



# Break out #3



# Options for a core set of classes

Clear principles for building a standard:

- **Conceptual basis**

- *What is the best conceptual base for an Ecosystem type classification ?*

- **Hierarchic approach:** core classes, augmented auxiliary attributes

- *Would this be the right way to build a hierarchic classification?*
- *What would be the core classes for the classification ?*
- *What would be possible auxiliary attributes ?*
- *Set a maximum depth for the classification ?*



# Options for a core set of classes

## Ecological characteristics

- Land cover
- Vegetation
- Habitats
- Ecosystem services
- Soil/lithology
- Bioclimate
- Hydrology
- Geomorphology/landform

## Non-ecological characteristics

- Management
- Ownership
- Land use
- ???
  
- Ecosystem services

**Q1:** *What possible characteristics are missing from this list ?*

**Q2:** *What should be part of the **core** for an ecosystem type classification, what could be part as **auxiliary** attributes?*

