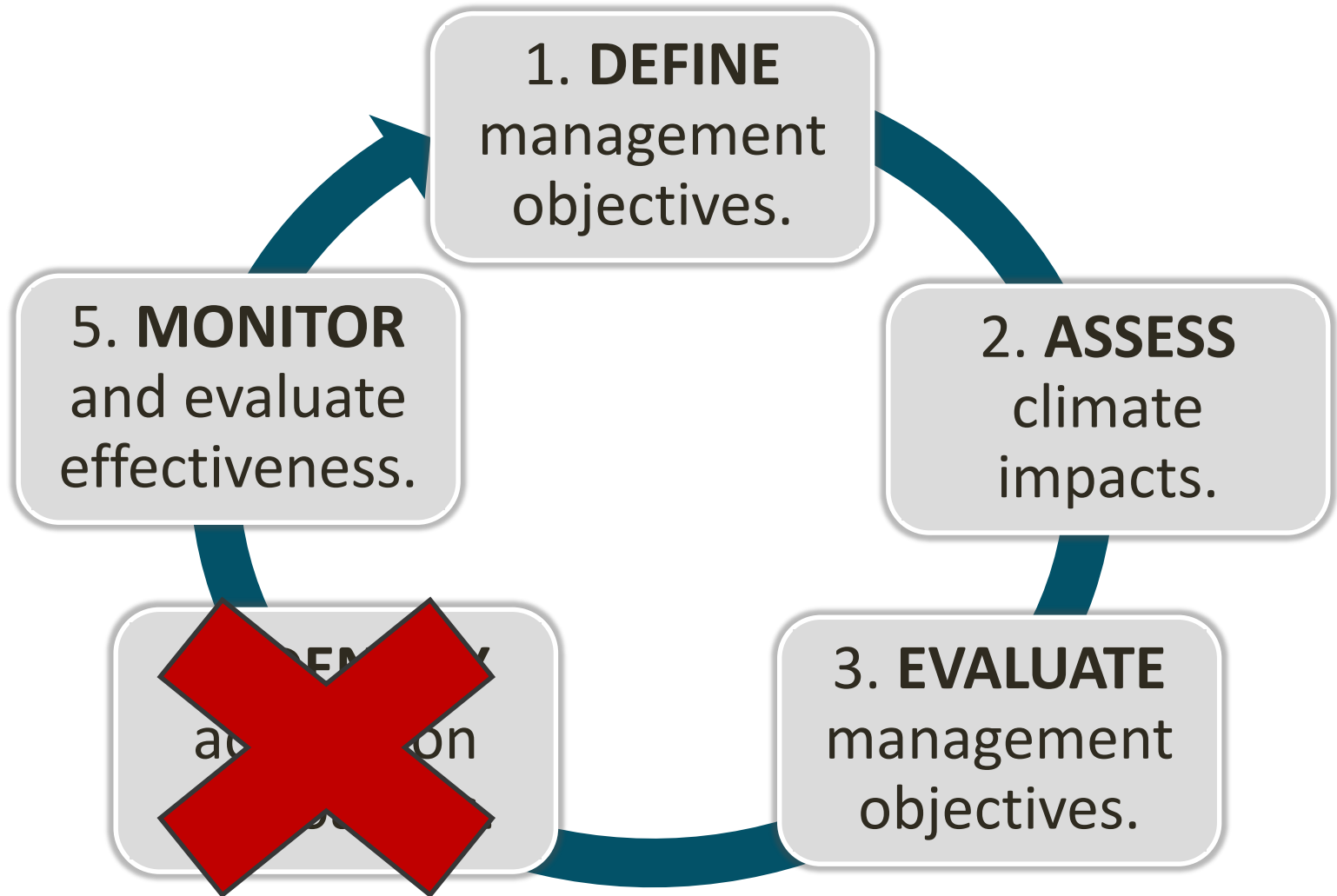
#2 Maintain row crop production for migratory and resident waterfowl

- Flooding
- Difficulty timing planting
- More drought stress
- Row crop pests and diseases

- Longer growing season

- Short term: Medium

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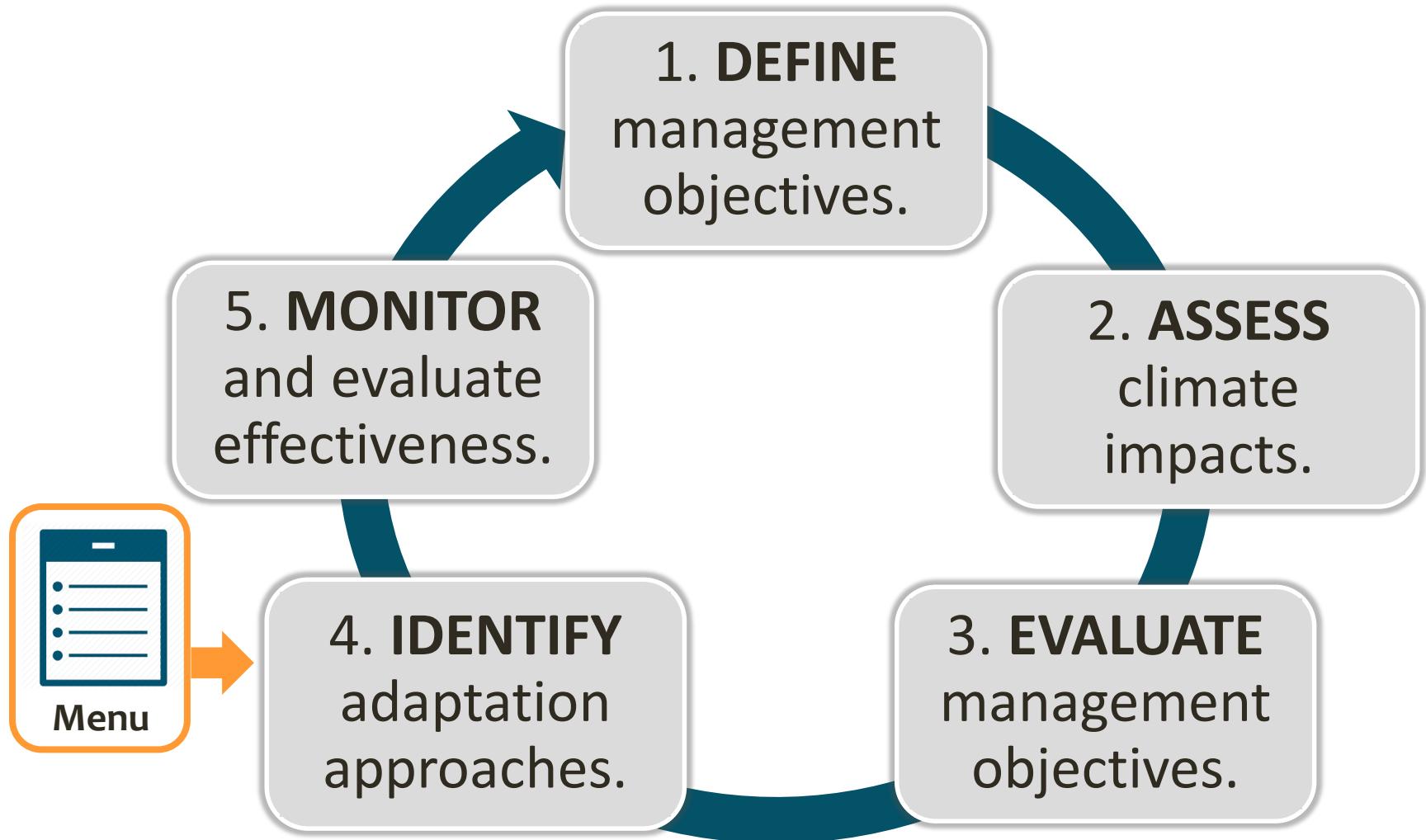


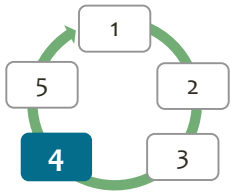
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Adaptation Options

Resistance

Resilience

Transition



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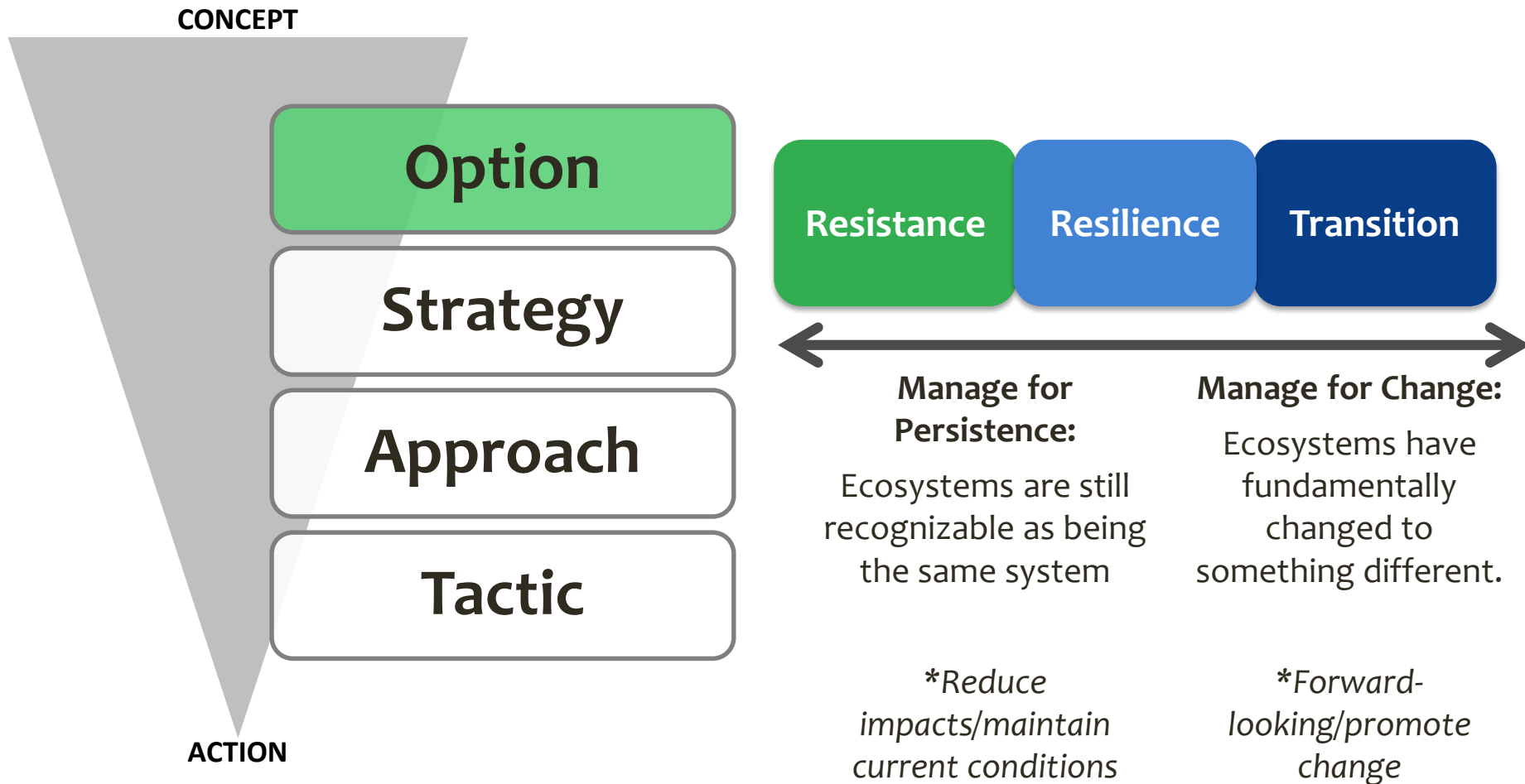


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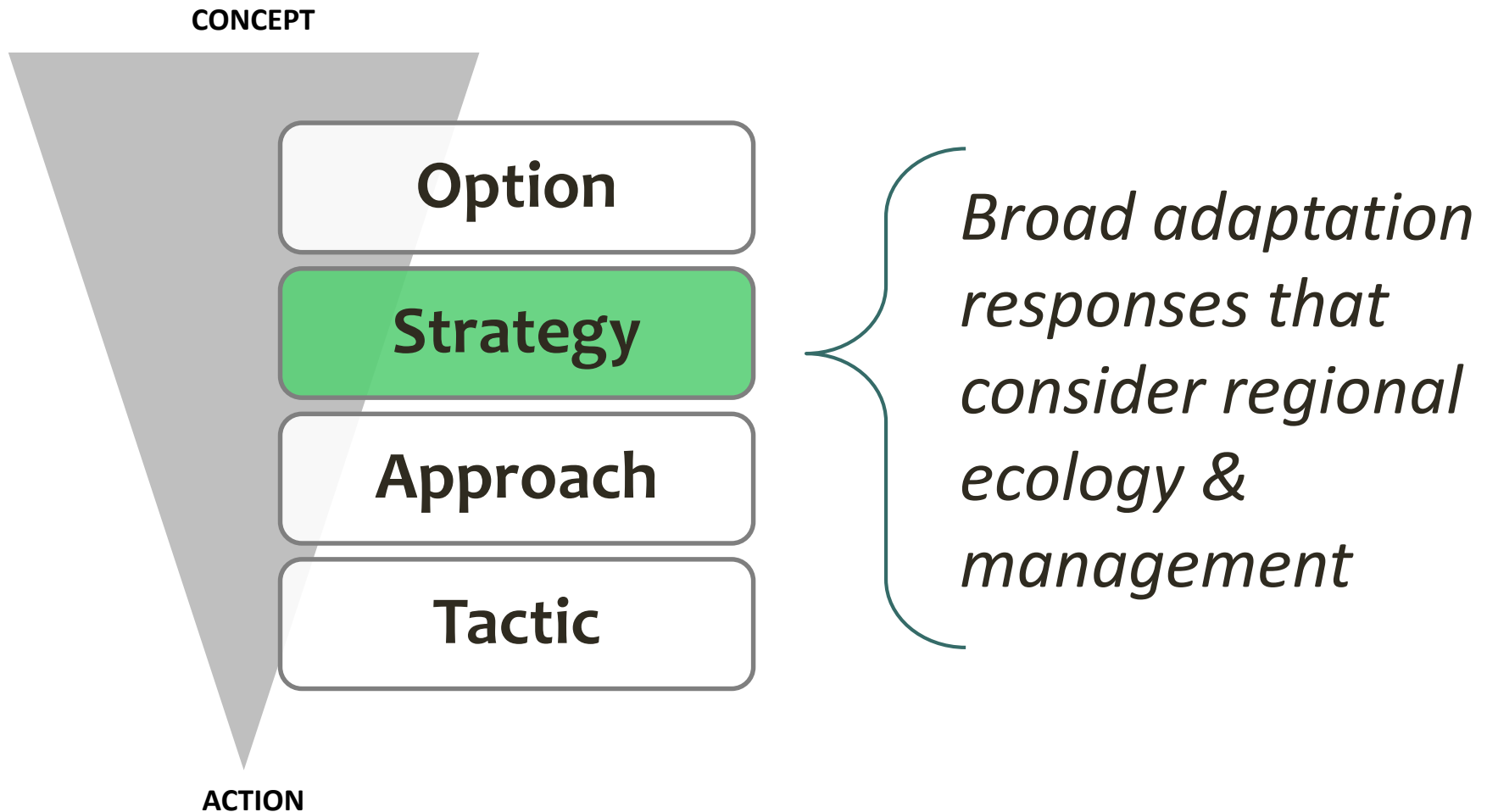


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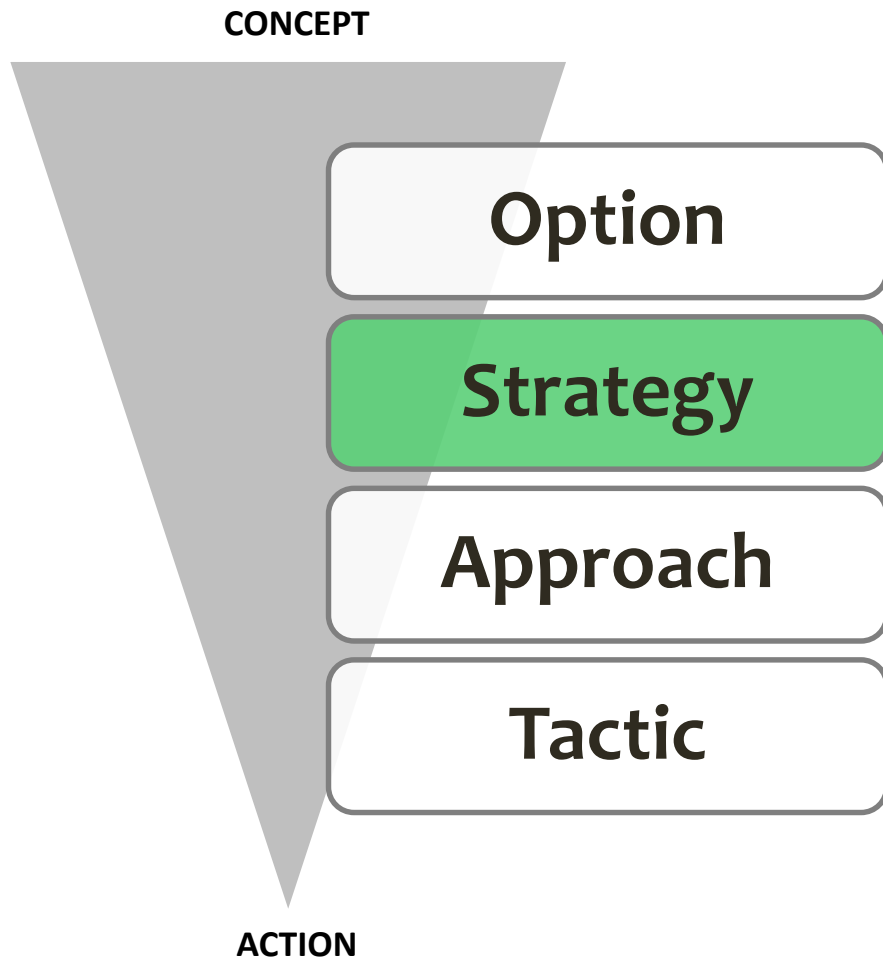
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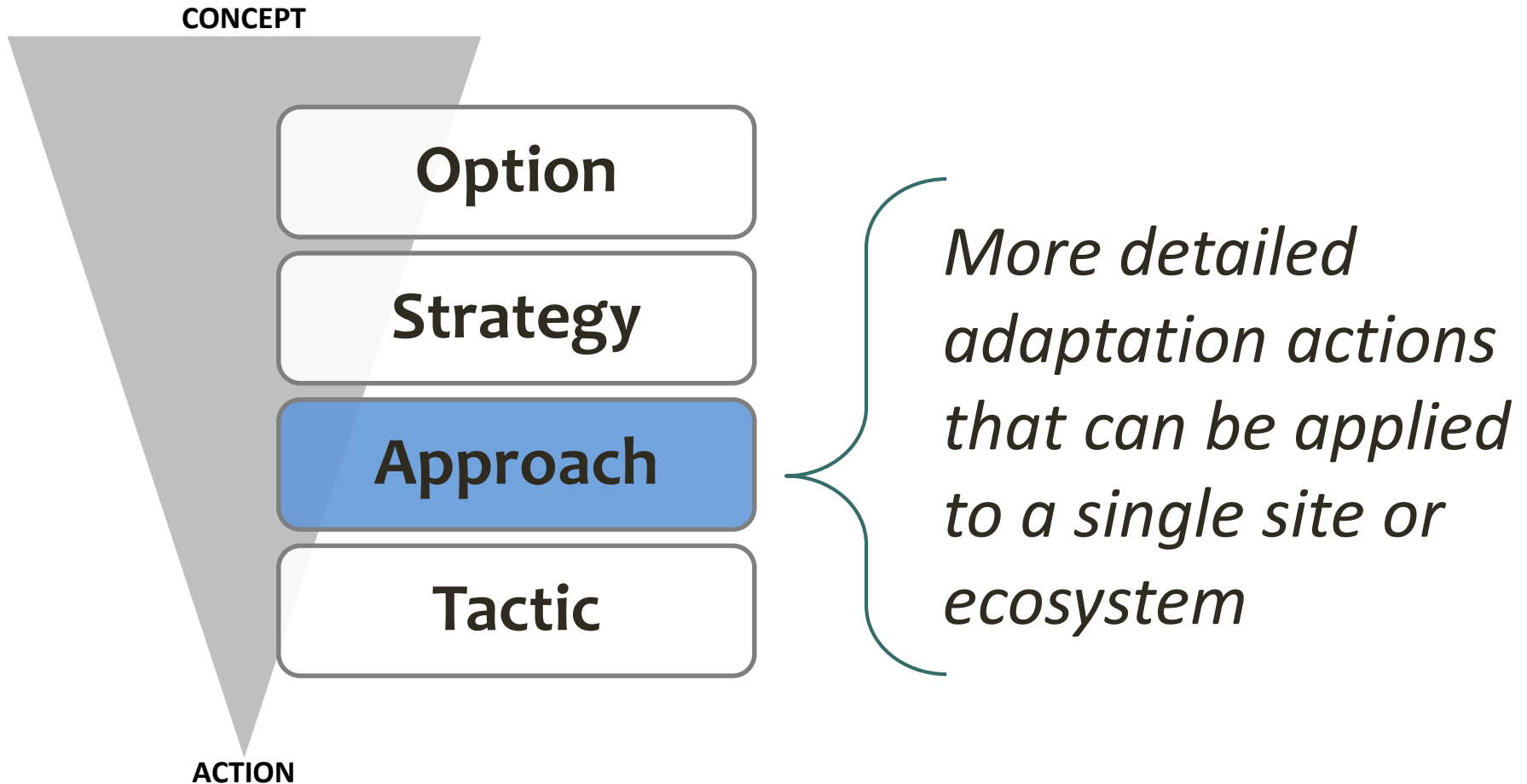


Broad adaptation responses:

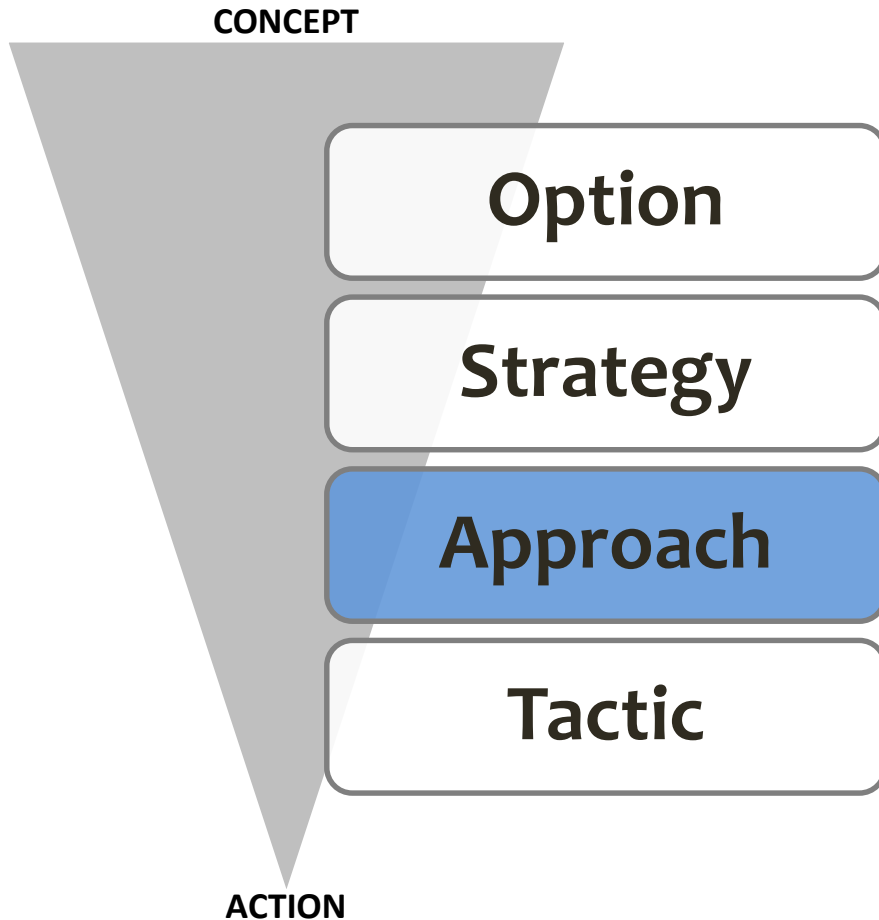
1. Maintain and enhance genetic diversity

9. Adjust management of food, water, and cover to align with expected future conditions.

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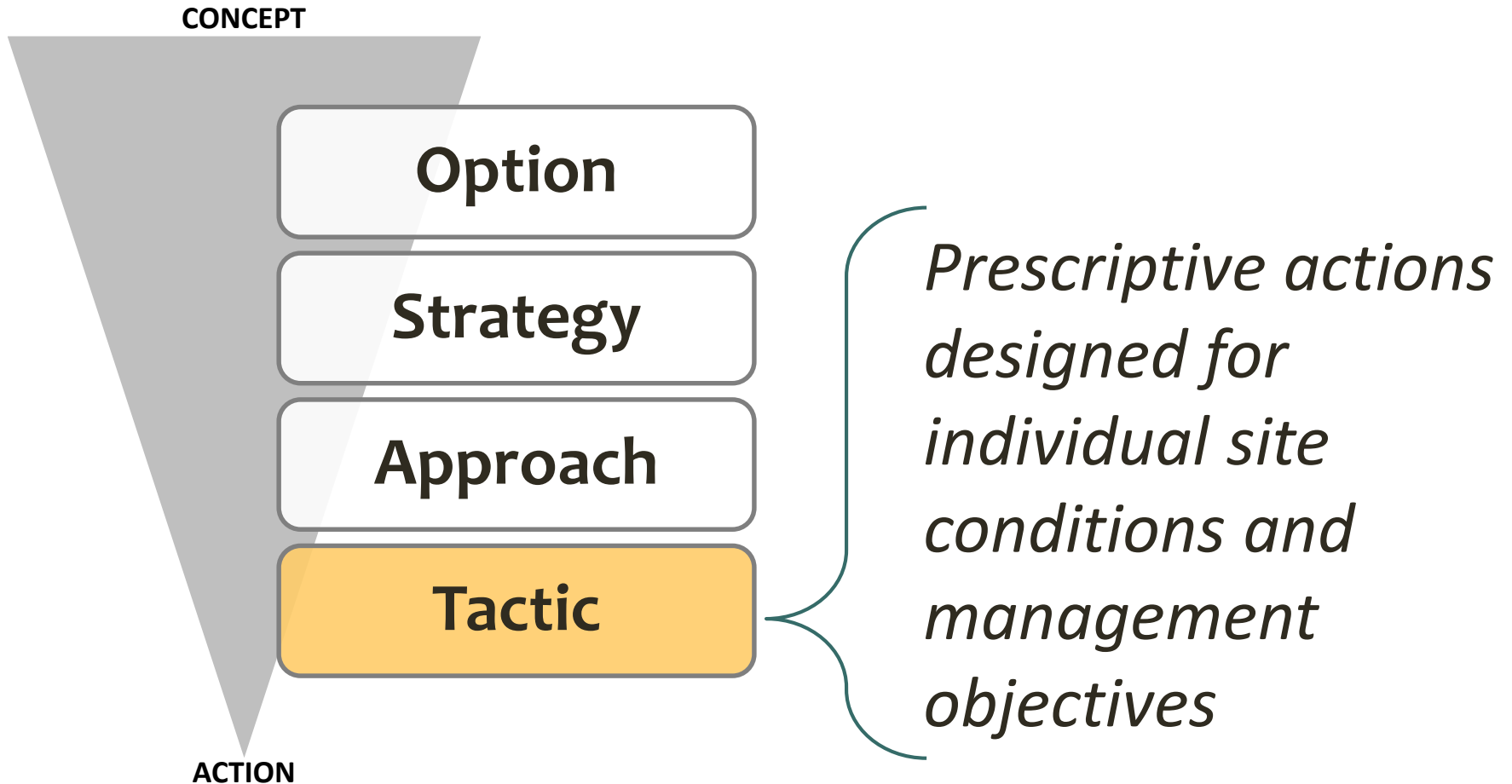


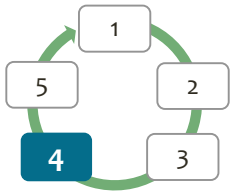
More detailed actions:

1.4. Protect trailing edge or leading edge populations

9.2. Create new sources of food, water, and cover in anticipation of future conditions

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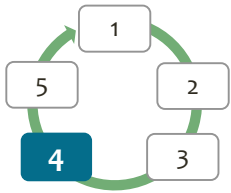


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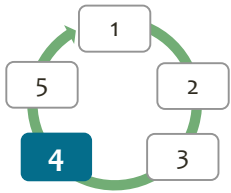


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Approach – Select from the menu. Pick any that seem to make sense and help address the challenges.

Tactic – Describe a specific action you can take.

These details should ideally answer what, where, and how you will implement the actions.

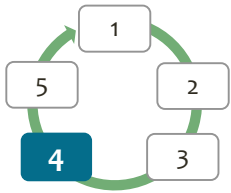


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Timeframe – Specify when you will implement the tactic.

For example:

- Summer 2016
- Winter 2016-7
- Within 3 years of...
- After...

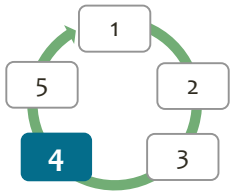


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Benefits – Describe why the tactic is good.

For example:

- addresses biggest or multiple challenges
- is cheap and easy
- has co-benefits
- is likely to succeed

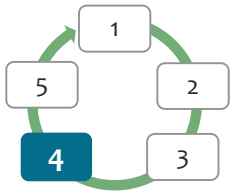


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Drawbacks and Barriers – Describe why it’s not so good.

For example:

- it may have negative side effects,
- Requires high cost or effort
- may not be successful
- has social, financial, or other barriers



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Recommend Tactic– Given all this, is this tactic likely to be helpful?

Also consider: trade-offs, urgency, likelihood of success, cost, and effort...

Yes: look to integrate into plan, prescription, or other activities

No: not useful at this time

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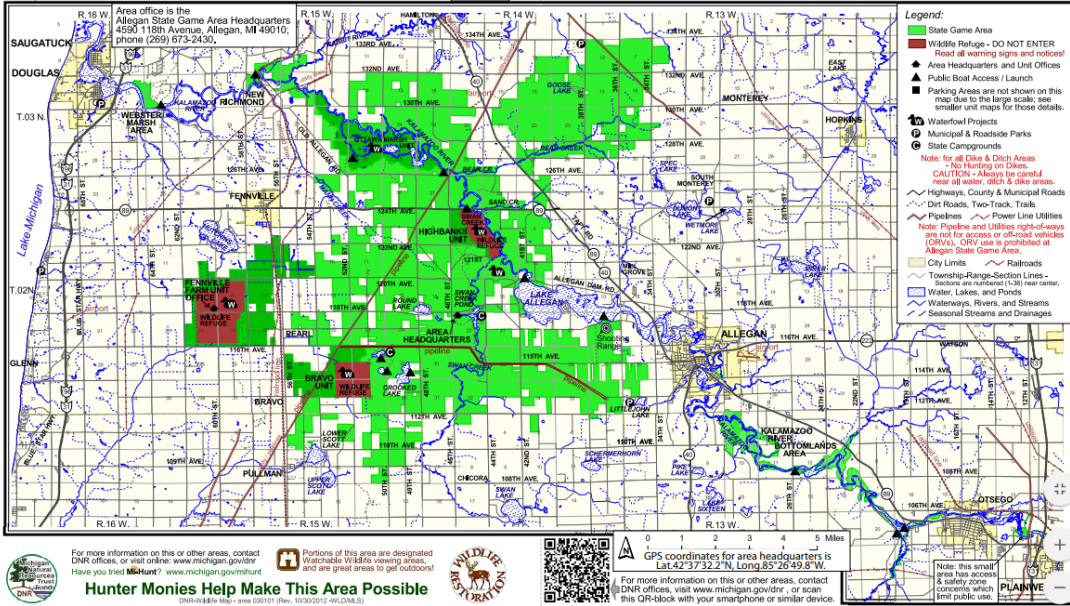


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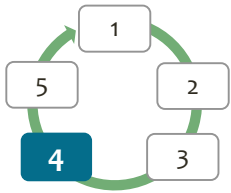
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Goal #2: Maintain row crop production for migratory and resident waterfowl

Adaptation Actions

- 9.2: Convert some areas to wet/moist soil vegetation
- 9.4: Plant other grains – buckwheat, millet, sorghum
- 9.5: Install filter strips and cover crops

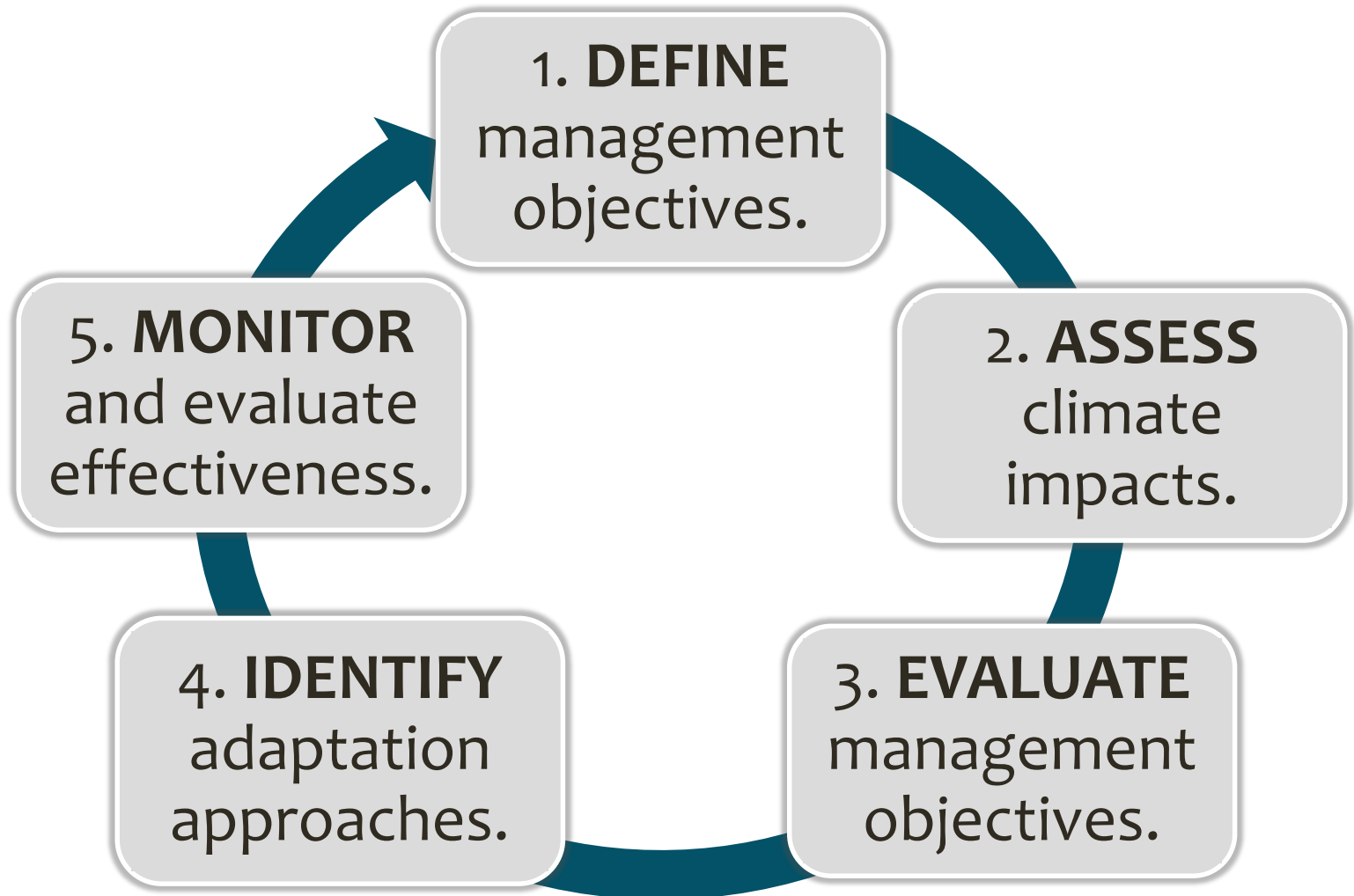
Benefits

- Beneficial to chicks
- More diverse timing of food sources
- Reduced erosion and sedimentation

Drawbacks

- Social acceptance
- Requires creative agreements with sharecropper

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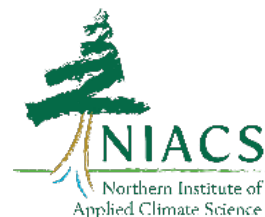
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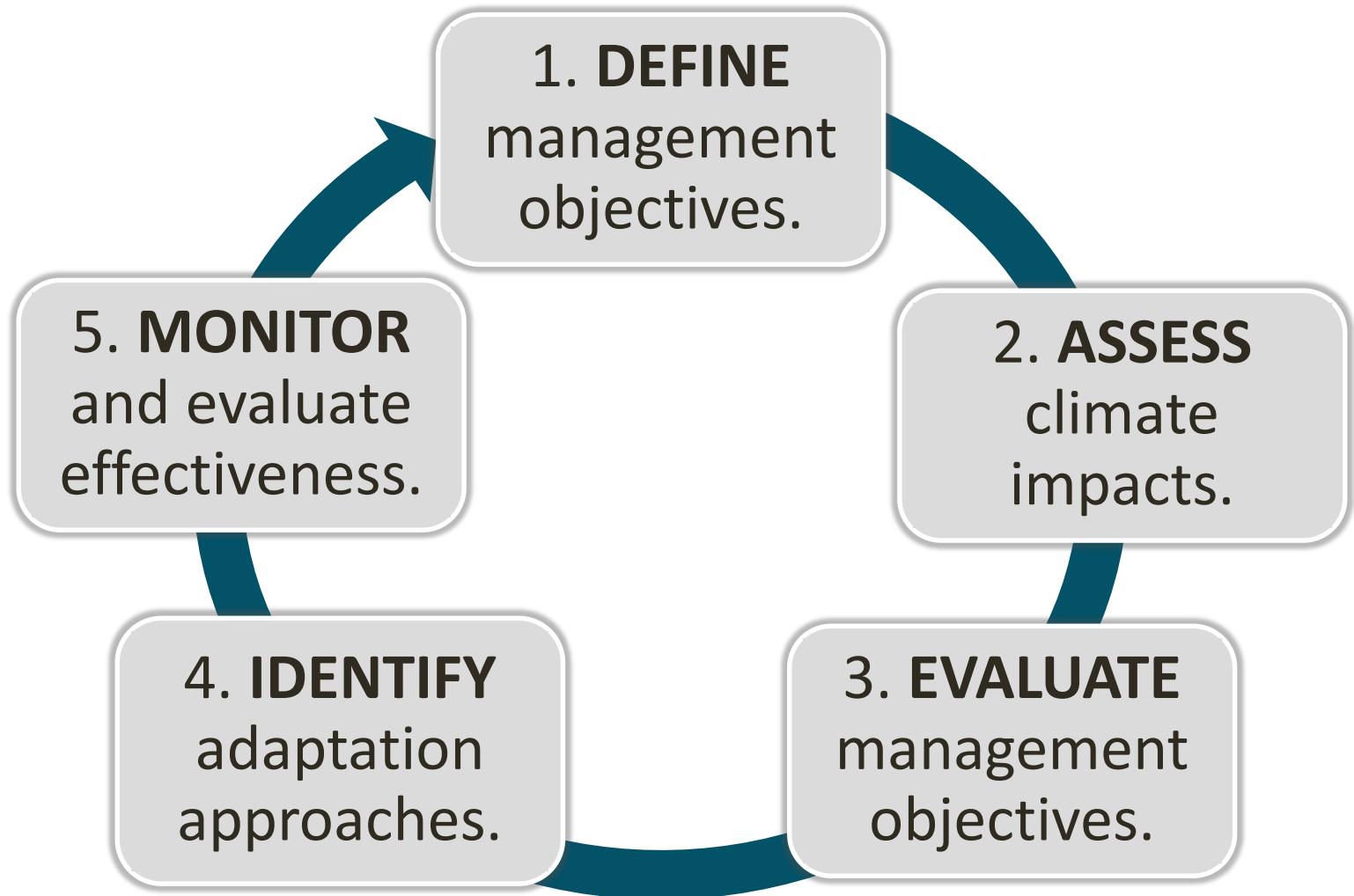
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Review of Day 1



Adaptation Critical Thinking

Do your adaptation actions:

1. Connect to your fundamental management goals?
(WILDLIFE)
2. Address climate change impacts you identified in Step 2?
3. Address the key challenges and opportunities you identified in Step 3?
4. Hold up across a range of future conditions?
5. Consider a range of Strategies from the menu?

Poster Time!

Project Name

Objective

Site-level Impacts

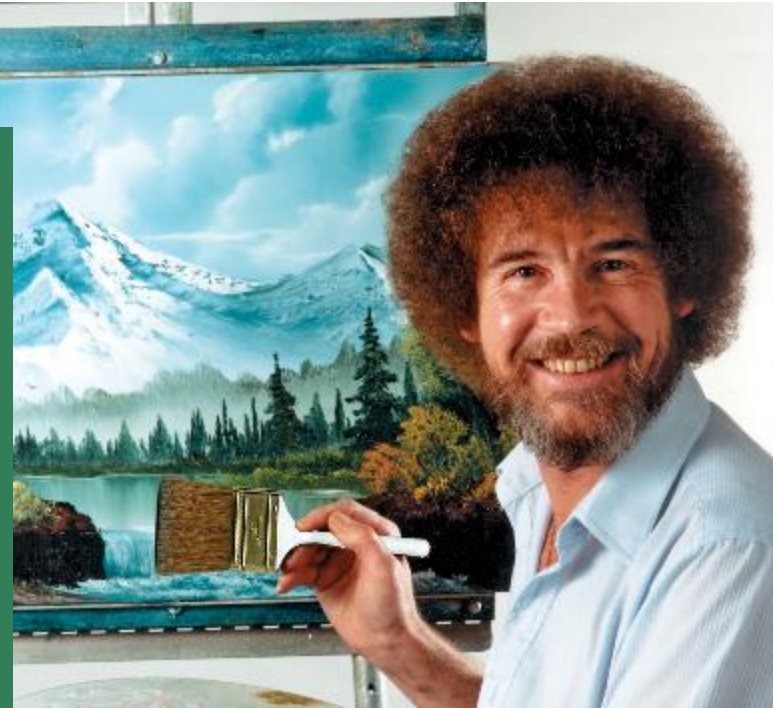
Challenge/ Opportunity

Adaptation Tactics

(label with Strategy/ Approach #)

Be creative! What's your future vision, and how will adaptation help you get there?

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Group Reports:

- Give a short summary of your adaptation actions for one of your Management Objectives.

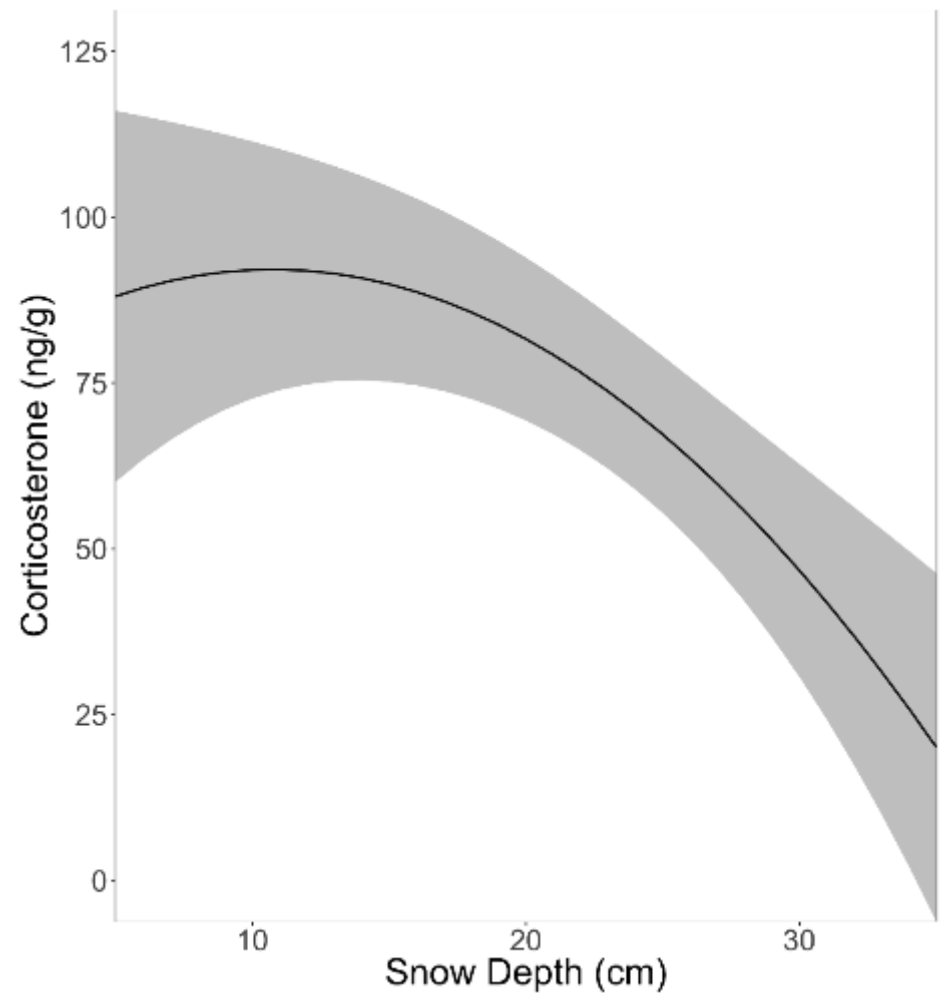
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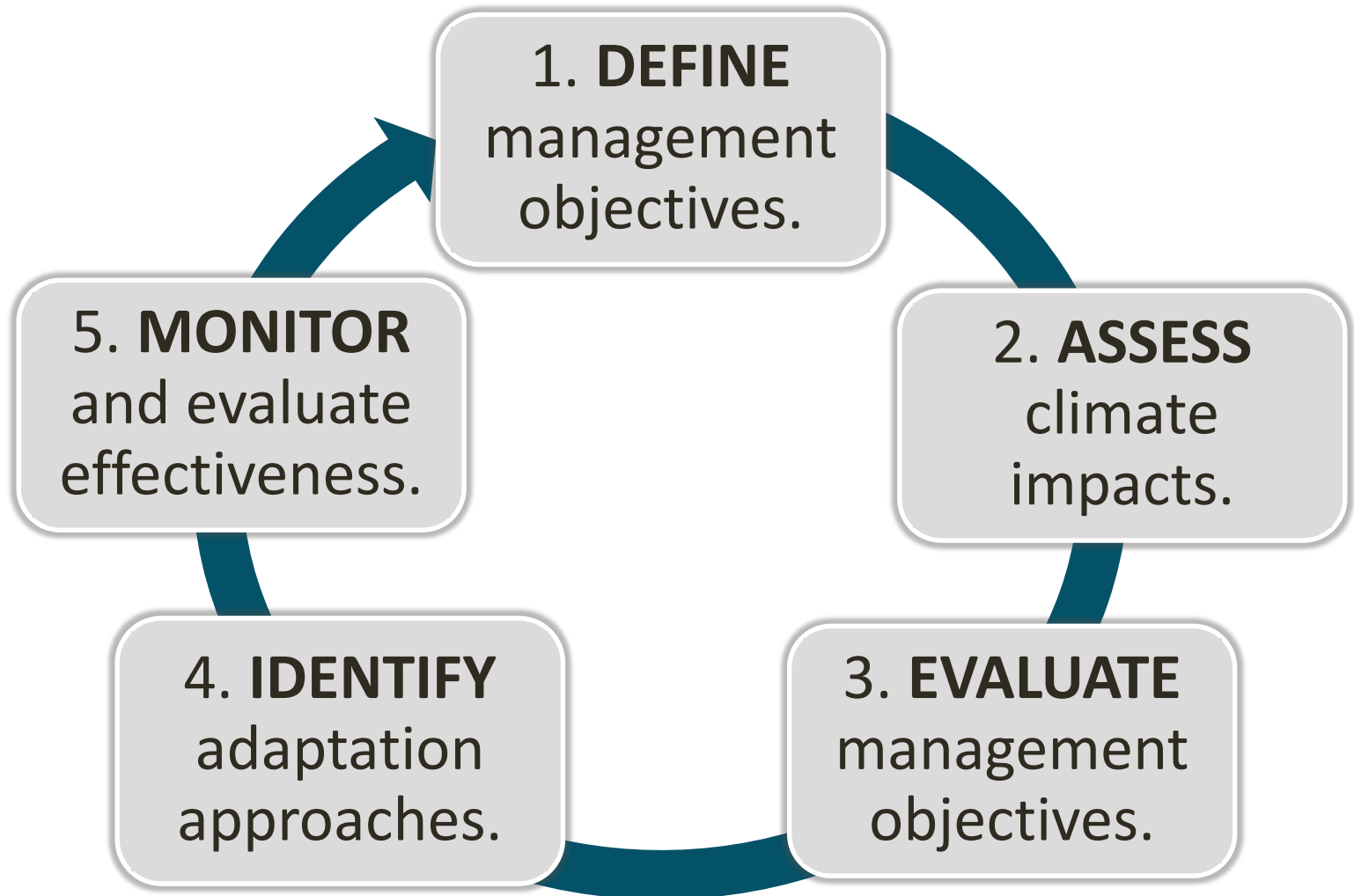


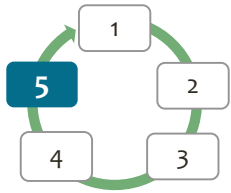
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Step 5: MONITOR and evaluate effectiveness of implemented actions.

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Purpose:

- Practice adaptive management

How do we know if the selected actions were effective?

What can we learn from these actions to inform future management?

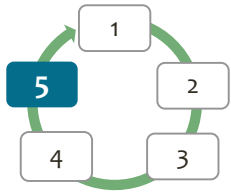
A Few Thoughts About Monitoring...

What question you are asking guides your monitoring approach:

- **Impact/ response monitoring** = What changes are occurring? (surveillance)
- **Implementation monitoring** = Did we do the action?
- **Effectiveness monitoring** = Did our actions actually have the desired effect?
- **Scientific research** = Are responses to treatments statistically significant, compared to a control? Can we replicate and standardize the design?

Leading Questions

- What is going to give you a clear vision of success?
- What data will help you engage in adaptive management?
- What is sustainable with minimal or erratic funding?
- What existing programs or resources can be leveraged?



Step 5: MONITOR and evaluate effectiveness of implemented actions.

Monitoring Variable

Criteria for Evaluation

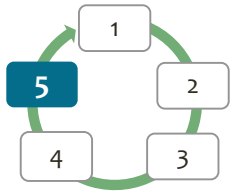
Monitoring
Implementation

Item that can tell you whether management goals/objectives were achieved .

If possible, use an item that also helps evaluate the effectiveness of the tactics.

For example:

- Planted seedling survival at 1, 2, 5, and 10 years after planting*



Step 5: MONITOR and evaluate effectiveness of implemented actions.

Monitoring Item

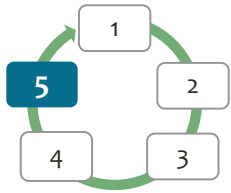
Criteria for Evaluation

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Evaluation of success

For example:

- *60% survival of non-local genotypes*



Step 5: MONITOR and evaluate effectiveness of implemented actions.

Monitoring Item

Criteria for Evaluation

**Monitoring
Implementation**

How the monitoring will actually get done?

Note: use existing monitoring when possible

For example:

- *Regular post-planting stocking surveys.*
- *Supplemental surveys at 10 years.*



YOU MADE IT!

(Congrats!)

To-do list:

You folks:

- Let us take a photo of your Workbook (or else!)
- Evaluations (please!)
- Keep moving these ideas forward!
- Follow up with questions or ideas

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- Share contact list & presentations from today
- Check in soon!
- Other ideas?

Thanks everyone!