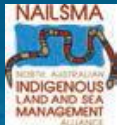




Reef 2050 Engagement, Implementation and Governance

What do Indigenous Governance Models look like ?

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Different models of Indigenous governance



- Informal / formal
- Legal / statutory
- Representative / Members
- Governing board
- Administrative / corporate

**Indigenous Organisational
governance**



**Indigenous Cultural
(customary) governance**

- Based on customary lore and tradition
- Reflects cultural tradition
- Supports social and cultural cohesion

Types of Governance – Conditions

Cultural governance



When:
equally valued in the management of Protected Areas,
Then:
Indigenous knowledge is able to be managed by cultural institutions.

Organisational governance



When:
organisations align and enhance their cultural governance in Protected Areas,
Then:
Indigenous knowledge underpins projects through recognised informal and/or formal institutions and frameworks

Shared governance



When:
cultural governance contributes to effective and collaborative shared governance in Protected Areas,
Then:
Indigenous knowledge is equally powerful to scientific knowledge and supports collaborative partnership arrangements.

Practices of Governance – Conditions

Self-determination

When:

able to **self-determine** the way they want to engage with the Protected Areas,

Then:

Indigenous knowledge is drawn upon widely, multiple actors are involved and different types of knowledge is mobilised with different people.

Empowerment

When:

able to be **empowered** through their community's engagement with the Protected Areas,

Then:

Indigenous knowledge is respected and recognised by other people, producing sustainable livelihoods and strategies for Indigenous nation-building, while remaining under the control of Indigenous people.

Leadership

When:

able to be **leaders for and within** their communities through engagement with the Protected Areas,

Then:

Indigenous knowledge is able to be used to negotiate between groups in effective ways.

Key influences

Indigenous Peoples Sovereignty of governance

Types:

Indigenous cultural
and organisational
governance

Practices:

self-determination,
leadership,
empowerment

Nation – state Sovereignty

The extent of **support**
for and **recognition** of
Indigenous cultural and
organisational
governance

(resources, rights and
ownership)

Shared Governance

Reflects mutual,
equitable and
respectful
relationships

So, what does this mean ...

- Ensure recognition of and support for the ‘invisible’ is now ‘visible’
- Indigenous knowledge **can be** recognised and supported through Indigenous governance (of both cultural and organisational),

but under certain conditions

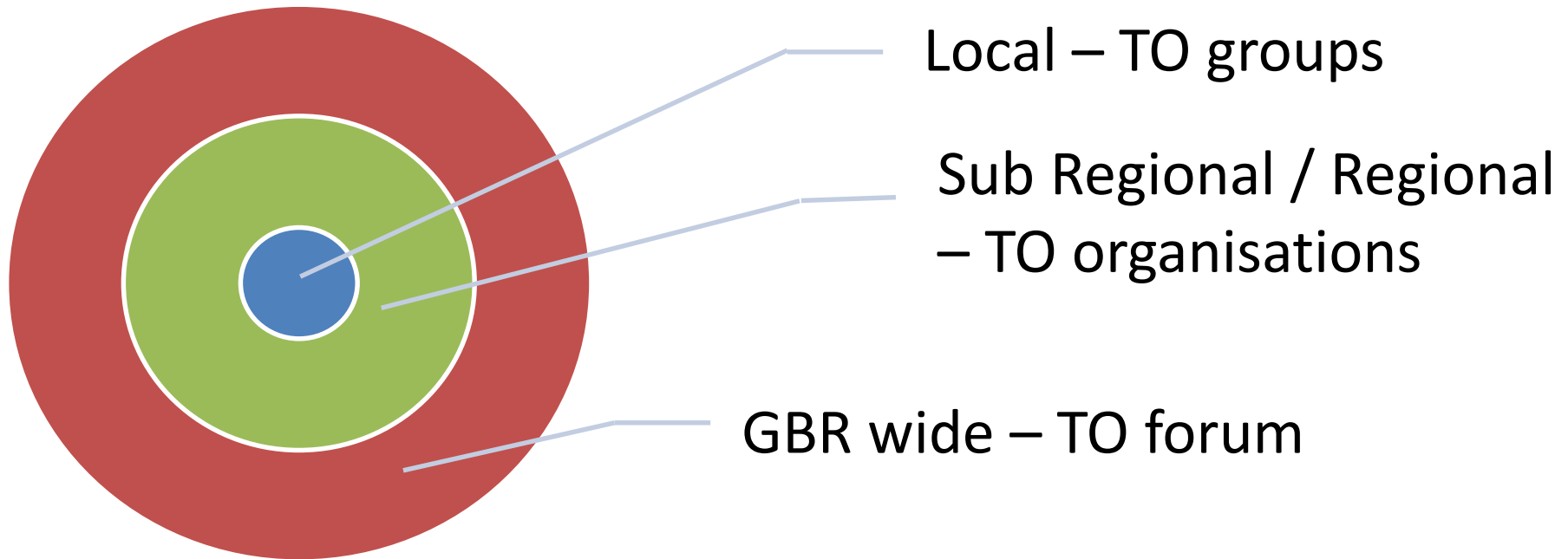
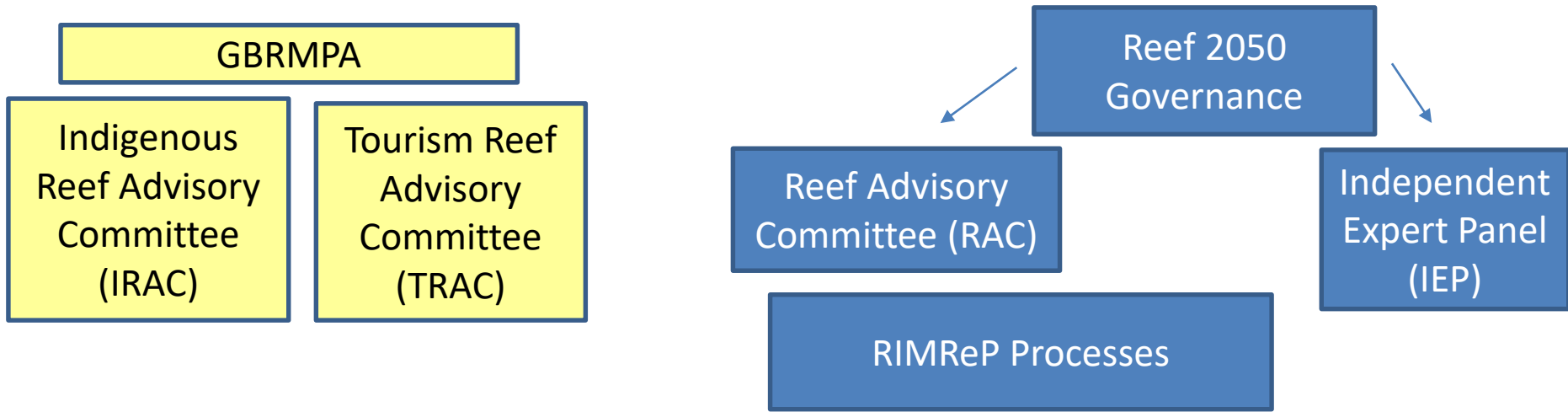
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• Organisational governance	• Empowerment
• Shared governance	• Leadership



So, what does this mean for the GBR and TO Governance and coordination ?

- We need to support and promote TO Cultural Governance
- We need to support TO Organisational Governance
- We need Local Scale and Regional / Sub-Regional Scale
- And we need – GBR Wide Scale
- Reef 2050 Implementation Plan supports the desired out come of **‘A coordinated approach for TOs to liaise with government, industry and other stakeholders on GBR matters and monitoring and reporting on delivery of Reef 2050 actions’**

Current – TO Governance in GBR



How to strengthen TO governance and coordination in Reef 2050? One idea...

Something like the 12 Local Marine Advisory Committees, supported by GBRMPA in:

- [Cape York](#)
- [Douglas](#)
- [Cairns](#)
- [Cassowary Coast](#)
- [Hinchinbrook](#)
- [Townsville](#)
- [Bowen-Burdekin](#)
- [Whitsunday](#)
- [Mackay](#)
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Local Indigenous Marine Advisory Committees proposal

- Based on TO groups – strengthening cultural governance
- Same local regions as LIMACs or other local regions

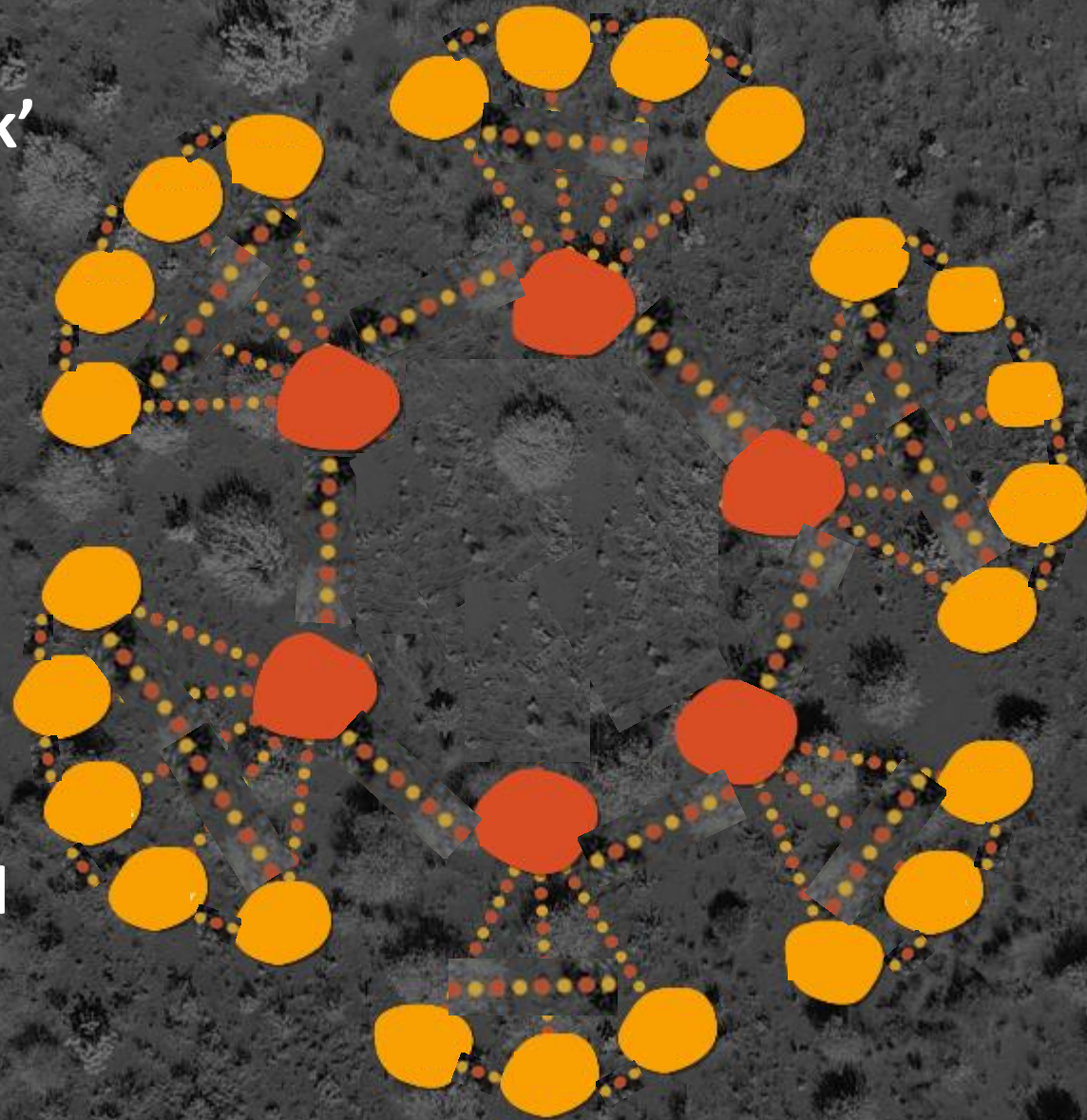
Big MAC

- Includes one or more Traditional Owners from each of the LIMACs
- Bringing together the TO voices from all the LIMACs
- Strengthening coordination through a Network approach ...

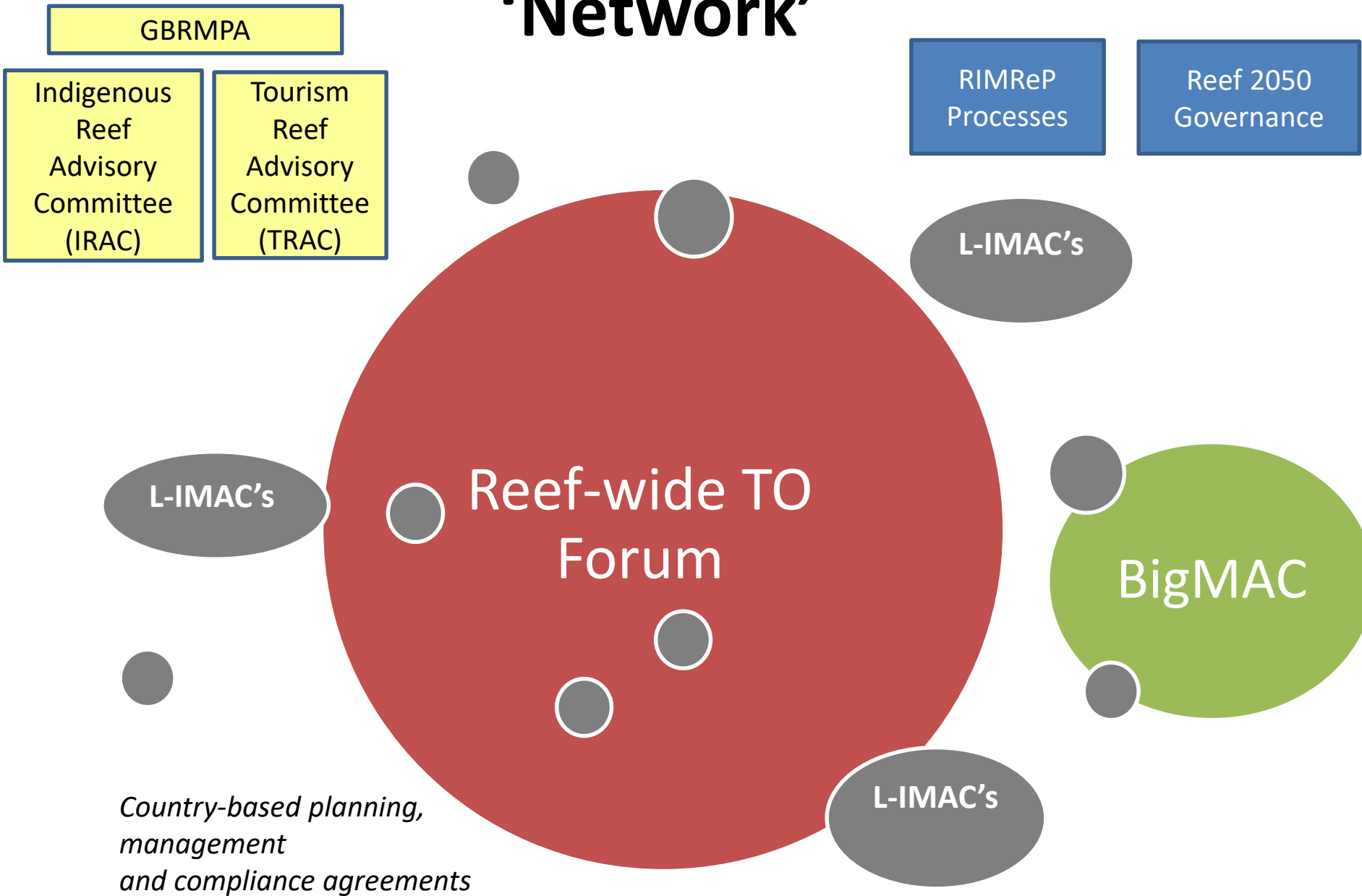
A 'Network'
could look
something
like
this ...

A very
simplified
picture
of our TO
cluster and
hub

Networks



Reef-wide TO Forum for a whole 'Network'





Group Workshop

What does the coordinated framework for TOs working together on policy and practice look like ?

For talking about:

- What ideas could help with a “coordinated approach for TOs to liaise with government, industry and other stakeholders on GBR matters and monitoring and reporting on delivery of *Reef 2050* actions”
- How would the Cluster and Hub idea support your Cultural decision making to work better? If not – what would work?
- How important are the Reef-wide TO Forums and how often are they needed?
- What other ideas do TOs think would work?



Thank you

Discussion