



## Making it happen

### Implementing a regional monitoring and indicators initiative

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## Year-One Deliverables

- Produce a region-wide monitoring and indicators strategy
  - Principles
    - Priority management issue and question driven
    - Partner relations intensive
    - Phased implementation schedule
    - Resource sensitive
    - Demonstration oriented

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## Core Components



- Determine the scope and logistics to create an integrated monitoring program producing products of regional value
- Ground-truth with audience their needs for regional indicators, possible applications and elements of a pilot project

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## Phase I. Integrated Monitoring



- Set priorities among pressing management issues and questions
- Identify required monitoring and research needs
- Select essential monitoring programs that can respond
- Determine sampling design & sampling protocol, statistical sampling design, data management & analysis plan, type & intent of products, etc.
- Analyze and integrate pertinent monitoring data
- Deliver synthetic products to managers, regulators, decision-makers, scientists, etc.

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## Phase II. Indicators Pilot Project



- Initiate demonstration pilot
  - Define goals, audiences, uses
  - Content
    - Region-wide (1 theme) or sub-regional (multiple themes & indicators)
  - Apply indicators
    - Education, communication, outreach methods & materials

*“a process of producing and communicating policy relevant information on key interactions between people and the natural environment”*

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## Organizational



### Form

- Ongoing stakeholder-based & inclusive committee representing the region w/ work groups
- Negotiate institutional host agreement
- Nonprofit governance model
- Seed funded (grants & contributions)
- Staffing (initially 1-3 people)

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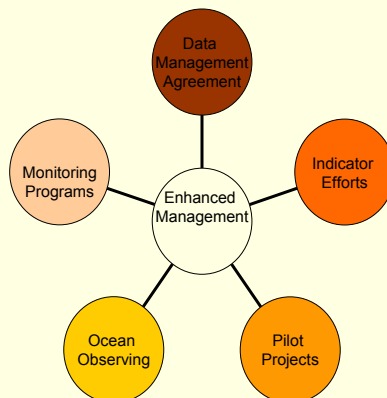
## Critical Linkages



- Management & regulator community involvement to frame need & buy in
- Monitoring & observing community to provide data & create synthetic products
- Scientific community to guide expanded monitoring and identify research needs
- People/Programs with lessons to share

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## Basic Building Blocks



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## Next Steps

“create solid foundation for sustained effort”



- Form committee; set terms of reference, goals & work plan; secure seed funds & hire staff; and commence work on region-wide monitoring and indicators strategy
- Disseminate concept & solicit comments
- Produce strategy & seek seed-funds
- Spring 2004
- Summer & Fall
- Winter 2004/05