Evaluation Summary Report

Working Group: *Habitat for Migratory Species, Meeting One*

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1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

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

- the research data available on the working group's topic
- the modeling techniques available on the working group's topic
- the types of data needed to better inform existing models
- new methods and modeling techniques that need to be developed

2. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about this working group:

- I feel the working group was very productive.
- The working group met my expectations.
- The presenters were very knowledgeable about their topics.
- The presentations were useful.
- The group discussions were useful.
- I would recommend participating in NIMBioS working groups to my colleagues.
3. How do you feel about the format of the working group?

4. Do you feel the working group made adequate progress, for its first meeting, toward finding a common language across disciplines in the research area?
5. Do you feel the participating in the working group helped you understand the research happening in other disciplines in the group’s topic area?

Please explain:

I think we improved over the 3 days
I have been in more productive groups, but progress was adequate

6. Did you develop unanticipated plans for collaborative research with other working group participants?

Please explain:

I only knew one person in the group, and now I will be collaborating with several members of the group
7. Do you feel that the exchange of ideas that took place during the working group will influence your future research?

![Bar chart showing 100% for Yes and 0% for No]

Comments:
No comments

8. Do you feel the expectations for the next working group are clear (in the sense that you are leaving this meeting with a good idea of what your contribution will be at the next meeting)?

![Bar chart showing 50% for Yes and 50% for No]

Comments:
I think the leadership at the beginning of the meeting was good. By the end, we had developed slightly different goals in terms of break-out groups. This made delineating specific tasks for each individual difficult and the facilitation at the end was lacking.

I will be collaborating with members of the group on specific tasks to accomplish the working group objectives.
9. What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?

Just having everyone together - we developed some very interesting ideas and a plan for a new modeling framework.
Meeting people in person.
Small discussion where we actually worked through examples to clarify ideas and concepts.
Achieving a better understanding of the existing state of knowledge.
Fruitful exploration of alternative objectives.
Seeing the problem from multiple perspectives.

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

Facilitation - this was good for the first day or two, but by the end, it didn't seem like there was a clear facilitator maximizing the efforts of each group member.
I wish all members would have been able to attend.
Improve the quantitative support and not allow those with better background knowledge to dominate discussions.

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

12. Please provide any additional comments about your overall experience with the working group:

It was a very good experience.
A useful beginning, lots of potential in this group.