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# Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

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# M&E Framework

*Establish consistent and cost-effective approach for monitoring habitat restoration projects to document the extent to which intended benefits were achieved.*

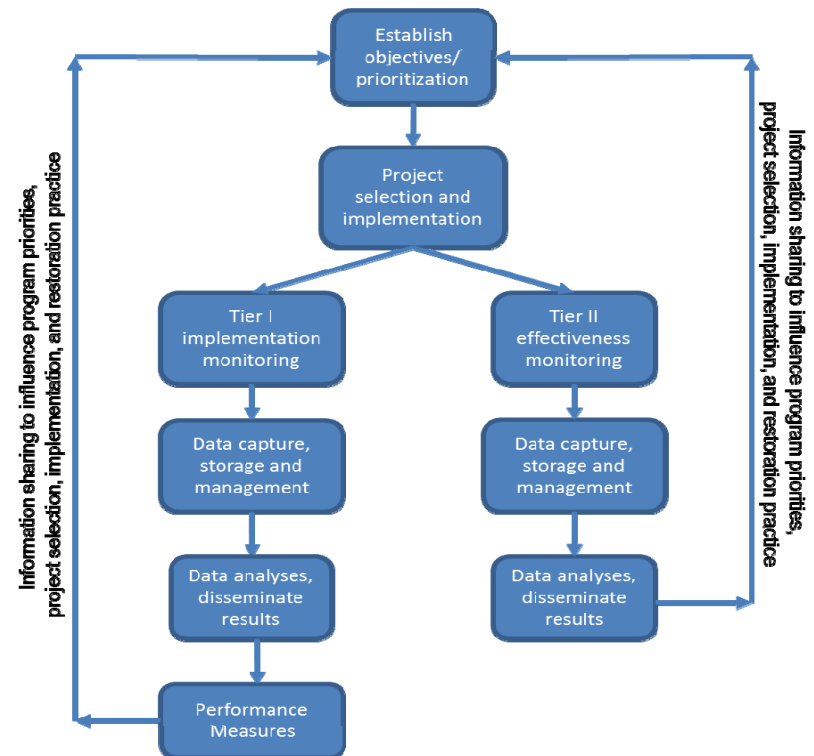


# M&E Framework - Two Tier Approach

**Tier 1** - Systematic data collection to assess whether a restoration action was carried out as designed (e.g., implementation monitoring) and to determine if the restoration action is providing a basic level of effectiveness. Applied to all funded project that fall with one of the four RC strategies.

## Standardized Metrics Established for Four RC Strategies

- **Fish Passage** – Remove barriers to diadromous fish passage
- **Hydrologic Reconnection** - Restore tidal wetland & riverine hydrology
- **Shellfish** – Increase shellfish populations
- **Corals** – Restore & protect coral habitat



# M&E Framework Reminder

**Tier 2** - Targeted effectiveness questions focused on assessing progress toward the desired goals and outcomes of the project or strategy. Applied only to a few select projects.

## Effectiveness Questions Identified for Four RC Strategies

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