

Work package 2

WP 2 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. The cases will be selected such that successful actions predominate. To enhance contrast, unsuccessful ones will also be taken up, as long as their lack of success isn't due to trivial reasons.

The cases will be identified on the global, EU, national and local level. The actions may be of any type. At the global level, typical candidate cases may be the establishment and maintenance of the whaling moratorium, CITES, the Man and Biosphere program and similar initiatives. At the EU level, typical candidate cases for research are the Water Framework directive, the governance framework of the Mediterranean sea, the Habitat directive and the eco-agricultural schemes within the CAP. At the national and local levels, each of the BIOMOT countries will have its own examples of daring policies and projects. WP 2 will also seek some comparative perspective by involving to some extent cases from the US and developing countries.

In **task 2.1**, all BIOMOT partners will propose candidate cases from the national and local levels in their own countries. The lead partner of WP 2 will establish the final list of cases to be studied, in conjunction with the other partners. This list will include some 30 cases for in-depth study.

All cases will have important common elements such as the *mechanisms* through which the various individual actors have been brought to collective action. In **task 2.2**, these mechanisms, and the conceptual vehicles used to stage the discourse, will be used to design a research protocol. The final protocol will be established in close collaboration with the researchers in WP 4 (Task 4.2).

The protocol should at least include the driving motivation of each actor, the history of actions and the parameters of success and failure. It will go into the technicalities of data gathering, so that researchers from all BIOMOT partners can be trained effectively by the WP 2 leaders.

The implementation of the research protocol is **task 2.3**. Here, the WP2 leaders will divide the cases between them. The partners will gather data, but the overall analysis is done by the leaders.

The case selections as well as the interim and preliminary results will be discussed during workshops of the BIOMOT partners. The Mid-term Conference will share preliminary results with the broad public. The lead partner will design the plan for reporting in scientific journals. All other dissemination and communication activities will be part of the overall communication plan.