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Long Transients and Ecological Forecasting

Meeting One

EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

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Figure 1. As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:

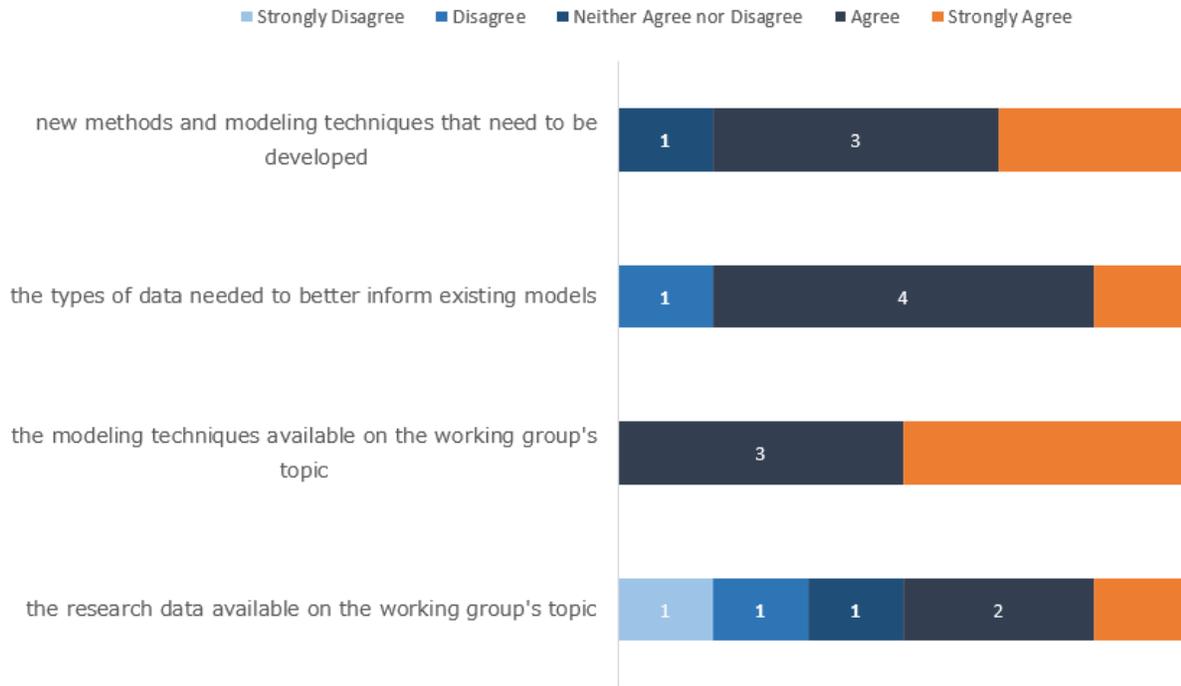


Figure 2. Please check the appropriate box to indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about this working group:

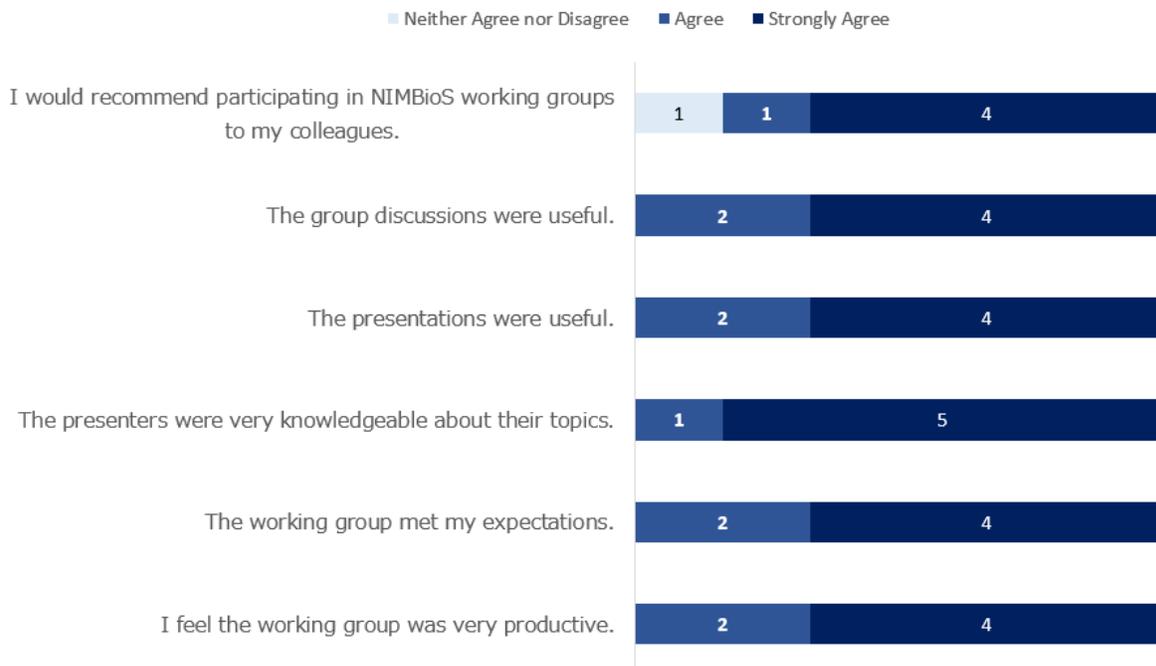


Figure 3. Please let us know how the following aspects of your working group compared to your expectations before becoming a member of the group:

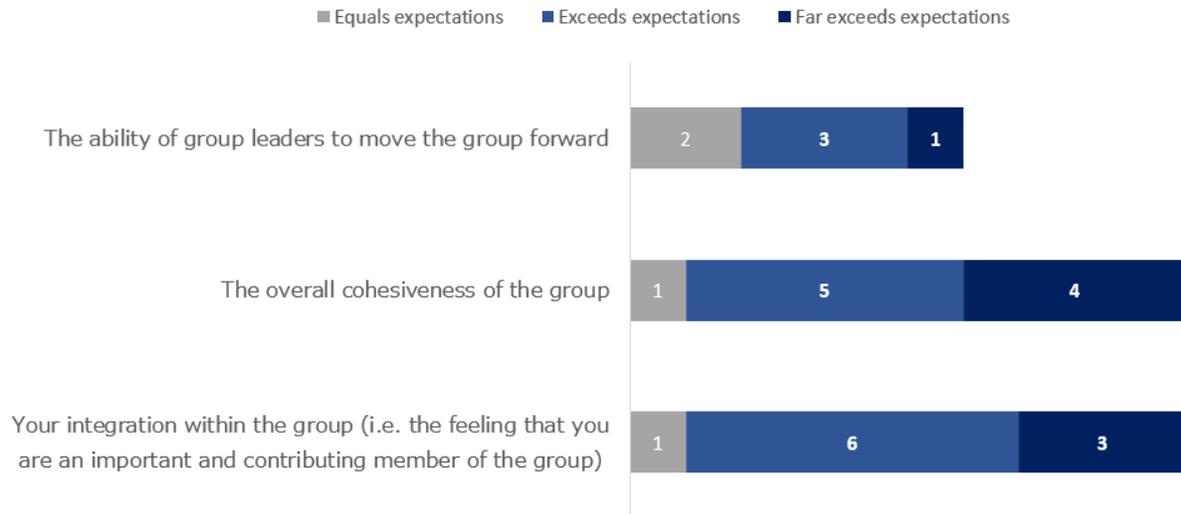
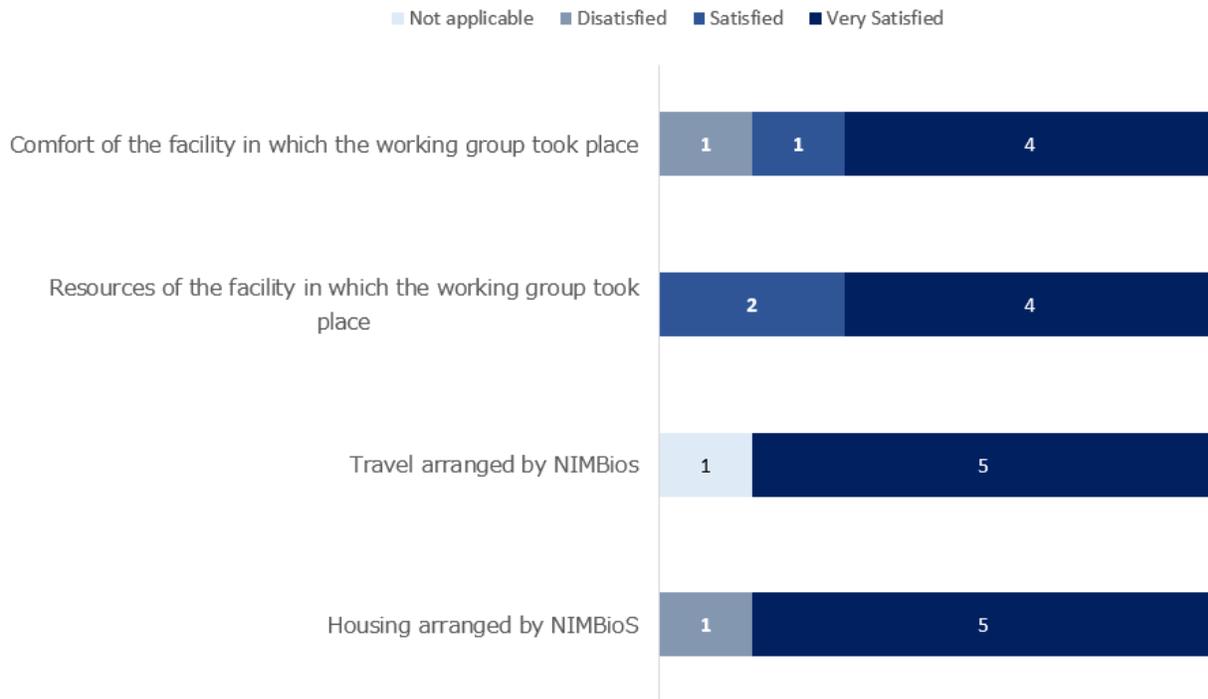


Figure 4. How satisfied were you with the following accommodations provided to you?



6 out of 10 attendees felt participating in the working group helped them understand the research happening in other disciplines in the group's topic area.

It was a great mix of expertise, I especially appreciated the inclusion of ecosystem managers.

6 out of 10 attendees felt the working group made adequate progress, for its first meeting, toward finding a common language across disciplines in the research area.

6 out of 10 attendees felt that the exchange of ideas that took place during the working group will influence their future research.

3 out of 10 attendees developed unanticipated plans for collaborative research with other working group participants.

6 out of 10 attendees felt the expectations for the next working group are clear.

6 out of 10 attendees feel the working group was a very effective format for achieving goals.

What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?

Broadening of my knowledge in ecology.

It was all good. Very good balance of short talks to get to know each other, and plenty of discussion time in small groups and large.

The area discussed cuts across a variety of research ideas in ecology that are in desperate need of being brought together. From the presentations and discussions very interesting ways of seeing the common threads across ecology theory was made clear, and is very exciting.

Hearing different perspectives on the same problem (transient dynamics) and how reconciling the different ideas informed my own knowledge of my perspective on the issue.

What, if anything, would you change about the working group?

Nothing that I can think of.

Nothing - I thought it worked really well.

Strangely, nothing. The organizer were very good at keeping the discussions on track, and set out clear goals. The participants were shockingly collaborative and didn't get caught up in squabbles about details. This was by far the most productive working group I have been a part of.

We got along extremely well and were very productive. The experience far exceeded my expectations.