Organizing a national monitoring centre:

From data to information

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Land resources:

- Land cover, land use
- Forest
- Agriculture
- Soils
- Landscape
- Pasture
- Outfields







To supply decision makers (public & private, national & international) with information needed for decision making









using standardized methods, procedures and routines: A (geographical) information system



Systems have three properties:

- a) A system has a purpose
- b) A system operates routinely
- c) A system is a group of components



decision







A chain of data production and dissemination Database management is a core component

System design:



Level 1: The system (Purpose) Level 2: Business processes Level 3: Procedures (for each process) Level 4: Steps (for each procedure)

System design is a top-down process

Decide: "What" and "when" - leave "how" to the next level



Clear and national role





Well-defined goals



Commitment (by authorities)



(Long term) continuity



Cooperation