

Toward a System of Indicators on the Nation's Environment

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The Proposal

- Make a commitment to development of a System of Indicators on the Nation's Environment
- Provide policy guidance and improved institutional arrangements for interagency coordination on key tasks via a policy memorandum

Institutional Arrangements Being Considered

- A high level leadership council
- A collaborative stakeholders' forum
- An interagency executive management team

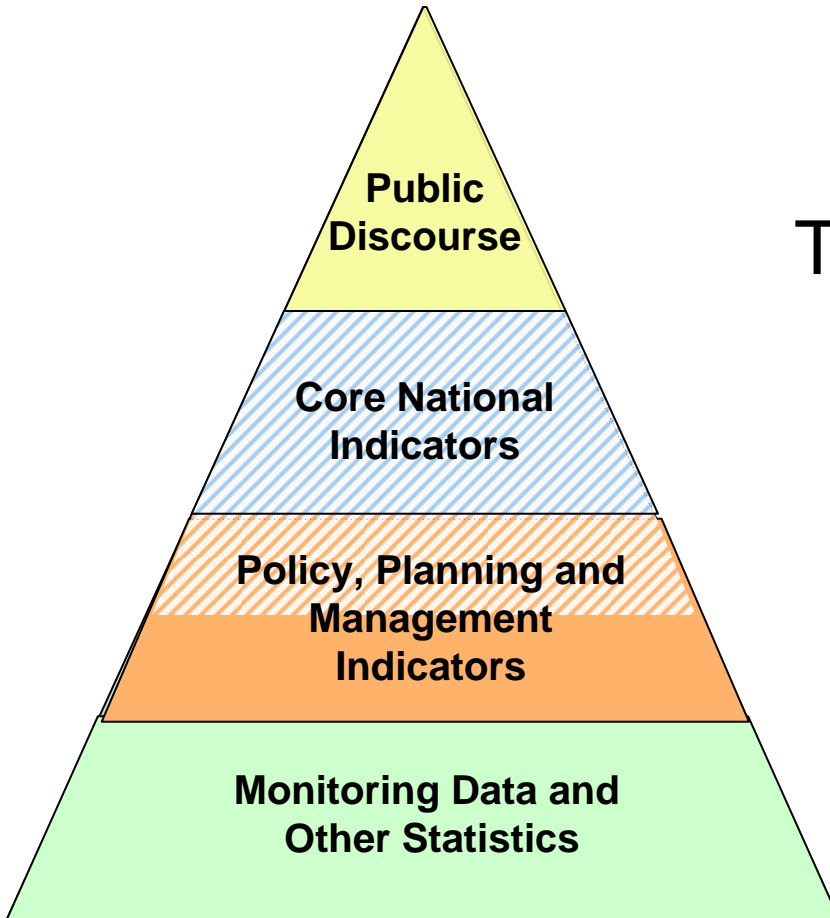
What's Missing?

- **Agreement on the indicators to be produced**
- **Consistent, high quality data for regular production of some of the important national indicators**
- **Indicators and statistics that are consistent across the range of scales**
- **Information delivery systems responsive to users**

National Environmental Indicators

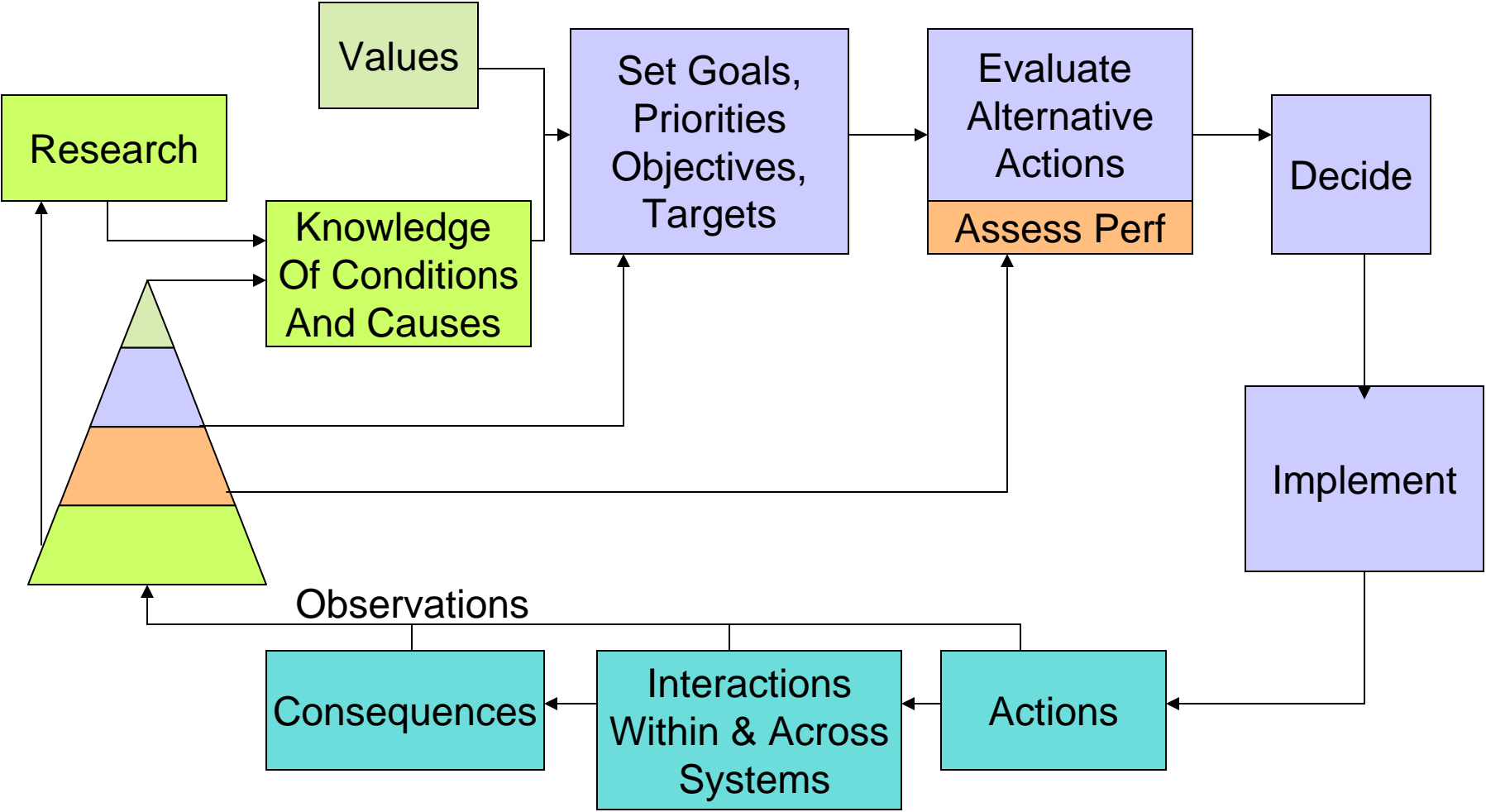
- For high level policy, planning and management as well as public discourse
- Cross cutting, relevant to multiple programs
- Regularly produced to high scientific and statistical standards
- Based on data that is consistent across the nation and through time

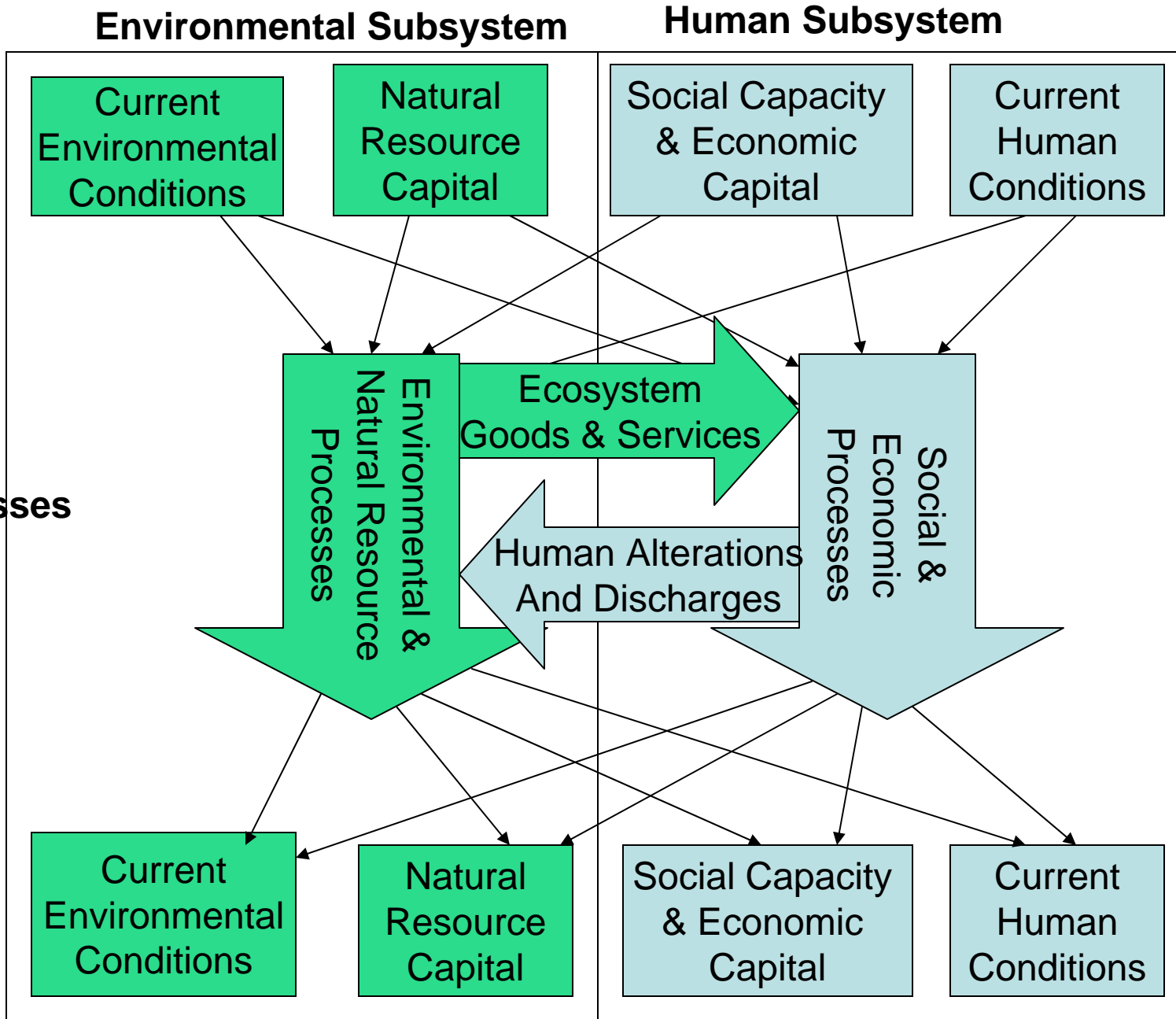
The Indicator Pyramid



The SINE will focus on indicators relevant to high level decisions about goals, priorities and performance.

The Information Value Cycle





Tier 1a - ISG Conceptual Framework with Ecosystem Services

Examples of Environmental Indicator Categories

- Qualities of air, water and land
- Extent and conditions of natural resources and environmental services
- Conditions and health of other living things
- Human health conditions affected by the environment
- Spatial distributions of resources and conditions

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