

The aim of this STSM is to create a common database for core variables of WG3 based on real NFIs data. Each country joining the COST ACTION E43 was asked and agreed to provide a sample set of rough data (deadline 15. Sept. 2007) which are needed for testing the references. The data base will be performed.

The working steps are:

1. Harmonisation of each variable to format a unique common database.
2. Development of a relation-based database (in Access) getting a structure in order to create queries necessary for the elaboration and evaluation of the references.
3. Data analyses according to the reference definitions.
4. For country data which do not fit to the references, bridging functions (algorithm) will be used to test the possibility of harmonisation.
4. Summarized overview to the potentials of a common data base to report on biodiversity in Europe.

The results will be presented to the participants of WG3 in a report and a presentation (meeting in Romania) in order to discuss further harmonization problems and the results of the reference test.