

## BIOMOT WP2 Current state

Working on the role of motivational concepts in contemporary theory of governance of biodiversity is the focus of the work in BIOMOT WP2. To realise this WP2 will follow a methodology of starting out from daring policy actions for biodiversity and then trace what types of motivations and values of biodiversity have underpinned and driven these actions.

However, as can be clearly seen, many of the WP2 concepts overlap with the work in WP1, WP3, WP4, and have, for this reason, been discussed with the other work package leaders in separate sessions, and during the big BIOMOT project meetings in Nijmegen, The Netherlands (April 2012), in Koli, Finland (December 2012), and in Manchester, United Kingdom (February 2013).

During 2011 and the first part of 2012 two major tasks were undertaken: (1) the preparation of the research protocol and the participation to the work on the common concepts for the overall project and (2) the gathering and pre-analysis of candidate cases. The summary of the work done for task 1 has been submitted to the “common concepts and framework” document under WP4, entitled, *Motivation for Biodiversity Action: vocabulary, theories and framework*. The preparatory work, done for task 2, has been discussed with the other project partners involved in WP2 both at the kick off meeting in November 2011, in Louvain, and in preparation of the Nijmegen meeting, of April 2012. The distinction between cases operating at one level (regional, local or global, international) was proven ineffective, as most cases operate at multiple levels at once. The pre-analysis therefore leads to select initiatives that operate at multiple levels in these various fields, within the 7 countries. The new structure is thematic rather than actor-oriented. The goal is to cover a broad set of relevant cases related to biodiversity conservation. The final case study list should offer a balanced representation of these categories and involved actors. Each WP2 partner was responsible for collecting national/regional cases and filling in all relevant information in the common template. The Revised list after the project meeting in Nijmegen, April 2012 was:

1. Agro-cultural diversity and identity actions
2. Protection of iconic animals: policy and media
3. Multi-level policy design and implementation
4. Multi-actor landscape innovation actions
5. Trading nature and other innovative financial schemes
6. Agri-environment schemes
7. Private sector actors for biodiversity (including cases which do not fit under ‘trading nature’)

Several cases have been singled out as possible common BIOMOT-BESAFE cases. The complete WP2 list of selected cases has been uploaded on the BIOMOT internal site (<https://sites.google.com/a/biomot.eu/platform/home>).

The next step was to analyse the implications of hypotheses developed by leading authors in governance theory related to biodiversity initiatives, based on social motivations and identity. A first template for the survey of the cases was elaborated and discussed at the Koli meeting in December 2012.

Before the WP 2 Protocols workshop, at the Koli meeting in December 2012, the UCL team organized a preparatory meeting with the overall project coordinator and the WP4 leader in Breda on 3 December 2012. The discussion focused on refining the interview protocol and on the inter-operability of WP2 and WP3. A series of several Skype meetings with the WP3 leaders were also organized before, and their feedback was integrated into the updated protocol proposal presented in Koli.

The protocols accepted in Koli were tested late December 2012, by means of several test interviews. The feedback was integrated into the interview protocol, in particular methodology for overcoming bias in self-reporting. Based on this we formulated our draft version of the semi-structured interview-guide for WP2, to be tested again in Manchester.

In that period, between November 2012 and the end of January 2013, we also finalized the case selection in each country. We selected five cases per country, corresponding with one of above-mentioned (seven) categories. Five actors in each case would be interviewed, from the initiator/leader level down to the stakeholder level. The initiator/leader would be interviewed in depth about her or his motivations. That interview would also be used by WP3. It was based on a combination of WP2 and WP3 topics.

All these outcomes were brought in in the Manchester workshop, of February 2013, in order to discuss and to fine-tune the final protocols in detail, especially with the WP4 leader, and test-run the final interview guides. This resulted in adaptations, a process that was finalized, begin March 2013, in a separate Meeting in Maastricht, with the WP4 leader.

The coming period will be used to translate the interview guides and do the interviews.