During the second day of the workshop, participants were divided into smaller groups to facilitate discussion. During the morning session, participants were randomly assigned to one of four discussion groups, and each group was asked to consider the same topic: objectives and indicators. There were no strict guidelines, allowing the discussion to be free to explore whatever issues that it deemed appropriate. During the afternoon, four aspects of the ecosystem indicators issue were discussed in three groups: (1) Matching objectives with indicators; (2) Methodologies to monitor ecosystem-wide structural change; (3) Communicating results. Participation in these groups was by personal preference. The following are short summaries of the discussions in each of these groups.



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