

Name of Issue: How comprehensive should a National plan be? Should it be sectoral or include all fields (plants, animals, micro-organisms, forestry)

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Highlights from the discussion:

Advantages of umbrella structure:

- Infrastructure
- Databases
- Training
- Common policies
- Budget mobility
- Research
- Communication/ links
- Exchange of knowledge

Disadvantages:

- Communication between units
- Common team building

Challenges:

- Co-ordination
- Getting all fields at the same level of development
- Different meaning of the terminology in the diverse fields
- Interaction with other Ministries; Environment, Forestry, Fisheries,...
- Dealing with useful diversity

Future/Next Step:

- Discussions, Forums, national and international level
- Implementation models
- Increase communication links