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How Spatial Information will make or break the NSW Biodiversity Reform

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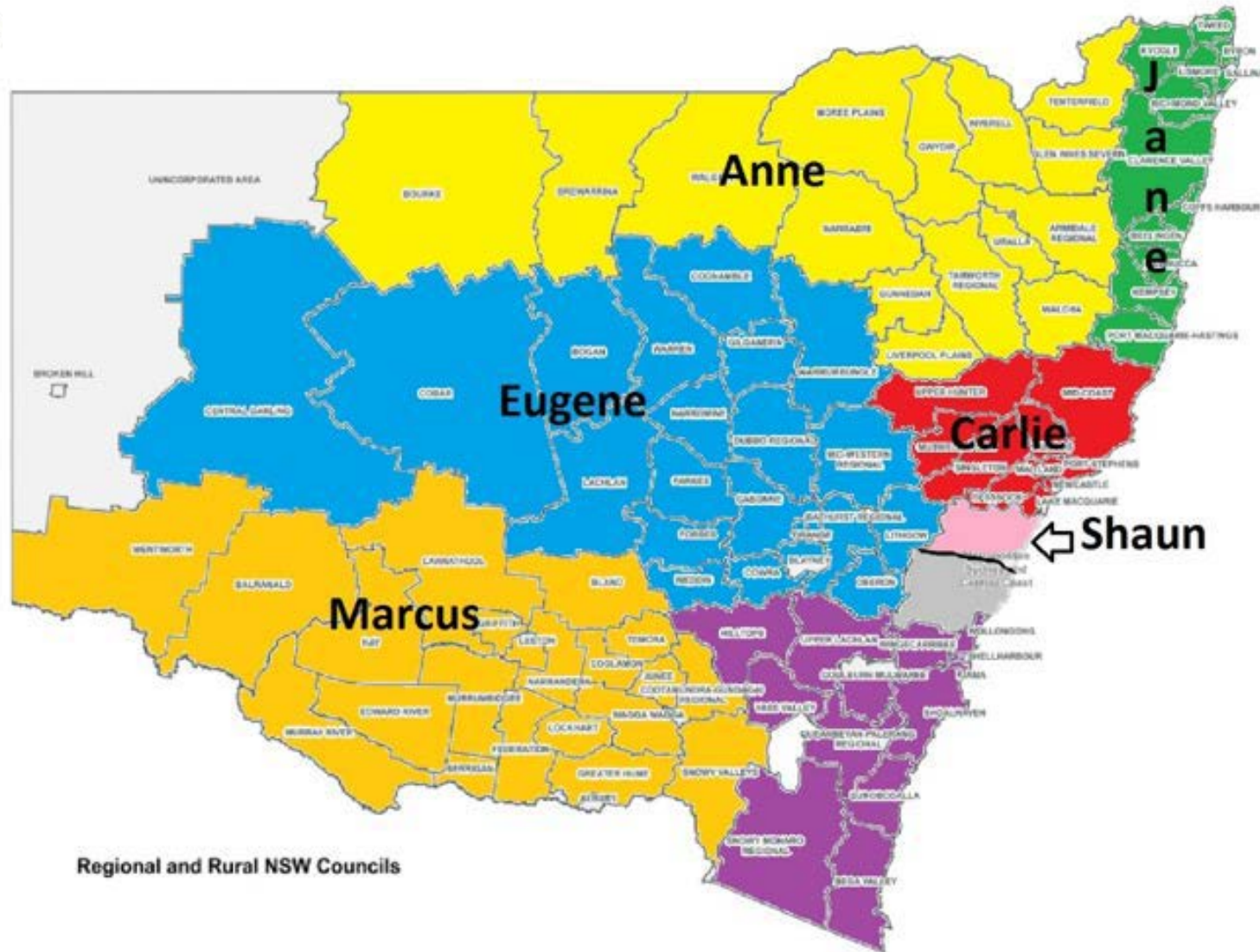
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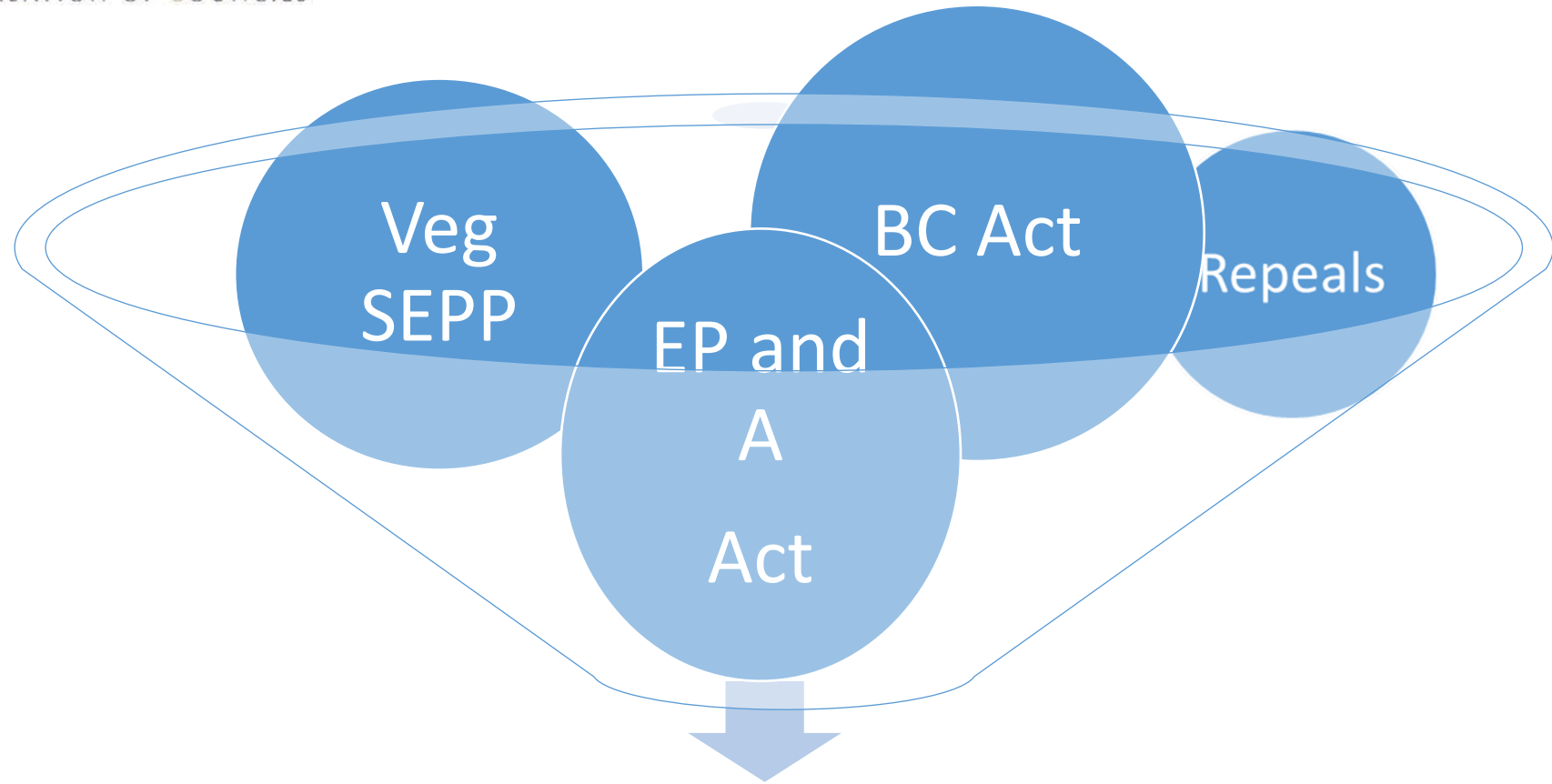
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Positives and Negatives

The Negatives for Council

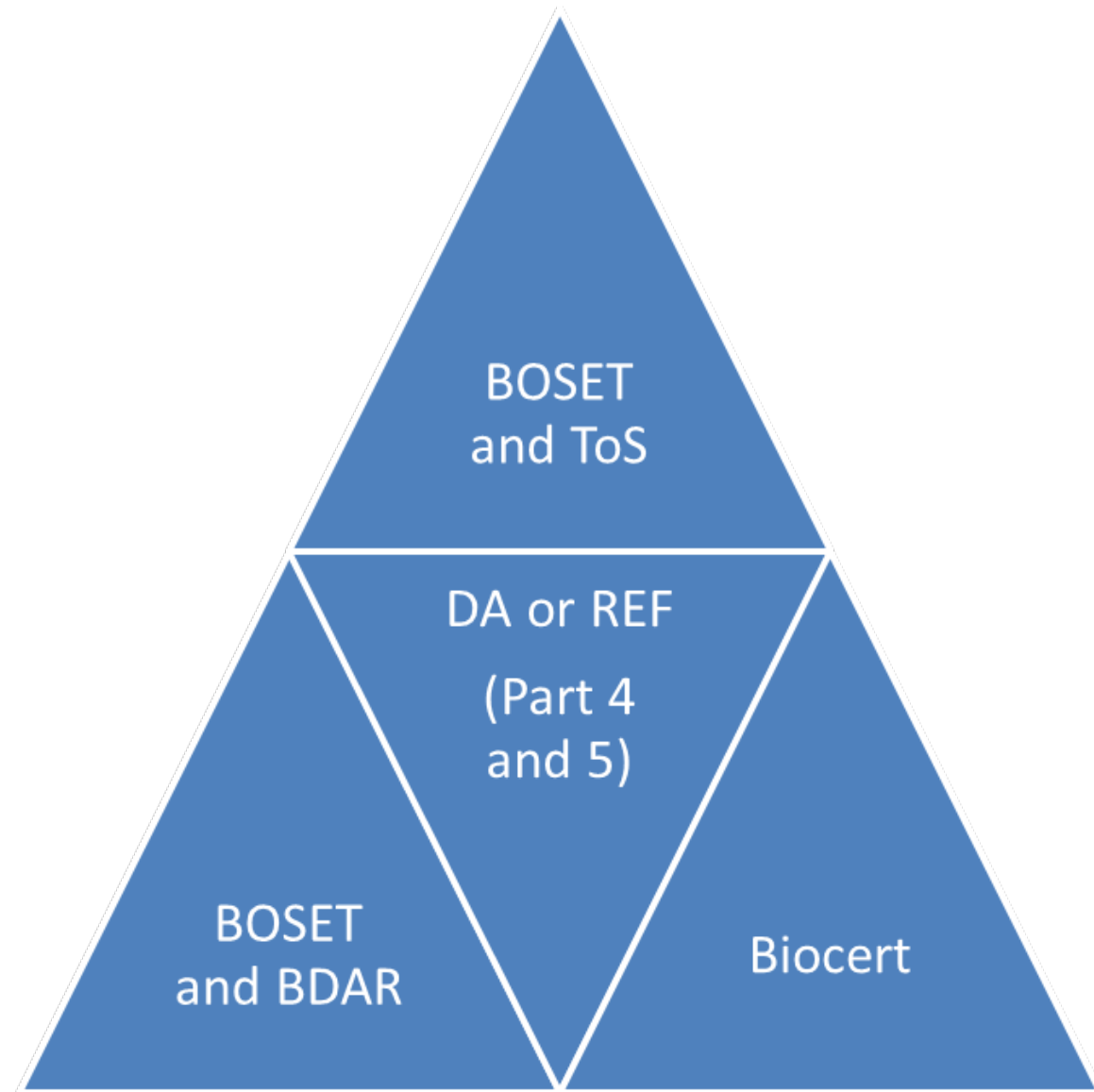
Development
Part 4 and 5

Veg
SEPP
(DCP)



Evidence
(ToS)

Evidence from Proponents



What is the BOSET?

Three simple tests

1. An on or off map (The Biodiversity Values Map)
2. An area threshold (based on minimum lot size)
3. The Test of Significance

No Evidence = No Consent

OEH AUDITS

Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) Entry Threshold Map



Threatened Species Test of Significance Guidelines

SEPP (Vegetation on Non Rural Land) 2017

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Council is responsible for all clearing on land covered by the Veg SEPP.

**Does your DCP permit
offenses? Go To Jail.**

https://www.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/Maps/index.html?viewer=NVRMap

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I want to...

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Tools



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The Positives for Council

Offsets are a new enterprise

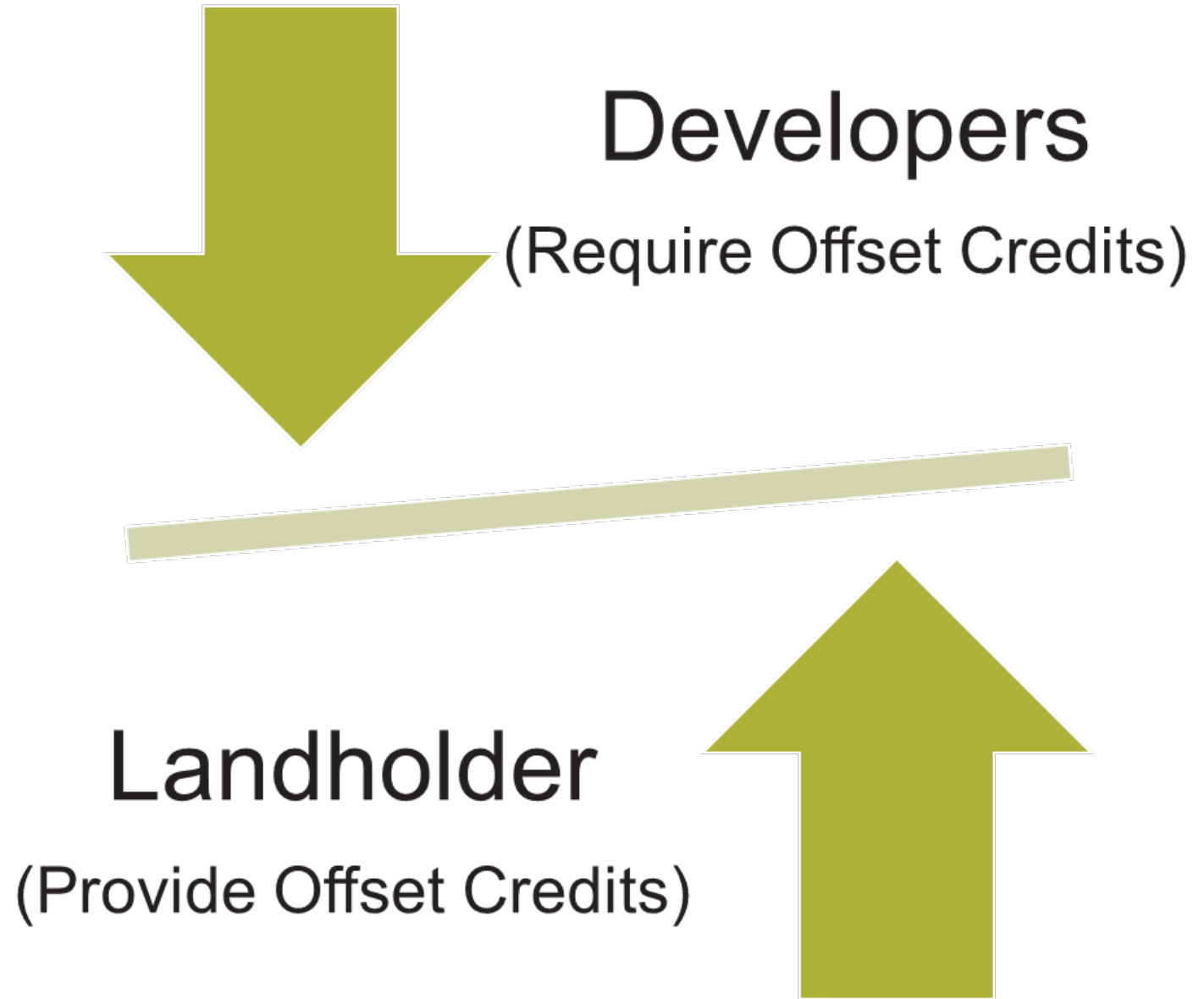
A prospectus of offsets will attract development

Council is a landholder



remainder of property

stewardship site



Hypothesis:

Council are not optimizing spatial biodiversity information when;

- **conducting ToS as proponent**
- **reviewing ToS for DA's**
- **making and implementing DCPs**
- **strategically planning offset potential**



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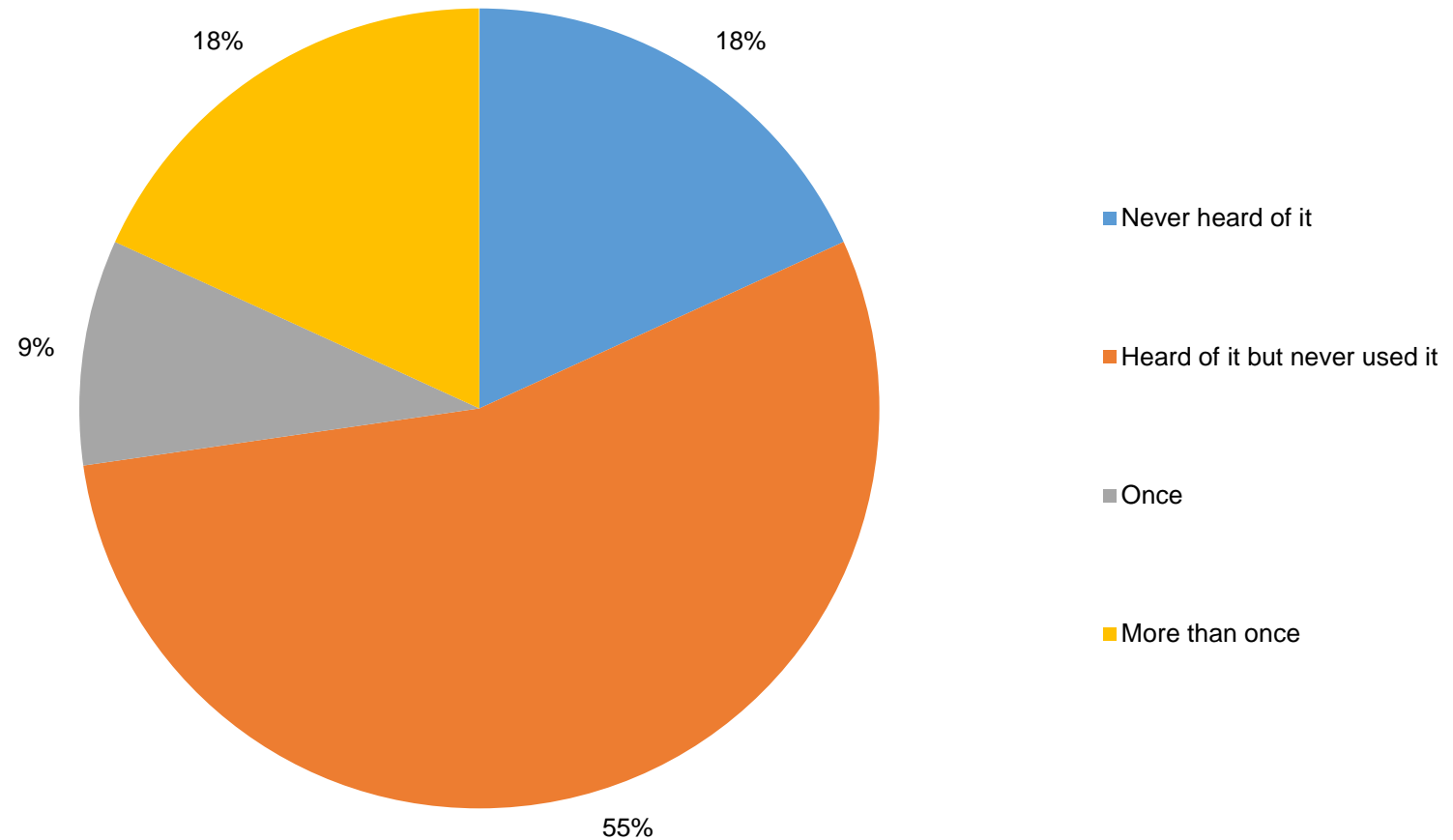
Method:
A simple survey;

Go to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/gZxebtLWxCiMMOfJ2>

Preliminary Results:

BioNet Vegetation Classification



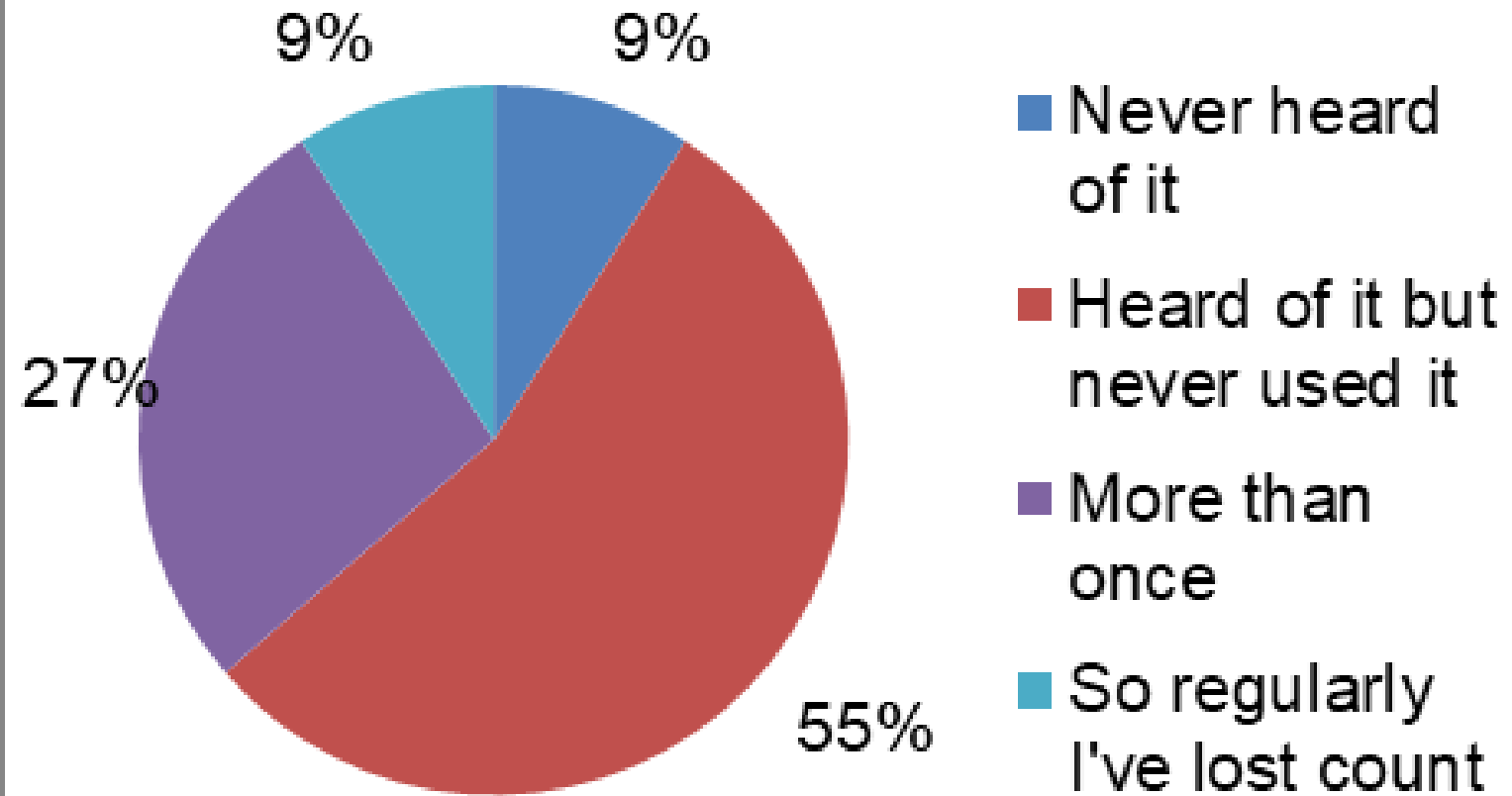


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BioNet Atlas



Discussion and key Challenges:

Optimising the use of spatial
biodiversity information
before July 2019

Discussion and key Challenges:

- ToS
- DCP's
- Offsets

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