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## 1. Summary

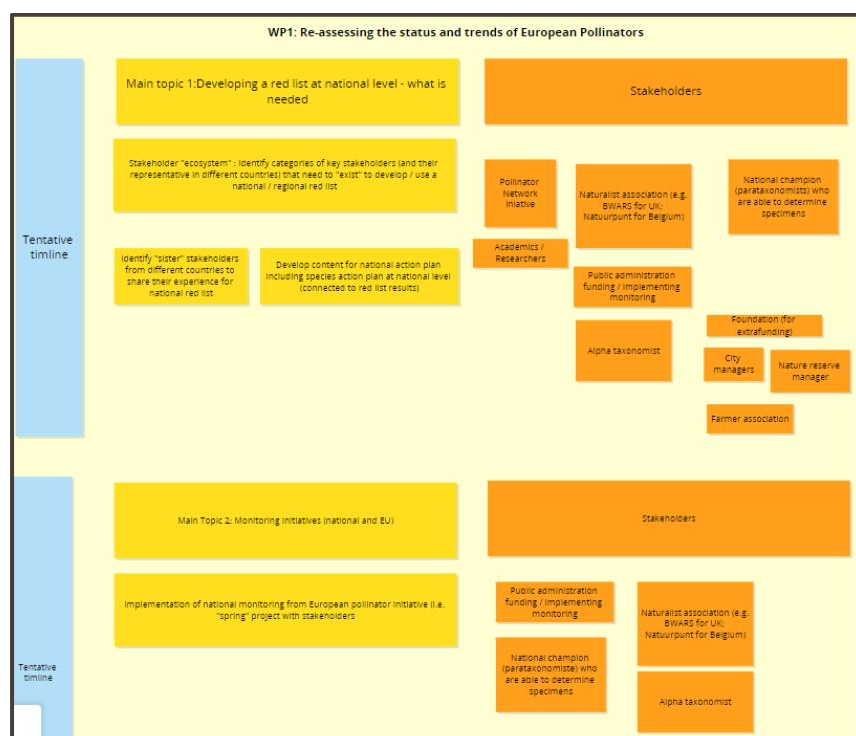
Task 7.4 is led by IUCN and contributors include UREAD, ELO, and all Safeguard WP leads. Task 7.4 focuses on fostering dialogues, exchanges, and collaboration between interest groups identified through Task 7.1 to ensure stakeholder buy-in to Safeguard's outputs and engage with SAFE Hub's content. Buzzing Tables (BT) are specialised discussion groups where stakeholders are invited to get together and discuss specific pollinator-related themes, challenges, and solutions. Task 7.4 activities commenced in March 2022 with a BT presentation and planning session at Seville's 1st Annual General Meeting (AGM) where WPs leaders came together to discuss the delivery of the Buzzing Tables in coordination with other pertinent events and convenings inspired by the activities under the Safeguard WPs. In the following months the thematic priorities per WPs were further detailed and confirmed, thus developing a framework for the Buzzing tables rollout. Throughout Q1, Q2 and Q3 2023 meetings were held with the WP leads to develop further the suggested BP concepts into events planning that identify pertinent major stakeholder-specific events (e.g. internal and external events, conferences, etc.) and necessary support. Based on the received feedback a comprehensive Buzzing tables calendar to facilitate the identification of potential collaborations, synergies and overlaps between the WP BT themes and topics is being developed. Three Buzzing tables events are being provisionally selected for delivery in 2024 for WP1 and WP3.

## 2. Introduction

Task 7.4 is led by IUCN and contributors include UREAD, ELO, and all Safeguard WP leads. Task 7.4 focuses on fostering dialogues, exchanges, and collaboration between interest groups identified through Task 7.1 to ensure stakeholder buy-in to Safeguard's outputs and engage with SAFE Hub's content. This task builds on the work done by the other Working Packages (WP) with the specific goal of engaging conservation practitioners and non-policy stakeholders at different scales with the different workstreams within the bigger project. The aim is to gather their input to contribute collectively to Safeguard's research and shape its outputs. Such knowledge exchanges are to be triggered and facilitated through the 'Buzzing Tables' approach.

Buzzing Tables (BT) are specialised discussion groups where stakeholders are invited to get together and discuss specific pollinator-related themes, challenges, and solutions. The discussion's topics are tailored to the specificities of the interest groups and scheduled at the project's stepping stones to ensure engaging and fruitful exchanges. BT will also offer guidance and share best practices on topics such as monitoring and managing wild pollinators, their habitats, and the challenges they face. Within SAFEGUARD, they act as a catalyst to facilitate engagement and exchange with various sectors and to foster collaborative knowledge production and solutions. Their primary purpose is to create a platform where evidence gaps can be recognised and addressed by drawing insights from various knowledge sources benefiting and building on the work of each WP. Ultimately, the discussions and results of the BT will provide valuable information complementing Safeguard's scientific knowledge base.

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**Fig.1: An example of a sketched-out Concept Board from WP1 at AGM in Seville**

At the second AGM in March 2023, a session was held to review and update, where necessary, the Buzzing Tables plans based on the advanced developments under the Work Packages. Discussions were held on better integrating the Buzzing tables with the planned and ongoing activities and developing a comprehensive Buzzing tables calendar to facilitate the identification of potential collaborations, synergies and overlaps between the WP BT themes and topics.

### 3. Dedicated WPs planning communication

Throughout Q1, Q2 and Q3 2023, IUCN has discussed with WP leads to develop further the suggested BP concepts that identify pertinent major stakeholder-specific events (e.g. internal and external events, conferences, etc.) and necessary support. The WPs are at different stages of development of the respective BT concepts. The WP1, WP3 and WP5 have provided structured information to organise BTs and are discussing topics and looking for events to organise BTs around them, while other WP leaders are waiting until the outputs that can benefit from BT discussions of their WP are more advanced.

**Table 1: BT Communication with the WPs**

WP	Date	Attendees	Topics of interest	Discussion	Next steps
1	20.04.23	Denis Michez, Ignasi Bartomeus, Deepa Senapathi IUCN	How to develop a National RL: Basics/mobilising funds/governance of the RL. Guideline: Basic tools to produce an NRL or Data management and sharing.	Link to ERL reassessment events to organise BT. DM can get funding to organise BT in person, hosted by UICN Be, 50p max. Database produced by SAFEGUARD should be available for MS. Event format, speakers, case studies to be presented	Begin organising BT for 2024. Pending: Identify suitable events and potential stakeholders and a date for the BT.
2	Email exchanges	Ingolf Steffan-Dewenter, Oliver Schweiger	The outputs of WP 2 will be channelled through the other WP.	Explore if WP2 active participation in BT would be of interest.	
3	31.03.23	Tom Breeze, Florence Damiens, Zafarani Uwingabire, IUCN	To demonstrate the Safeguard valuation handbook of valuing pollination services and generate feedback from potential users for clarity and formatting. Encouraging the uptake of research findings that are of relevance to policy-related stakeholders located at the European level.	Design in Q2 2024 with the aim of hosting during Q3 2024. This allows time for the work from Task 3.2. 3.4. and 3.6. to advance and complete, which may be relevant to feed into the handbook. Buzzing table to be organised around January-Feb 2024. The discussion may also be used to	Select dates and identify a suitable event.

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				cross/check feed the research results too.	
4	Email exchanges.	Leonardo Marini, David Klajin, IUCN	Currently consolidating their outputs. They will contact WP7 once they have a better idea of potential synergies with BT.	-	A meeting around after summer to discuss potential BT.
5	Email exchange	Adam Vanbergen	Discussion pending		
6	ongoing	Anna de Boeck, Evelyn Underwood, Laure-Lou Tremblay IUCN WP6	Potential synergy between a workshop on urban pollinators under climate change conditions focusing on NBS. Potential back-to-back buzzing table to discuss the integration of pollinators on the Urban Green Index.	Explore the opportunity to organise a BT with WP 3 and WP 5 about the Urban Green Index, NBS, climate change and Pollinators monitoring.	Workshop organised. Discussions are underway for a potential buzzing table.
6	09.06.23	Daniel Monteleon, ELO IUCN	Organise BT back-to-back with ELOs events, shared calendar of events	Opportunities for support for the delivery of the BT – stakeholders, venue, etc.	Exchange information and identify suitable events and dates.



## **4. Next steps**

- Develop a Buzzing Tables Calendar to facilitate the BT planning among the WPs.
- Identify suitable stakeholder-specific events to organise BT for all the WPs and contact their leaders to facilitate the organisation of new BT.
- Recontact WP2 and WP4 leaders in Q2 2024 to re-open the discussion on the possibility of developing BT and inviting them to participate in BTs suggested by other groups if needed.

## **5. Tentative Plan 2024**

WP1 - one BT on developing National Red Lists for Pollinators.

WP3 – Topic1 - Design a BT in Q2 2024 with the aim of hosting during Q3 2024; Topic 2 - Buzzing table to be organised around January-Feb 2024.

WP6 - Continue scoping for opportunities.