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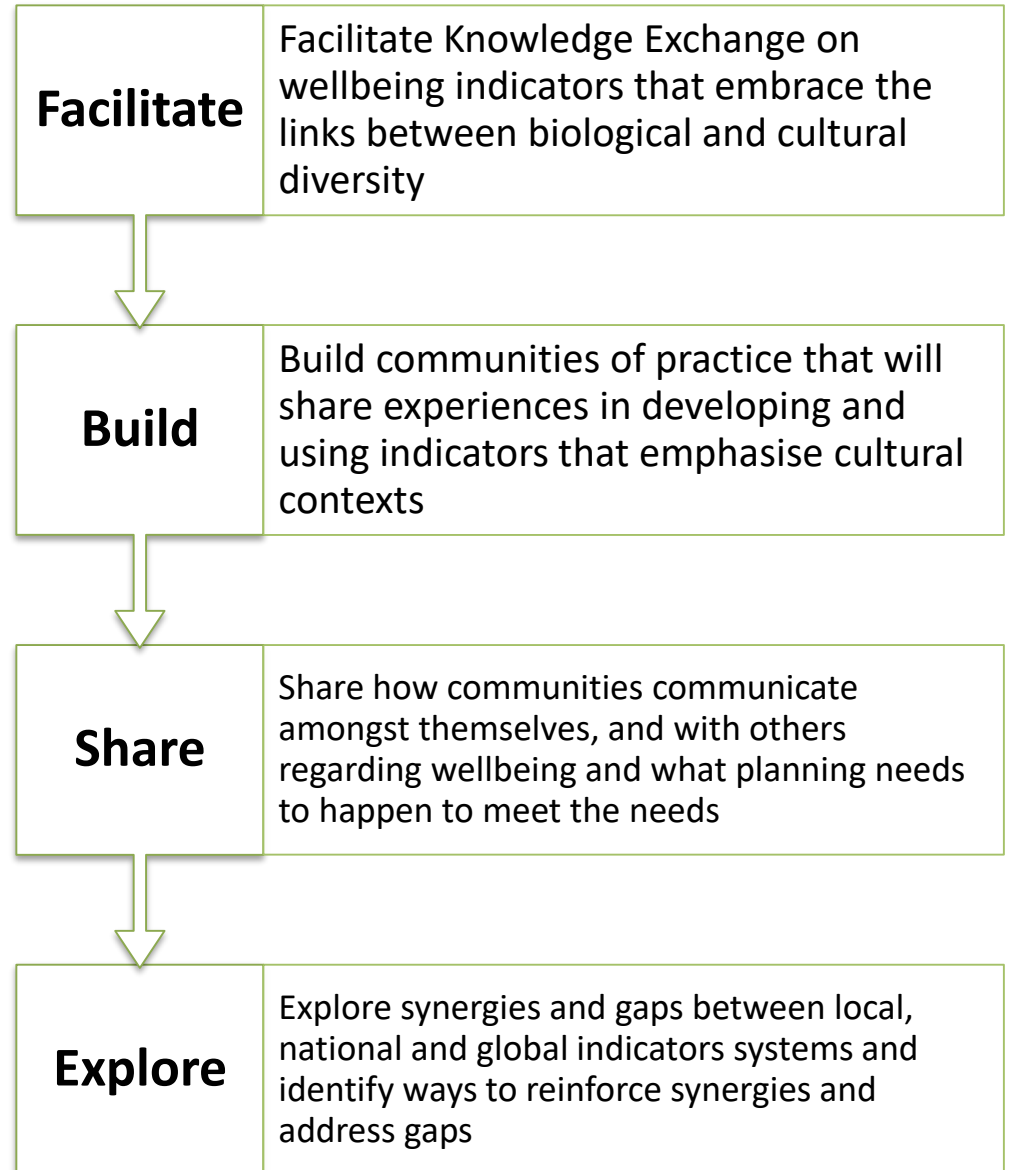
Sharing our Learnings from other Indigenous Peoples at the Global level

Action Group on Knowledge Systems and Wellbeing Indicators
Workshop in New York 21-22 April 2018

Indigenous Heritage Expert Group (IHEG)

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Overarching Meeting Objectives





Things discussed at the Workshop

Many Indigenous Peoples and local communities shared their experiences on what 'wellbeing indicators' are

Lots of learning between each other

Shared their challenges

Shared their own learnings

Shared what worked best in their own communities

Discussions around 'Wellbeing'

- Many different meanings and definitions of 'Wellbeing'
- The definitions were based on their own Indigenous views and cultural understandings
- The definitions were place-based
- It is good to have a variety of definitions
- One example:
 - “The Wellbeing of people depended on the wellbeing of the grasslands where the buffalo ran and their wellbeing before the people.”

Discussions around 'Indicators'

- Many examples of different 'Indicators' where shared
- Some Indigenous Peoples and groups didn't know what 'Indicators' were or meant
- But all of them had cultural 'Indicators' in their communities that informed them of things they needed to do and perform
- A couple of examples of the meaning (or not) of an Indicators were –
 - “People don't have money and are poor, but the lack of the indicator of people living on the streets are not there. ”
 - “Indicators can be the traditional species have returned to their traditional lands”

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What did
we share
with
them?

The formation of the IHEG and purpose

The work that the IHEG had done on an Indigenous-led and developed Framework and the factors

How we wanted to further share it and build on it more with all of the TO groups across the GBR – hence the Reef-wide TO Workshop

The work and importance of the surveys – to help us understand what is most important to TO groups across the GBR and also what was more significant

WHAT IS AN INDICATOR?

“We live them, we feel them and apply them in certain ways” – Yolanda Teran (Ecuador)

“The loss of language speakers indicates loss of land management” – Tatiana Degai (Russia)

Is it the ‘right time’ for Traditional Owners

The time to hunt, fish, or gather foods and resources

The time to be alerted about the changing seasons

The time to recognise such things such as sea rising levels and climate change

The time to realise that something has to be done

WHY ARE INDICATORS IMPORTANT?

They tell us when the seasons are changing, for example from dry to wet

They tell us how the seasons are changing over time (later or earlier than usual)

They tell us when it's time to do certain things on Country

They tell us how the Country is changing and can help us recognise that something needs to be done

They even tell us what needs to be done (such as protection levels for species of animal and plants)



Some Resources to Identify Indicators

- Mapping through drones, and mapping tools, such as Indigenous navigator
- Questionnaires/ surveys at community levels that can translate to a score or rating that will have actions and awareness strategies developed to address those issues or indicators or 'the right time'



QUESTIONS??

What examples of indicators or ‘right time’ pointers are you able to share with the IHEG and that are important to you?

What examples of indicators or ‘right time’ pointers are you able to share with the IHEG that can help monitor the Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Actions?

Do you have any solutions that you would like to share to make it the ‘right time’ again?



Thank you