SPIRALLING out

The SPIRAL approach

The SPIRAL team believes that we can learn from existing activities at the interface between biodiversity research and policy making to improve the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. To do this, we carry out research on science-policy interfaces and communication. We also support the design, implementation and improvement of real-life science-policy interfaces, like the IPBES, AfriBES, or the science-policy work of learned societies and research organisations. We are now two years into our project, and we have a range of tools, information leaflets and maps we have developed. So, whether you are in science or policy, whether you want to start getting involved in, or want to improve the way you operate, at the science-policy interfaces, we have got a range of SPIRAL essentials (including many two-page briefs) that can be of use.

SPIRAL essentials currently include:

- A guide to understanding why biodiversity is so hard to communicate and how this impacts on the need for biodiversity science-policy interfaces
- A myth-busting guide to science-policy interfaces: what is and what is not a SPI
- Lots of handy tips to help boost your communication as an individual, a team, or an organisation working in science or policy
- Experiences from existing SPIs, such as the UK National Ecosystem Assessment

Forthcoming SPIRAL essentials:

- More feedbacks from existing SPIs, including National Biodiversity Strategies, EU projects, the Water Framework Directive implementation and many more
- A set of essentials you need to think about when you are designing, developing or assessing SPIs such as the financial resources you might need, who you should target, or how you can boost credibility
- An analysis of over 150 SPIs at the international, European and national levels that can help you identify SPIs, how they work, and how to contact them

Check out our **website** to see how we can help: www.spiral-project.eu

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