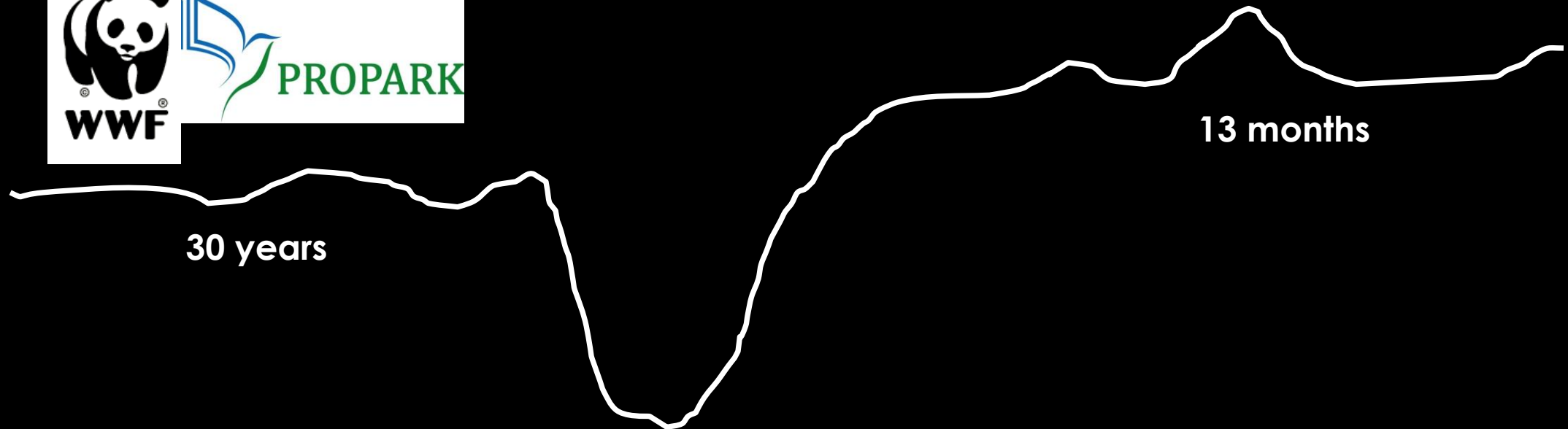


GRASSROOTS OR TOP OF THE DECISION MAKING TREE?

- for implementing the conservation agenda -

GRASSROOTS OR ... - ???



30 years

13 months

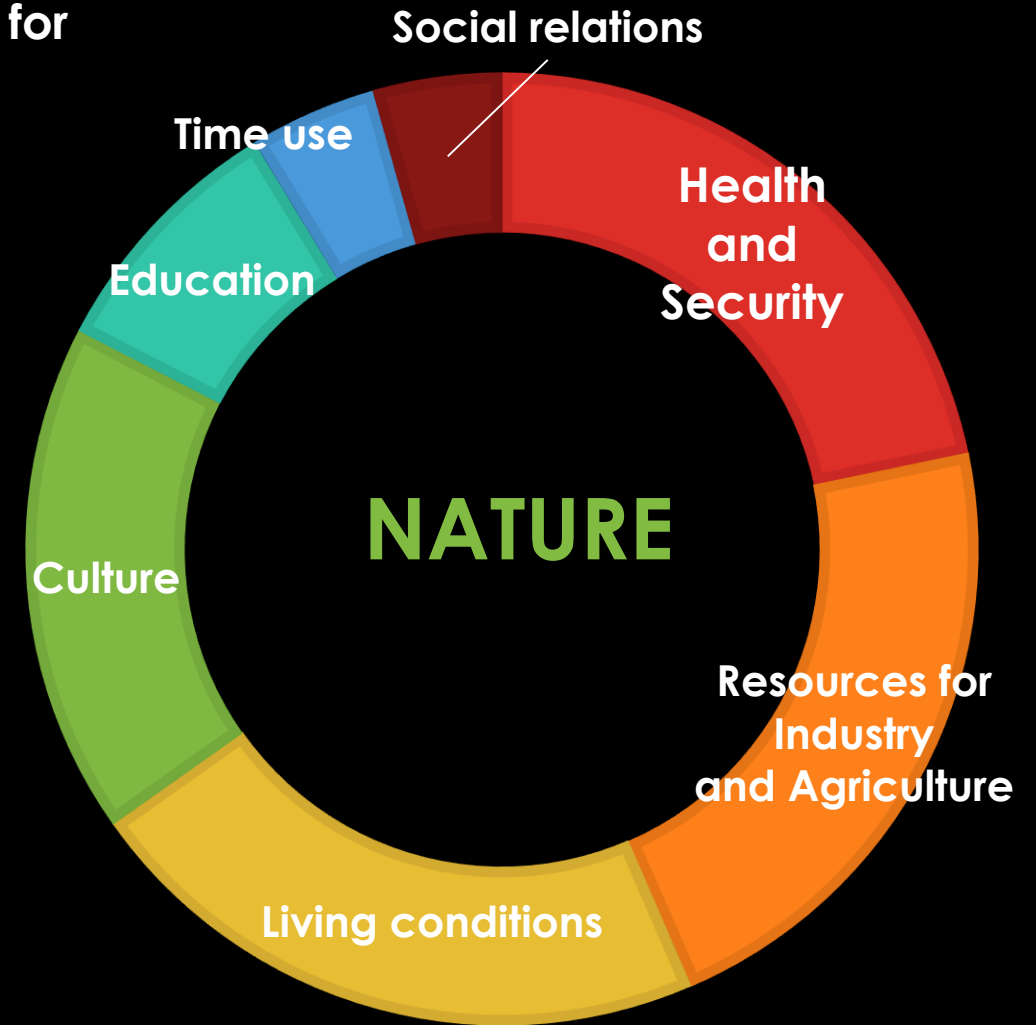
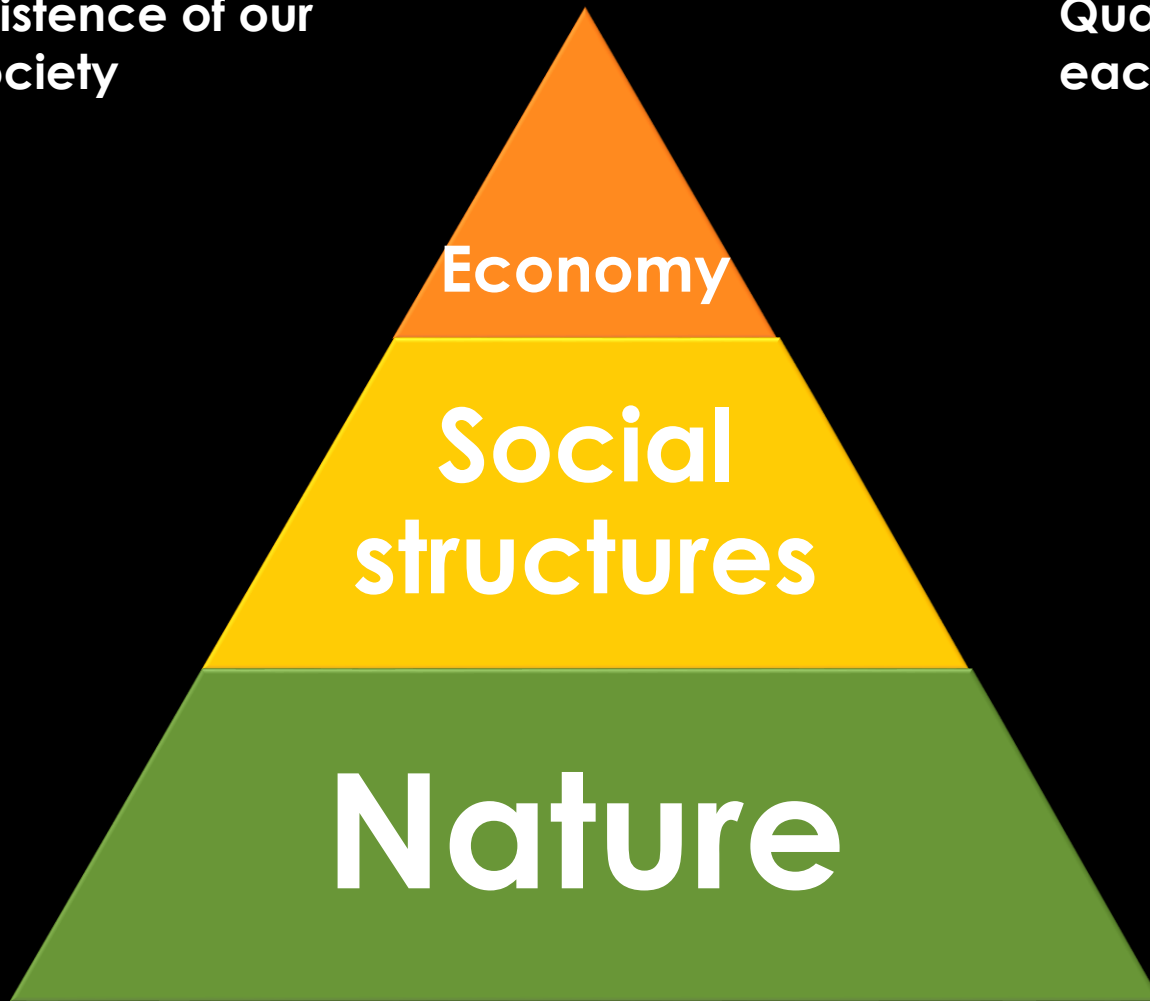
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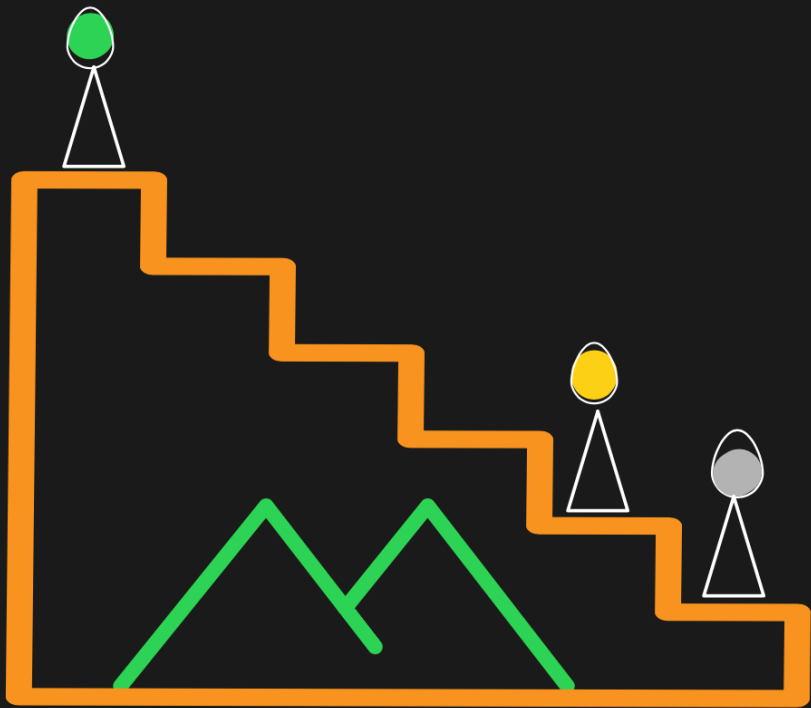
WE ALL KNOW!

Existence of our
Society

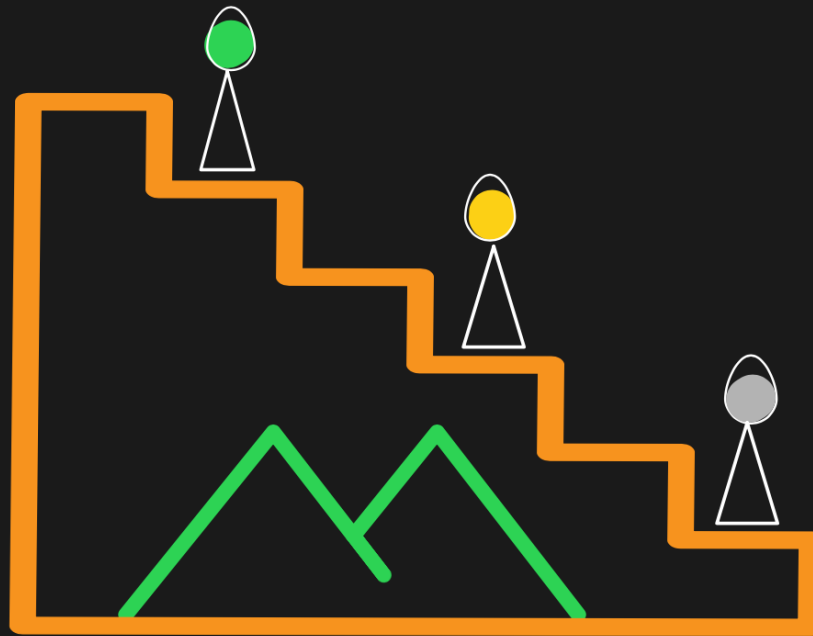
Quality of Life for
each of us



THE KEY FACTOR FOR CONSERVATION:






"Field" staff

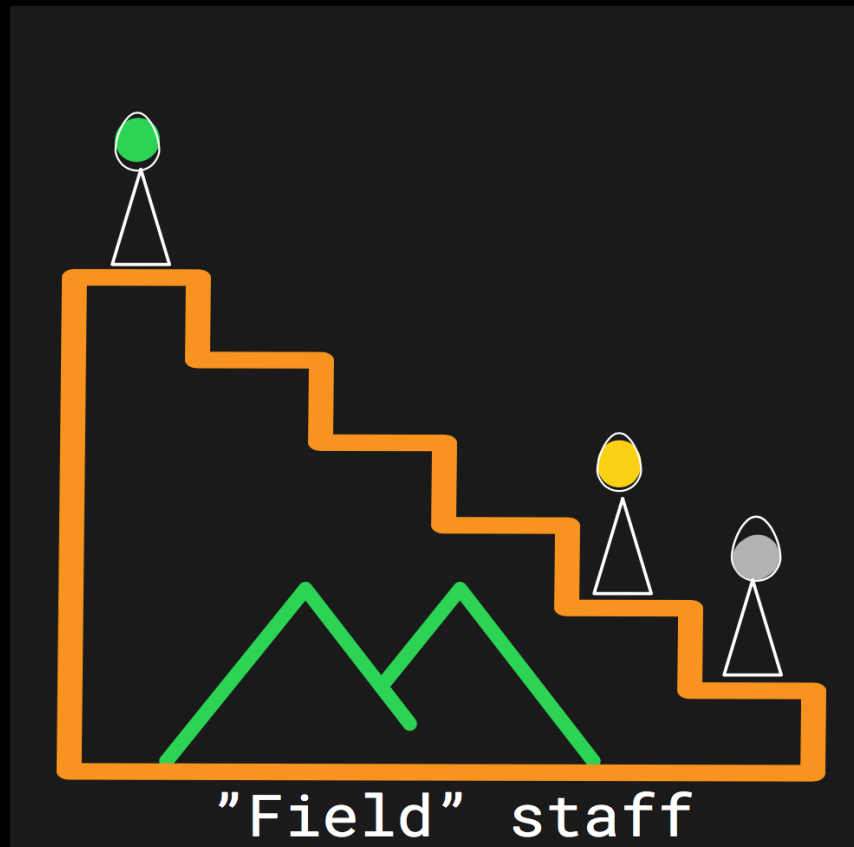


"Field" staff



-  Very active
Fights for conservation
-  Neutral
Might be "activated"
-  Passive
Does not care

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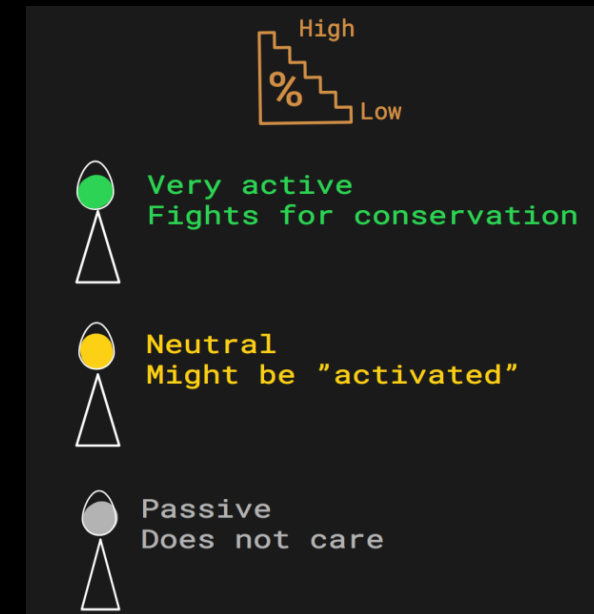
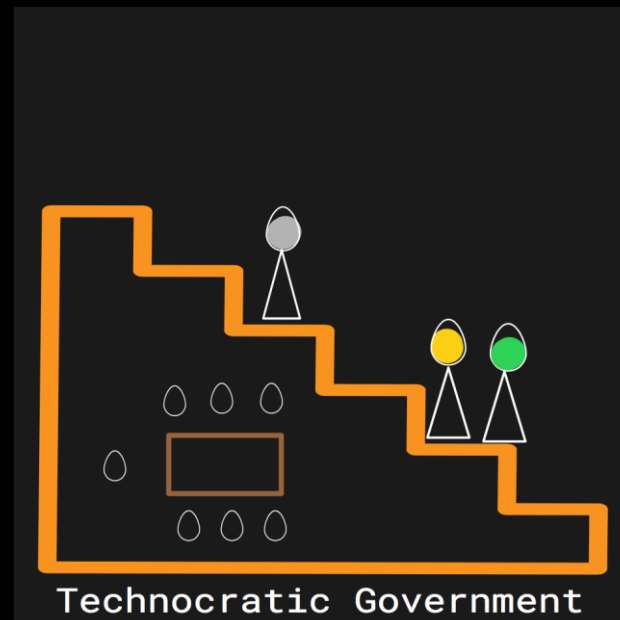
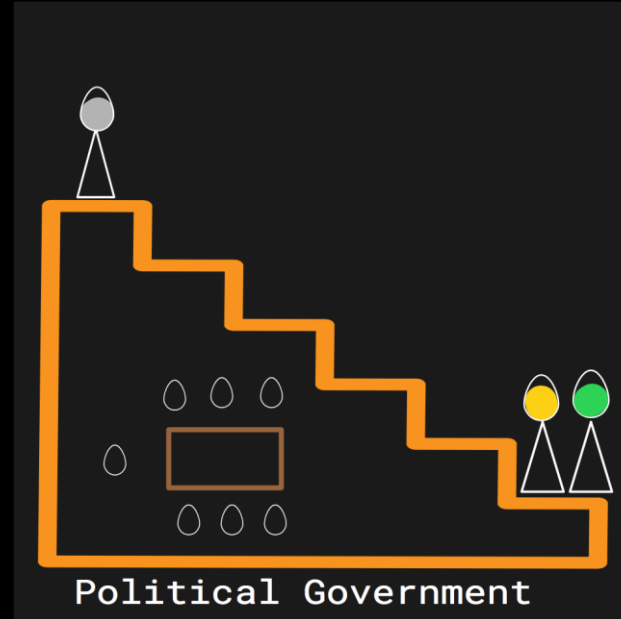
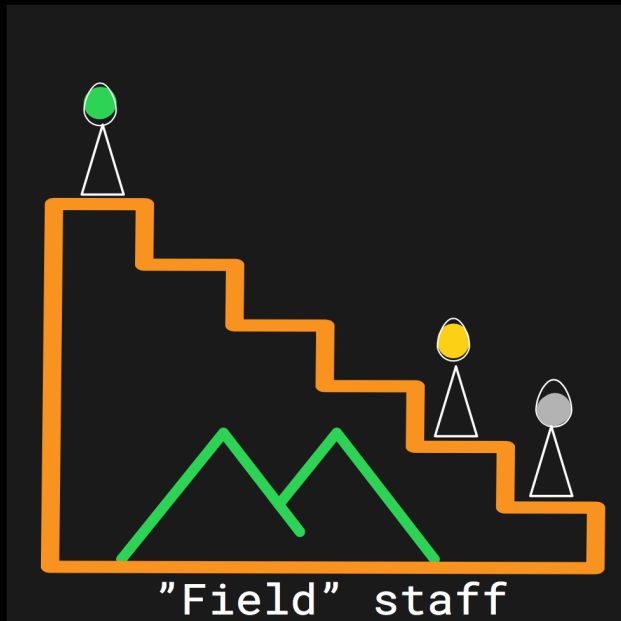


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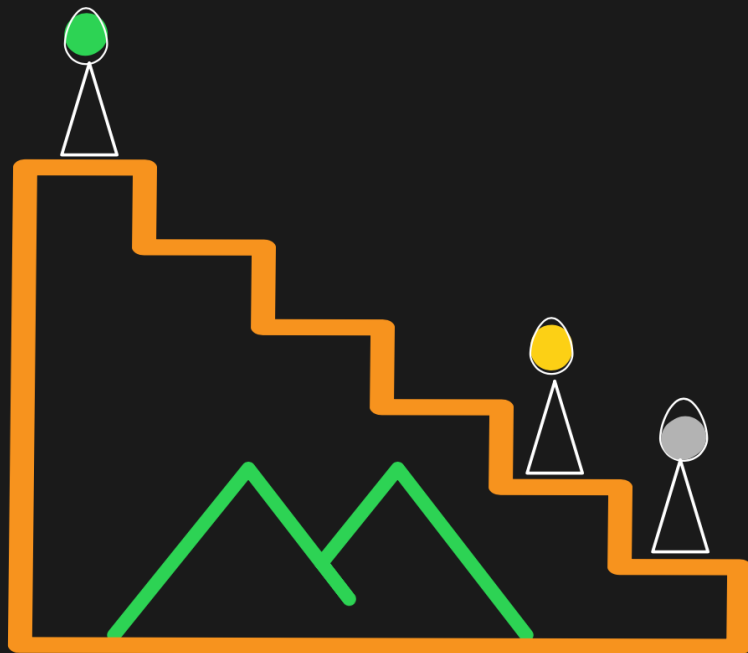
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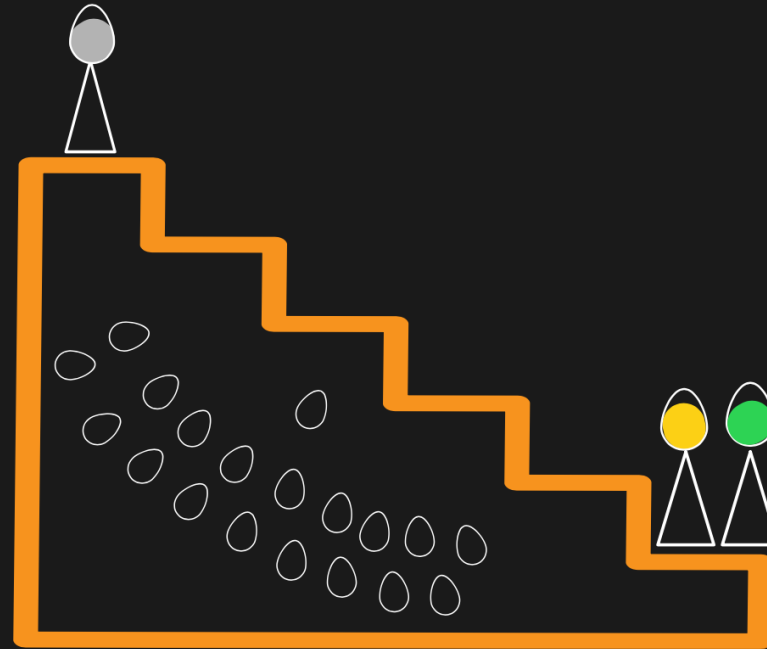
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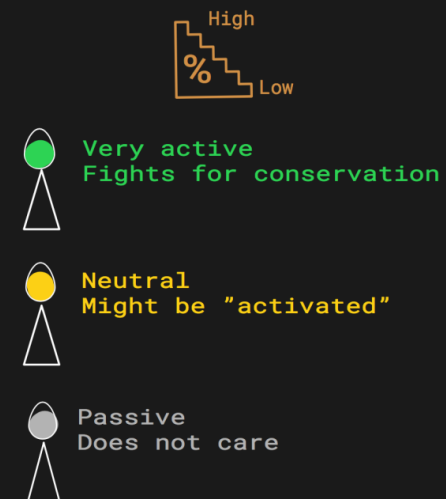
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"Field" staff



Parliament



THE KEY FACTOR FOR CONSERVATION

High
%
Low



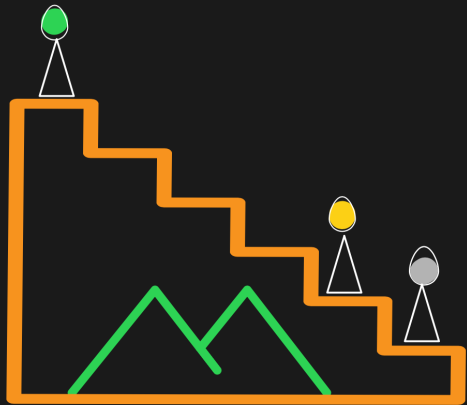
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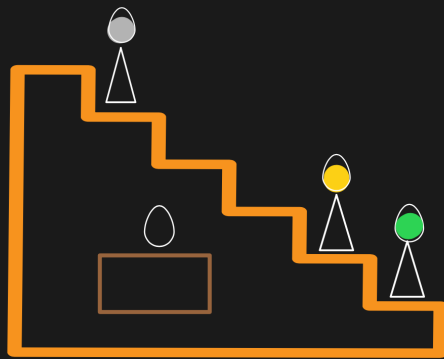
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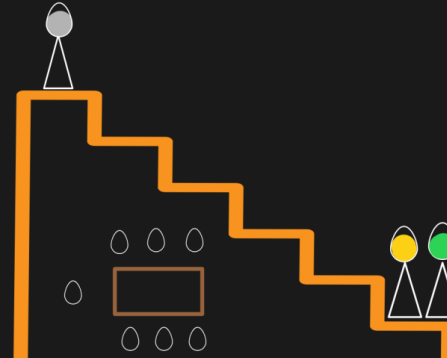
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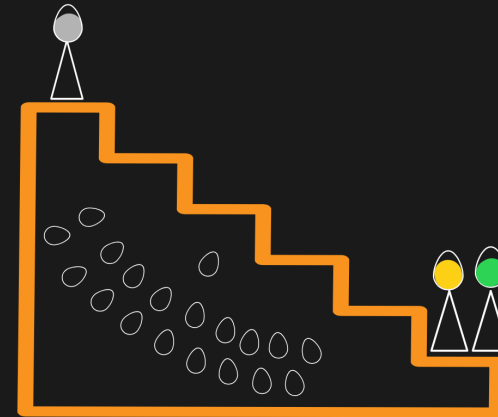
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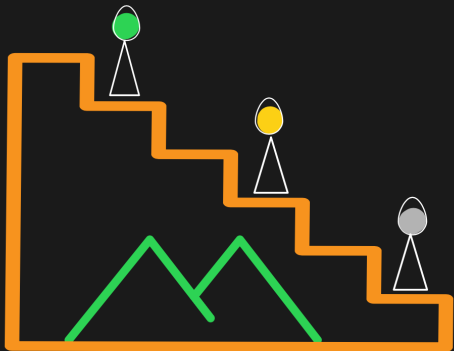
Ministries - staff



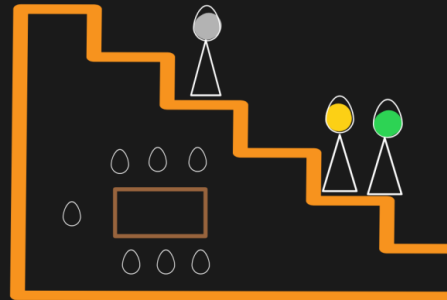
Political Government



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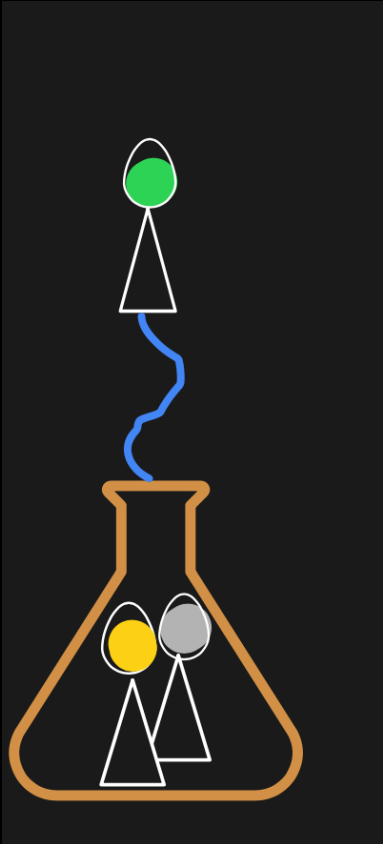
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Technocratic Government

How much TIME for the CHANGES
we need??

CHANGE – ATTITUDES



"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

Winston Churchill

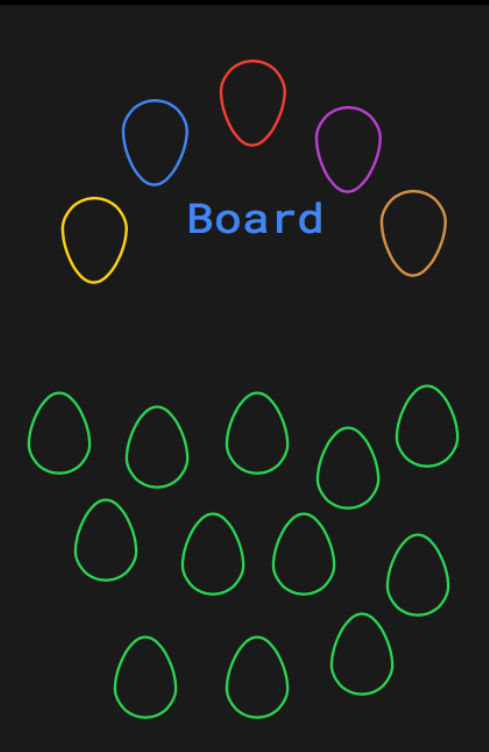
Attitude changes in 13 months???

Maybe ... ?!

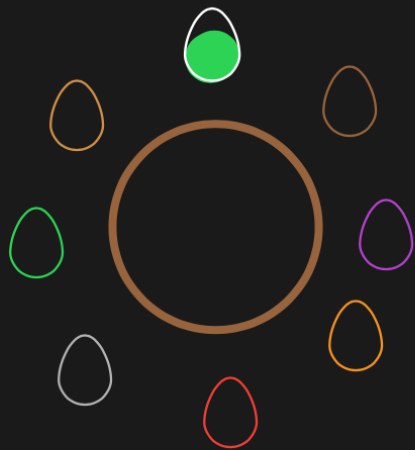
CHANGE – GOOD GOVERNANCE

National Forest Administration

- New, completely independent BOARD (no NFA employees)
- Performance indicators:
 - profit
 - + sustainable forest management
 - + conservation – primeval forests, PA management
 - + cooperation / transparency
 - + communication



CHANGE - TRANSPARENCY



Consultation / debates

Real consultation processes for 16 legal documents – very time consuming, but...

Public debates – very good organizational and facilitation capacities needed

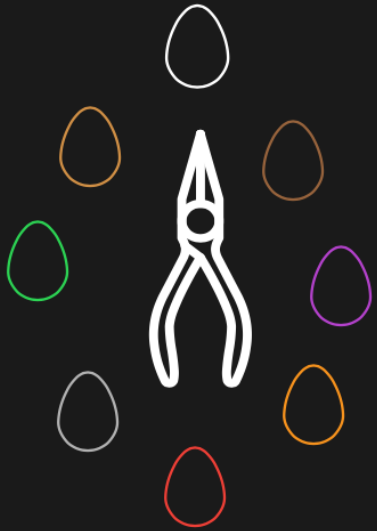


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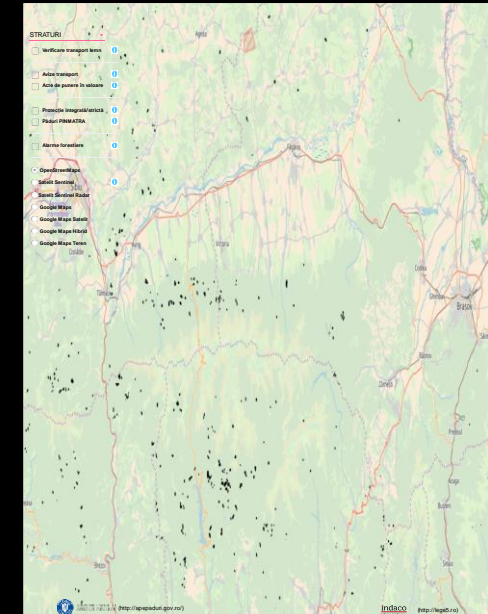
National Forest Council - legal framework

Forest Inspector

- Improved mobile application
- New web platform



Tools for public participation



CHANGE - TRANSPARENCY



Reporting / publications

Priorities for 2016: status – every months, Final Report

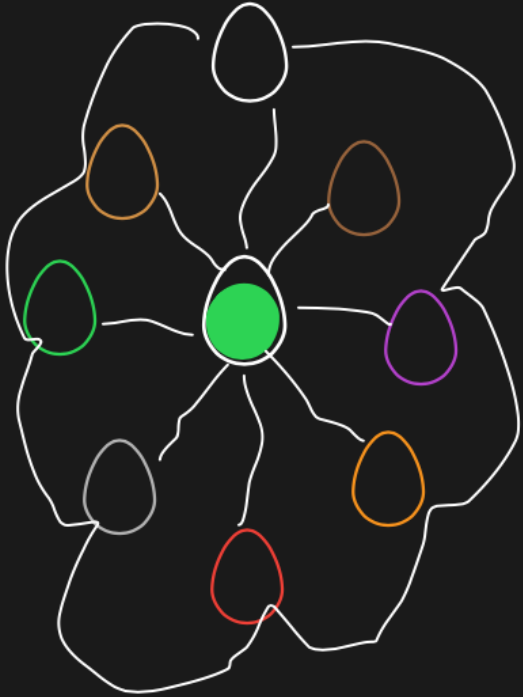
State of Forests: annual reports 2005 – 2015, published 2016

Primeval forest layers – developed 2003, published 2016

National Forest Inventory - Results 2008 – 2012, published 2016

Reports of the Forest Guards (results of controls) – published 2016

CHANGE – INVOLVING OTHERS



4 Working Groups lead by the Ministry

4 Working Groups lead by stakeholder representatives: universities, NGOs

GRASSROOTS OR DECISION MAKING?



MINISTERUL MEDIULUI,
APELOR ȘI PĂDURILOR



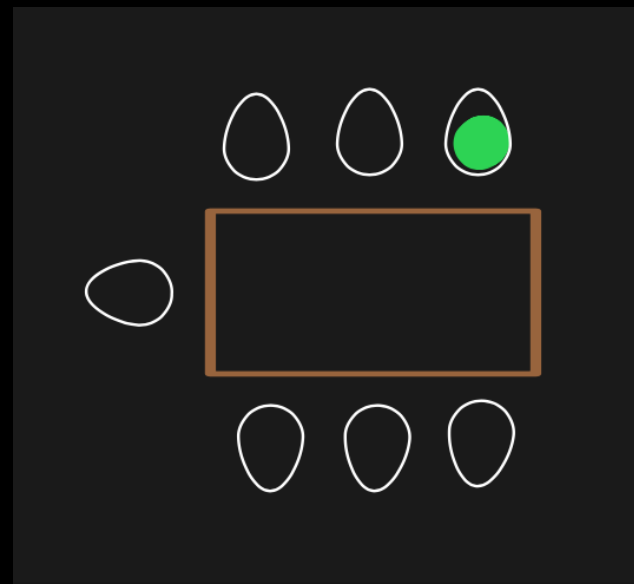
GRASSROUTE OR DECISION MAKING?

Compensation payments for conservation and environmental service
- forest owners -

10 years – no result



9 months:
draft government
decision + EC Decision



GRASSROUTE OR DECISION MAKING?

Protecting Pimeval Forests

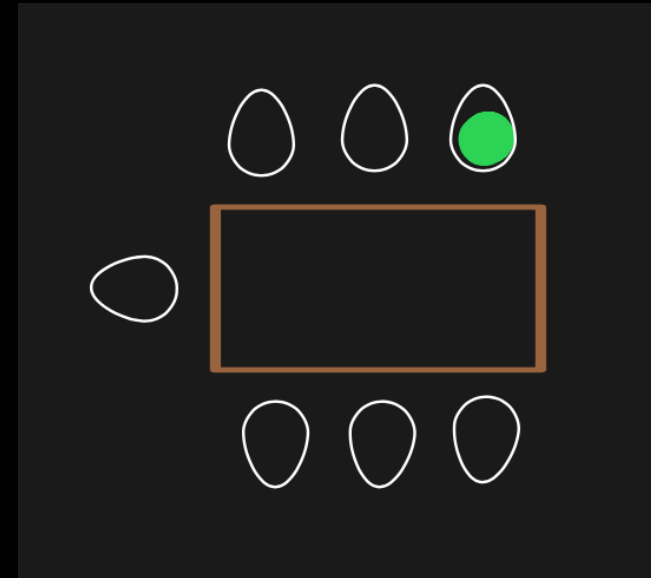
12 years:

- Identification Criteria
- Obligation for protection, but no real protection



9 months:

- Virgin Forest protection procedure
- First version of Virgin Forest Catalogue
 - Fines!



SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

- *Decision making: Power???*

Responsibility!!!

- *Technocratic Government vs Political Government: +++ and ----*

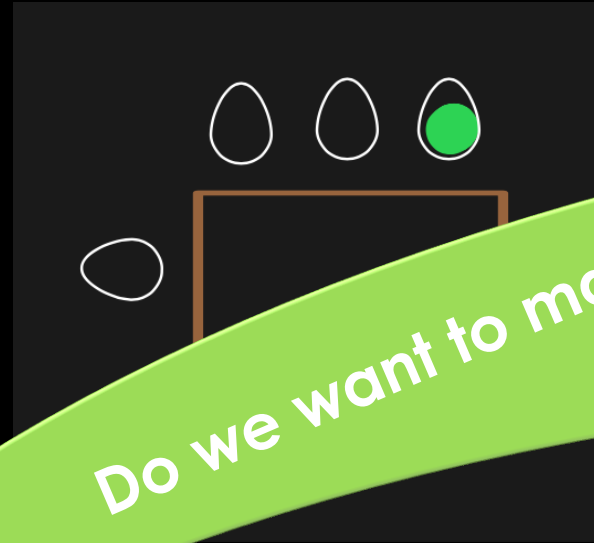
Would I join a Political Government now???

Political gvt RO: "Part of the problem is that the politicians seem not to believe that anything is more important than their ministerial limousines and the extra fat superannuation they get. Nothing is worth resigning over. No principle matters enough to fight for, and try to win over the unconvinced. [...] *There must be more to it than limos and perks. Or maybe not.*" *James Alan*

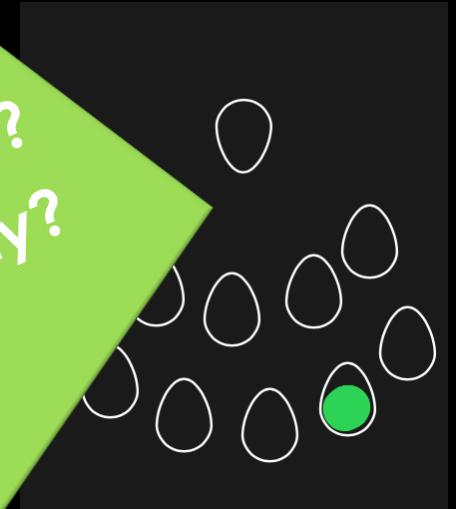
GRASSROOTS OR DECISION MAKING?



- Legislation - lobby – time!
- Resource allocation – lobby
- Making things happen
- Bringing people together – yes, but no authority



- Changing legislation – yes %
- Decisions within the existing legal framework
- Resource allocation – lobby and decision
- Bringing people together – authority



- Changing legislation – yes
- Approves and oversees the activity of the Government
- Resource allocation - decision

Do we want to make the leap?
Are we ready?

CHANGE – TEAM WORK!!!





GRASSROOTS OR TOP OF THE DECISION MAKING TREE?

- for implementing the conservation agenda -