

World Seabird Monitoring Database

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Is a world seabird monitoring database desirable?

YES

WARNING:

Seabird specialist's may be biased!

To:

A) Share Data

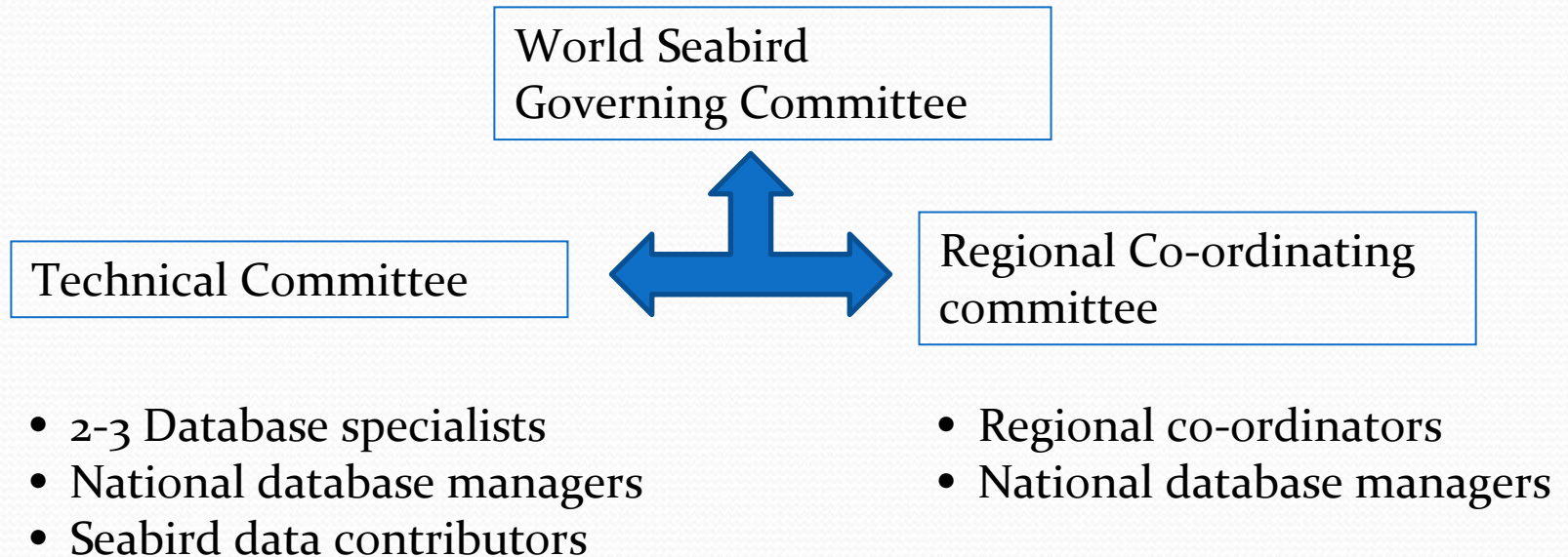
B) Act as a repository for unaffiliated datasets (-central database only)

WSMD Goals

The WSMD will:

- (1) Collate and disseminate information on temporal and geographic variation in numbers, productivity, survival, and others;
- (2) Prevent the loss of seabird monitoring data
- (3) Be widely used by seabird professionals throughout the world
- (4) Be designed and implemented so that broad participation is encouraged and intellectual property rights protected
- (5) Provide a depository for non-affiliated data to ensure its long-term security.

WSMD Management



Costs & sources of funding

Costs:

- Salaries of 2-3 database specialists
- Cost recovery of time spent by Database managers – setup only.
- Travel costs for committees
- Data entry to central database

Suggested funding sources:

- Regional seabird organizations via rises in member subscriptions.
- Data user fee.

Next Steps

- Use PSMD model
- Discuss detail of next steps with database managers
- Identify all national or international databases on seabird monitoring.
- Seek agreement to share these data.
- Establish core fields
- Discussion with data users: level of detail captured by WSMD
- Explore funding options