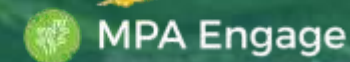


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## THE MPA ENGAGE PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO ELABORATE CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION PLANS



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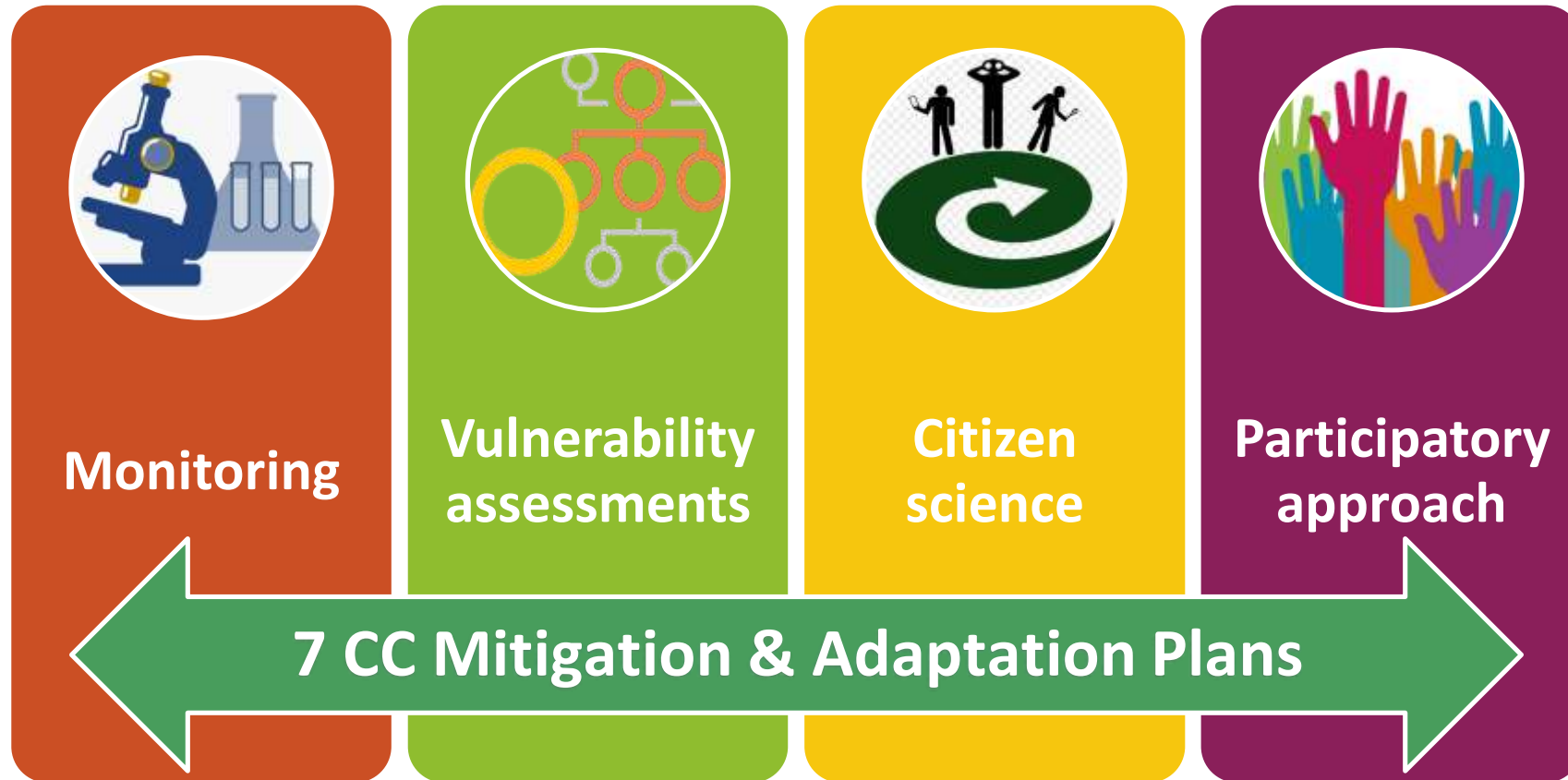


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## THE COMPONENTS OF THE MPA ENGAGE PILOT ACTIONS



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## METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR SETTING UP A PARTICIPATORY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

**There is no  
one-size-fits-  
all approach!**

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Local contexts vary depending on the nature and magnitude of existing and future threats, the condition of the ecological resources, past and ongoing management efforts, prevailing political and socioeconomic circumstances, etc.





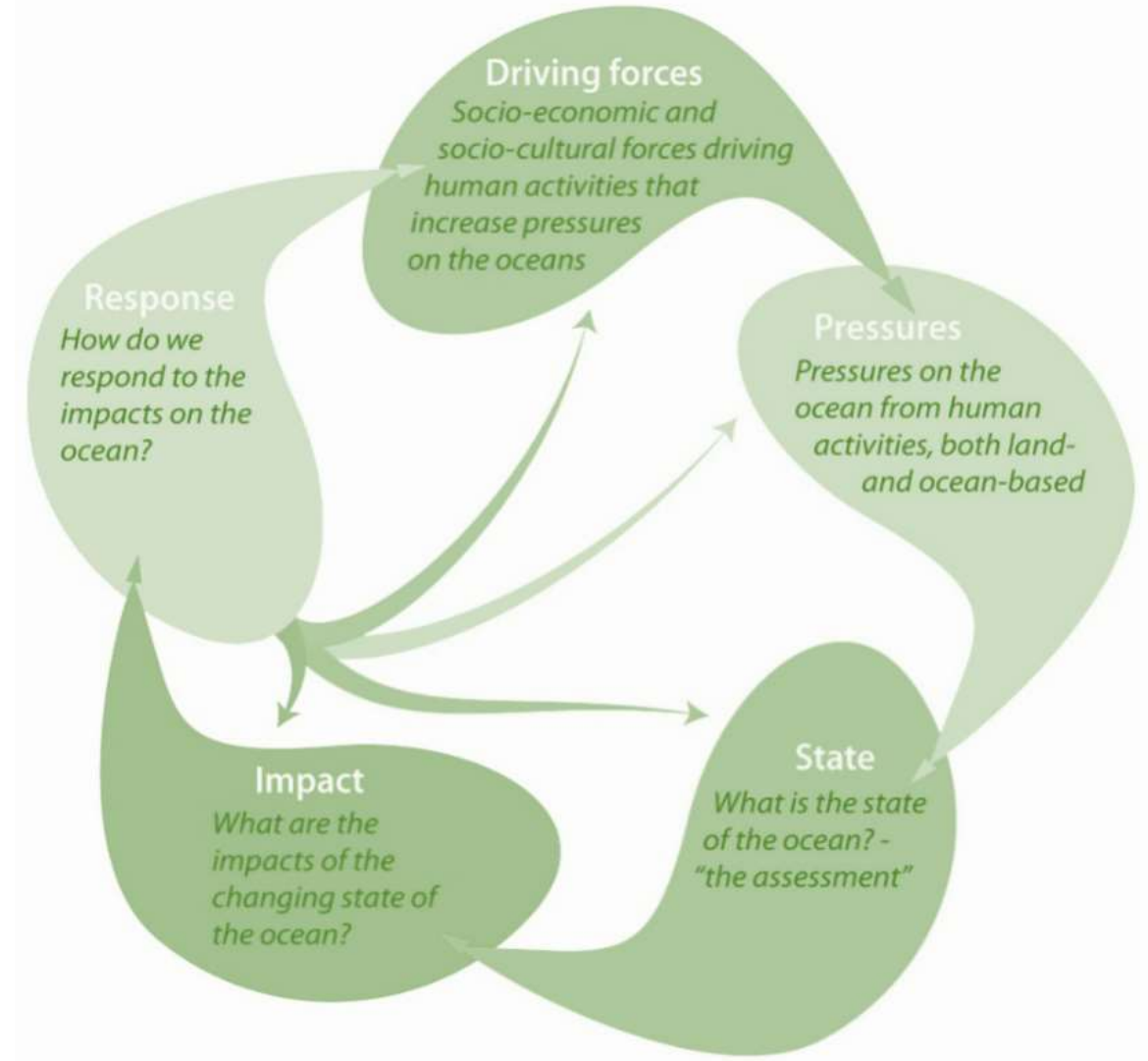
**WHICH** are the  
fundamental parts of  
the planning  
process?

**HOW** do these  
parts fit together?



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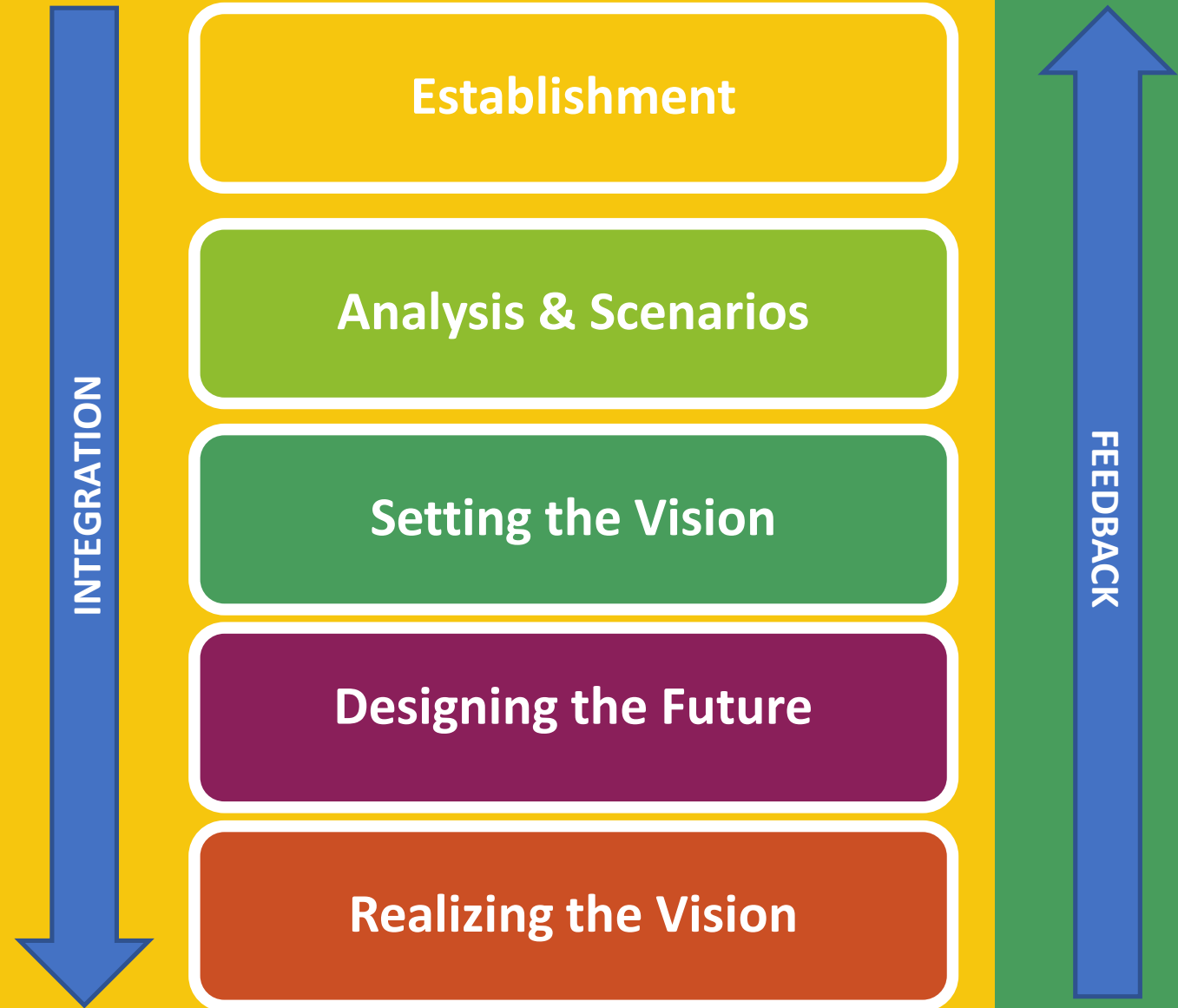
- **Driving forces** are the socio-economic and socio-cultural forces driving human activities, which increase or mitigate pressures on the environment.
- **Pressures** are the stresses that human activities place on the environment.
- **State**, or state of the environment, is the condition of the environment.
- **Impacts** are the effects of environmental degradation.
- **Responses** refer to the responses by society to the environmental situation.





## THE FIVE-PHASE PLANNING PROCESS

*Scoullos, M. (ed), 2015. An Integrative Methodological Framework (IMF) for coastal, river basin and aquifer management. UNEP/MAP-PAP/RAC, GWP-Med and UNESCO-IHP. MedPartnership.*

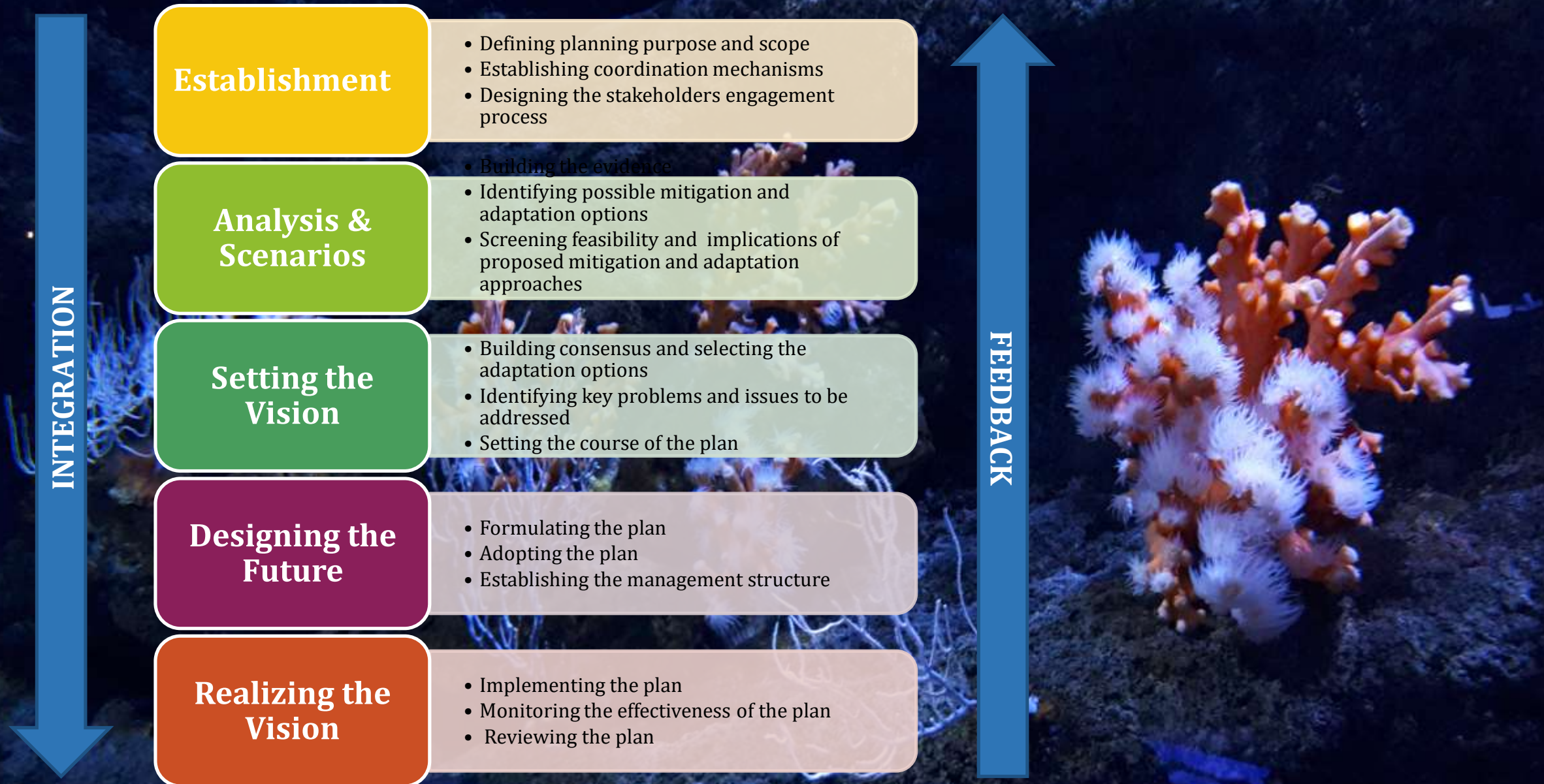


**The various phases of the planning process should not be seen necessarily as distinct steps but as parts of a continuum.**



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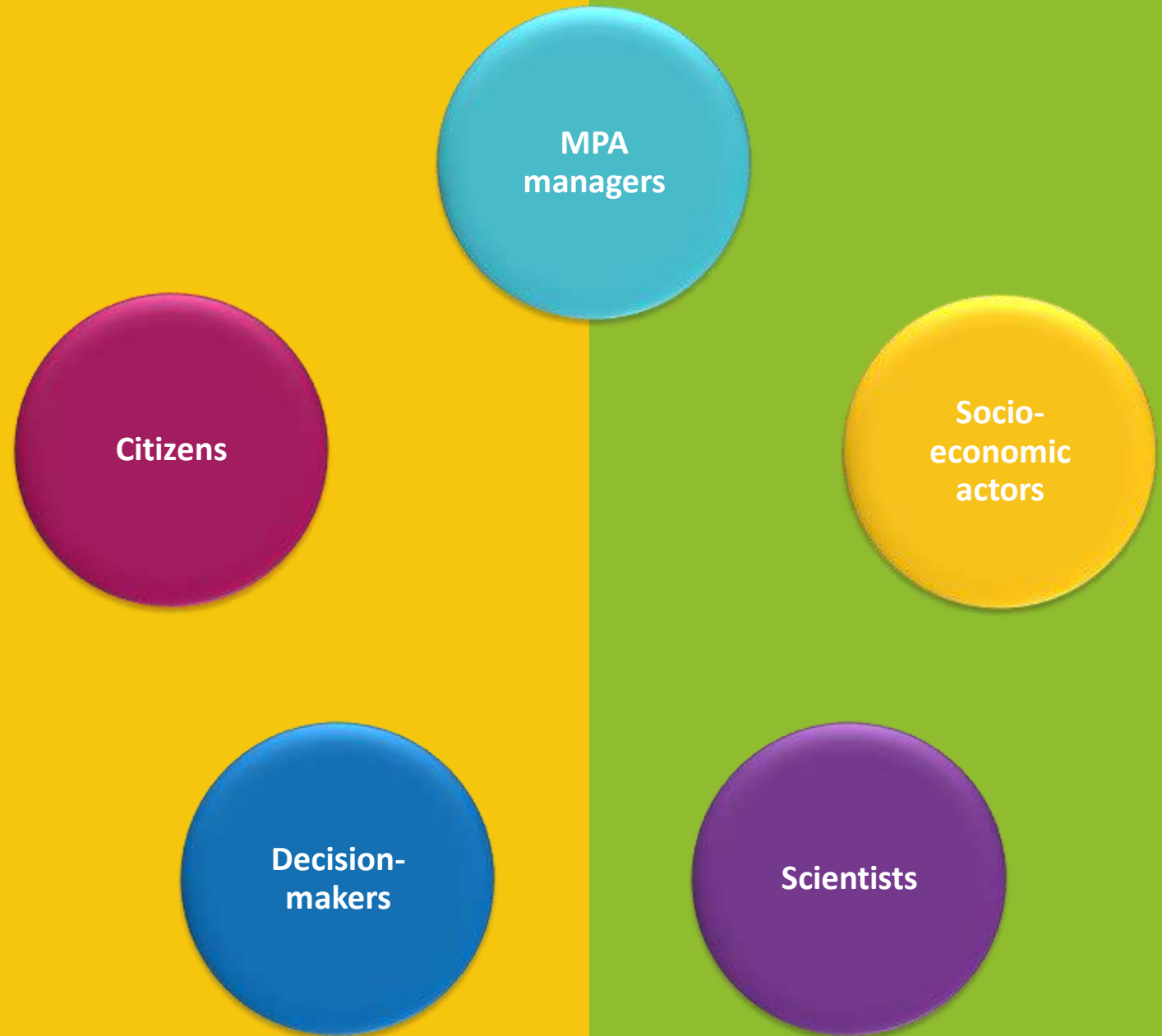






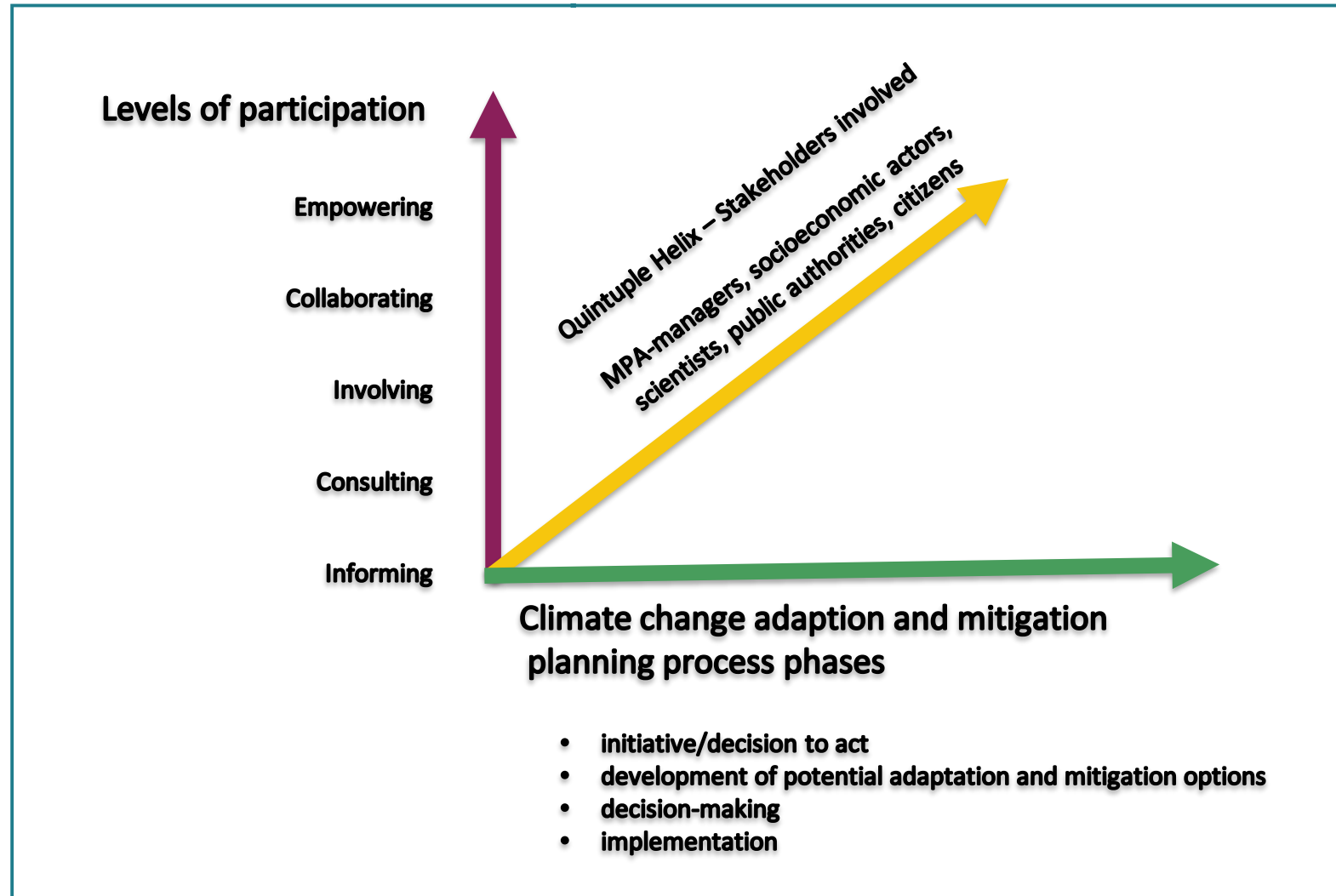
## WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED

## THE QUINTUPLE HELIX APPROACH



# THE MPA-ENGAGE PARTICIPATION MATRIX

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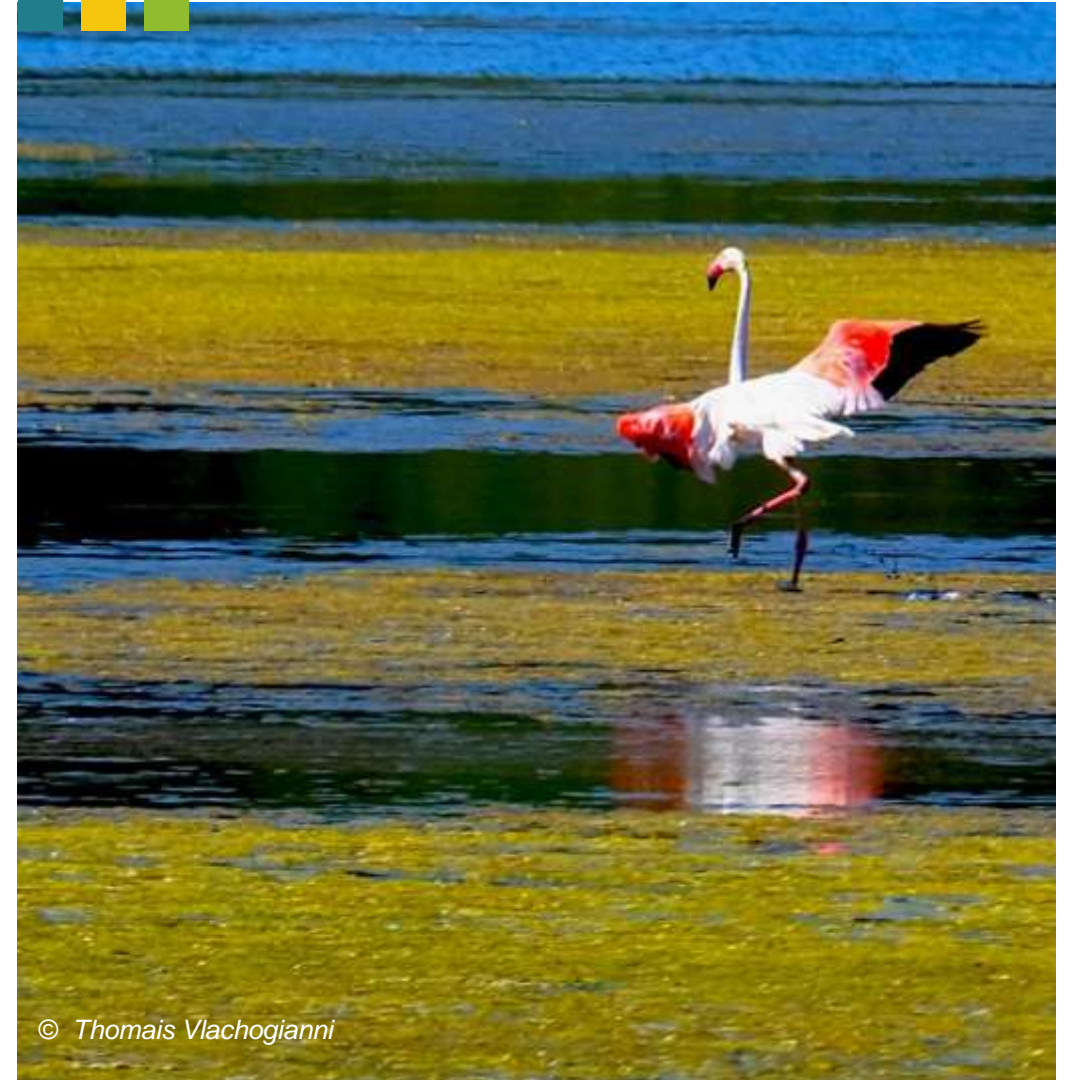
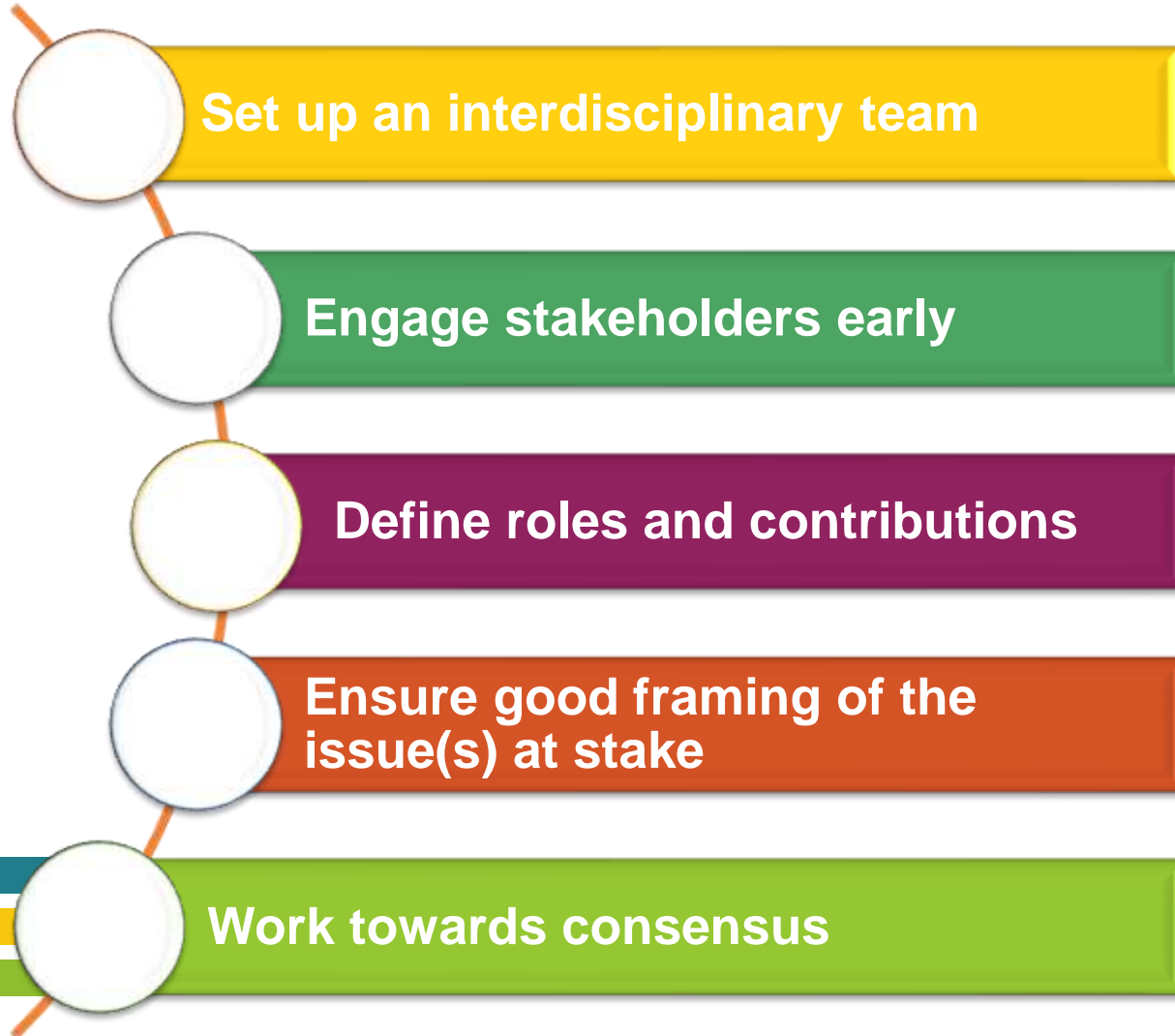
## Harnessing stakeholder consensus throughout the five-phase planning process

Environmental planning processes typically lie at the science-policy-society interface. They involve wide-ranging stakeholders with competing agendas and vested interests in the ultimate decision-making. In order to ensure transparent, appropriate and effective decision-making it is essential to **build consensus towards reaching agreement.**

# HOW TO HARNESS STAKEHOLDER CONSENSUS



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## HOW TO HARNESS STAKEHOLDER CONSENSUS



Work towards consensus

Create a respectful and trusting atmosphere

Explore differences

Take a pragmatic approach to decision-making

Confirm agreement & be open



# Thank You!

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