

# Workshop session

How do we synthesise and prioritise the conservation issues?

- *published information*
- *expert knowledge*



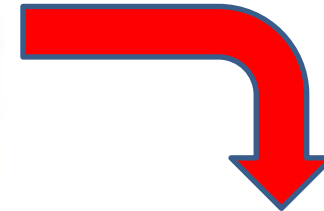
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**Data extraction**



**Data analysis**



**Report writing**

# Mind mapping and the Delphi process



What we will do today

list of conservation issues



*expert panel*

sort, order, prioritise



*expert panel*

reflect, reorder, reprioritise

final report on  
prioritised  
conservation issues





# The conservation science dilemma...

*...do ecologists wear their conservationist hats and muster their expertise in defense of life, or do they wear their scientist hats and muster their expertise in defense of “truth”?*

Earl D. McCoy

*Herpetologica* **50**:98-103 (1994)

# Challenges and opportunities

## Challenges

- Assessing populations and habitats
- Data management
- Scale – species, sites, landscapes regions...
- Conflicting conservation interests
- Negative publicity
- Site disturbance by adder enthusiasts
- Political climate

## Opportunities

- Positive publicity
- Citizen science
- Collaboration between volunteers and scientists
- Political climate

# Where do we go from here?

- Complete Delphi analysis by Jan 2107 and report back at HWM 2017
- Press release?
- New campaign?

