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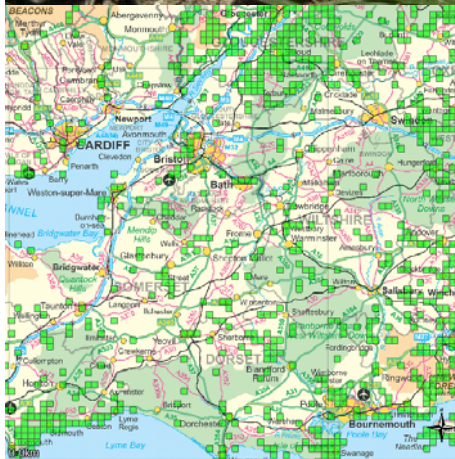


A Network to Access & Use UK Wildlife Data



# The National Biodiversity Network

## Diverse UK Partnership



National  
Recording  
Scheme /  
Society

is a broad UK partnership of diverse  
organisations all wishing to more  
easily...

- 1) **Find** out what information exists
- 2) **Assess** the suitability this information
- 3) **Access** a complete copy
- 4) **Use** suitable existing information

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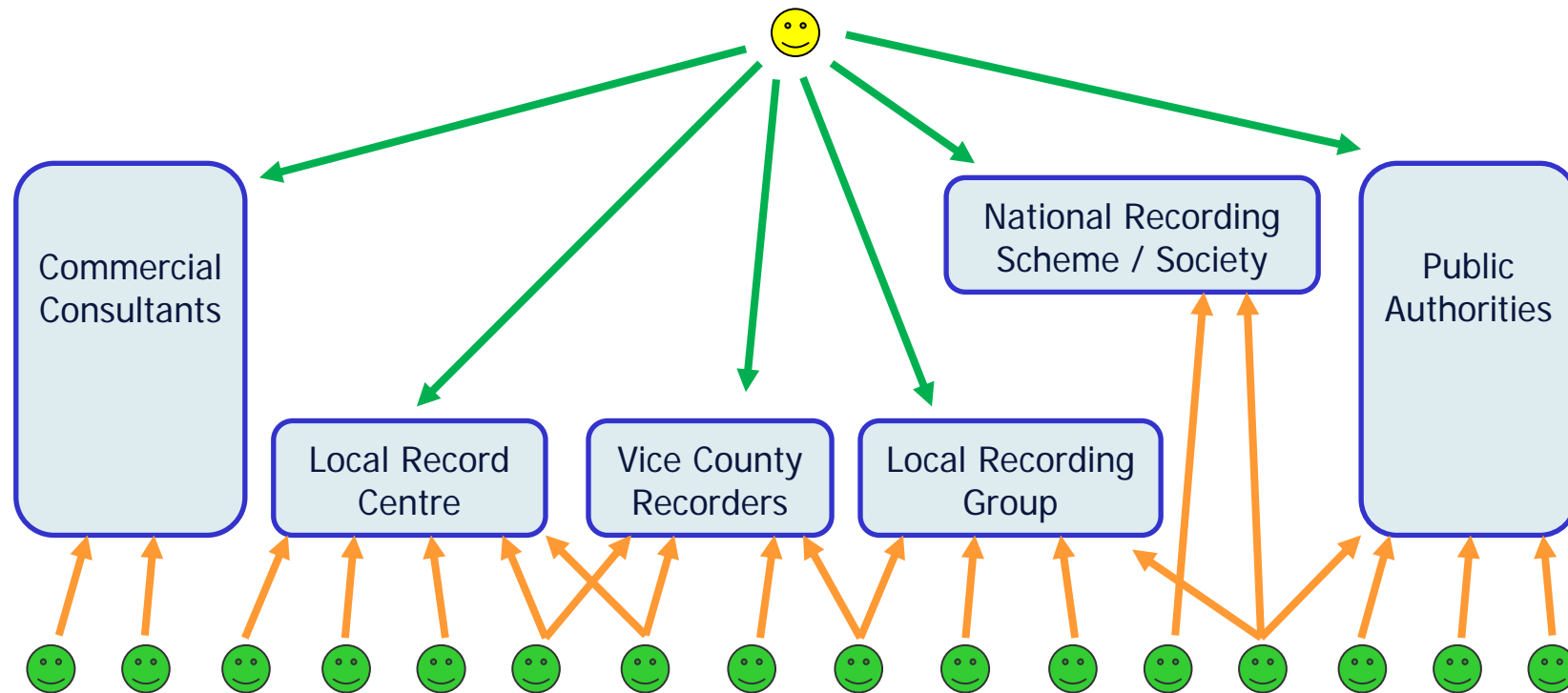
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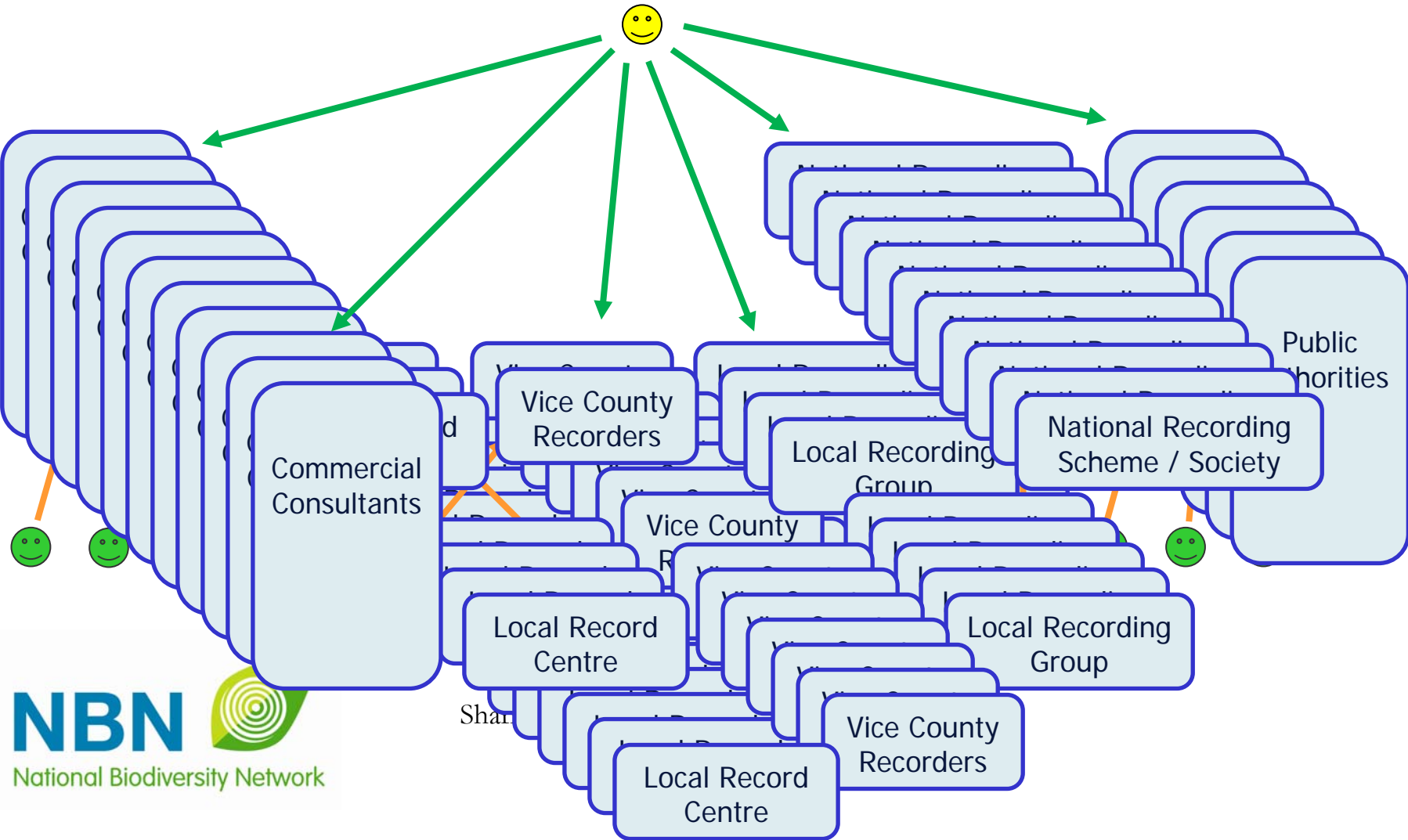
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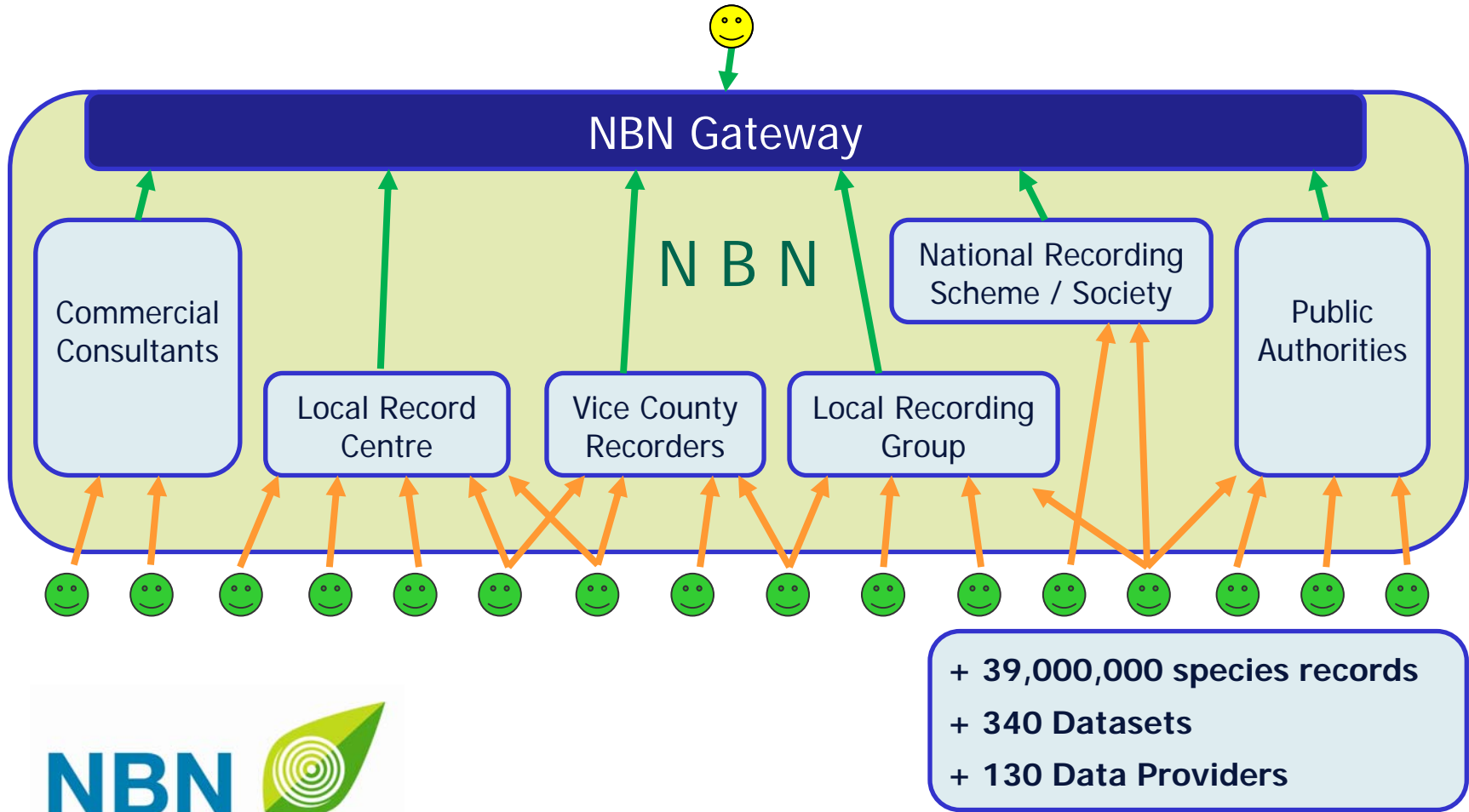
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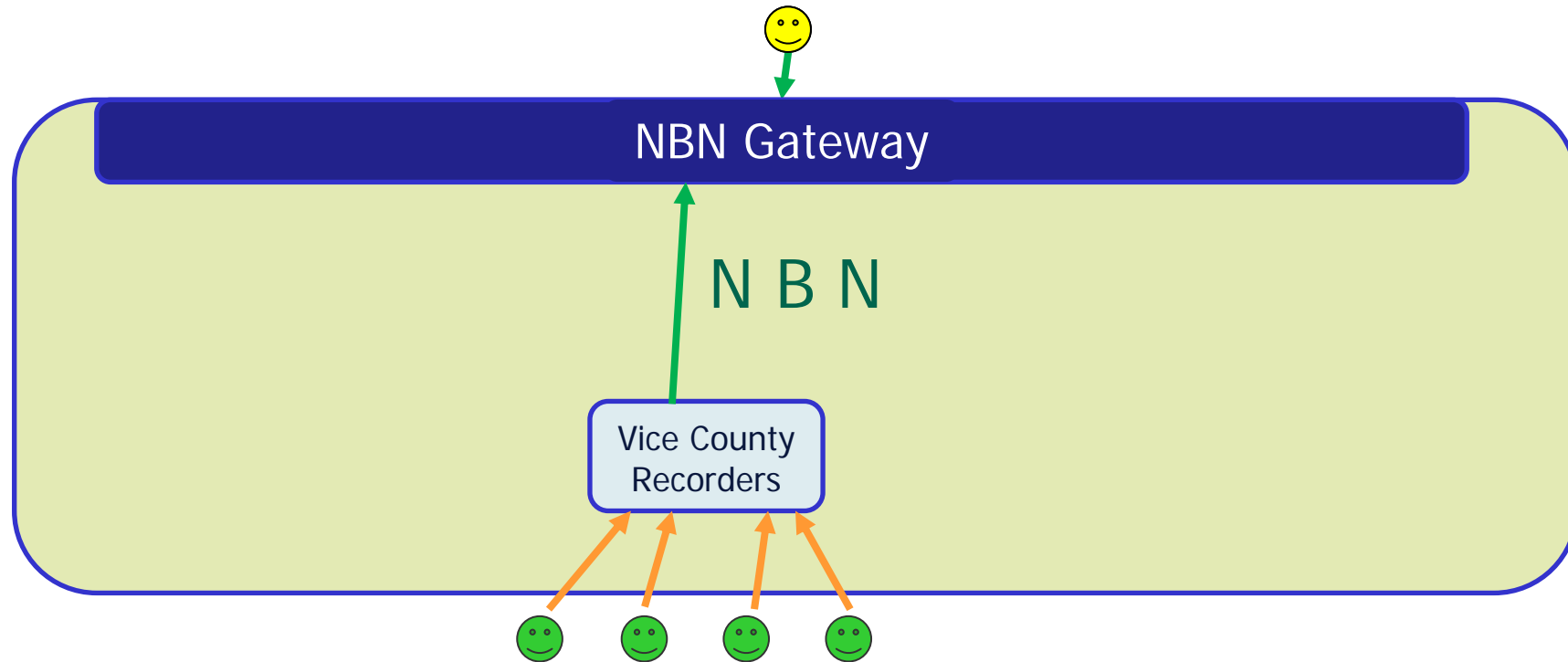
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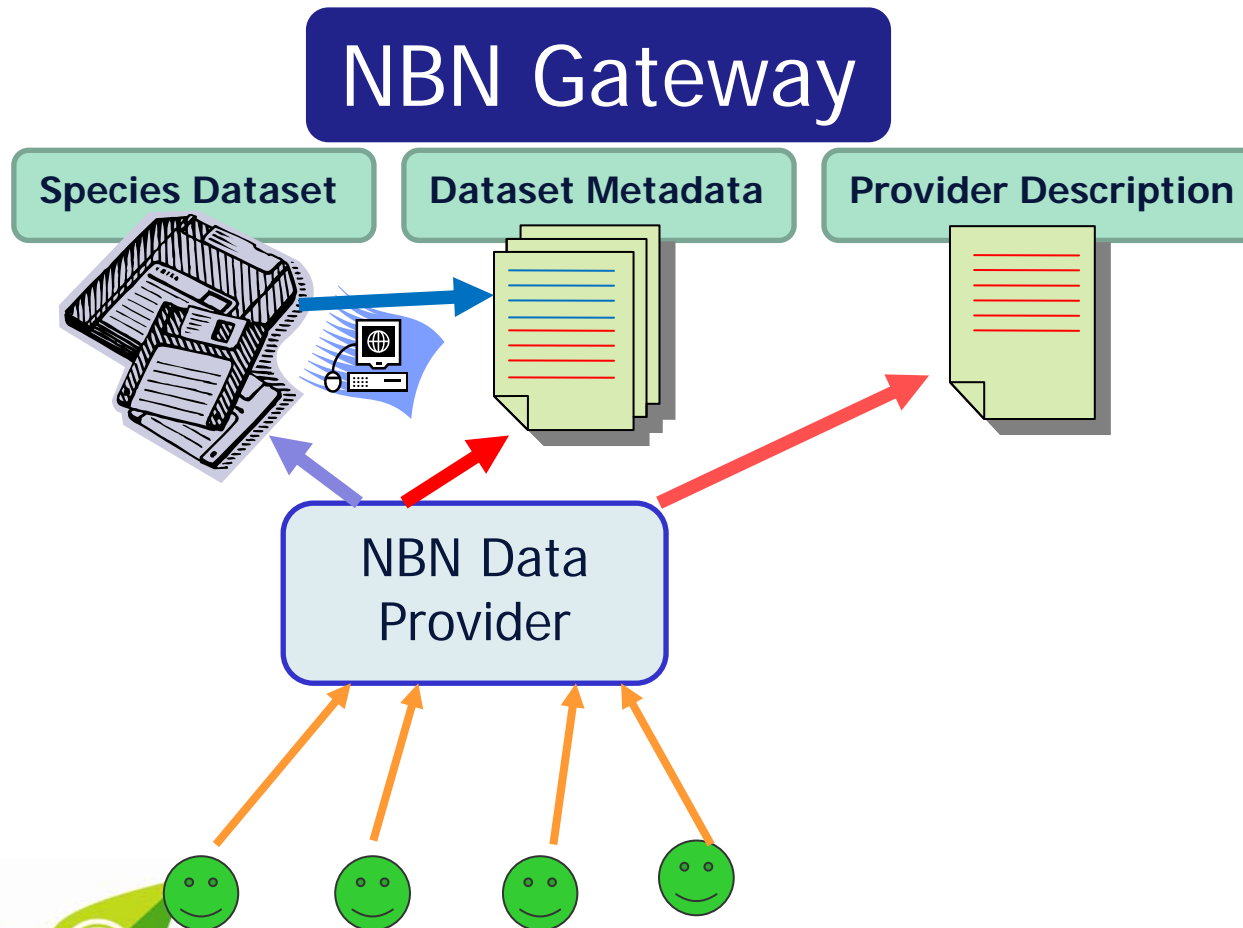
- + 39,000,000 species records
- + 340 Datasets
- + 130 Data Providers



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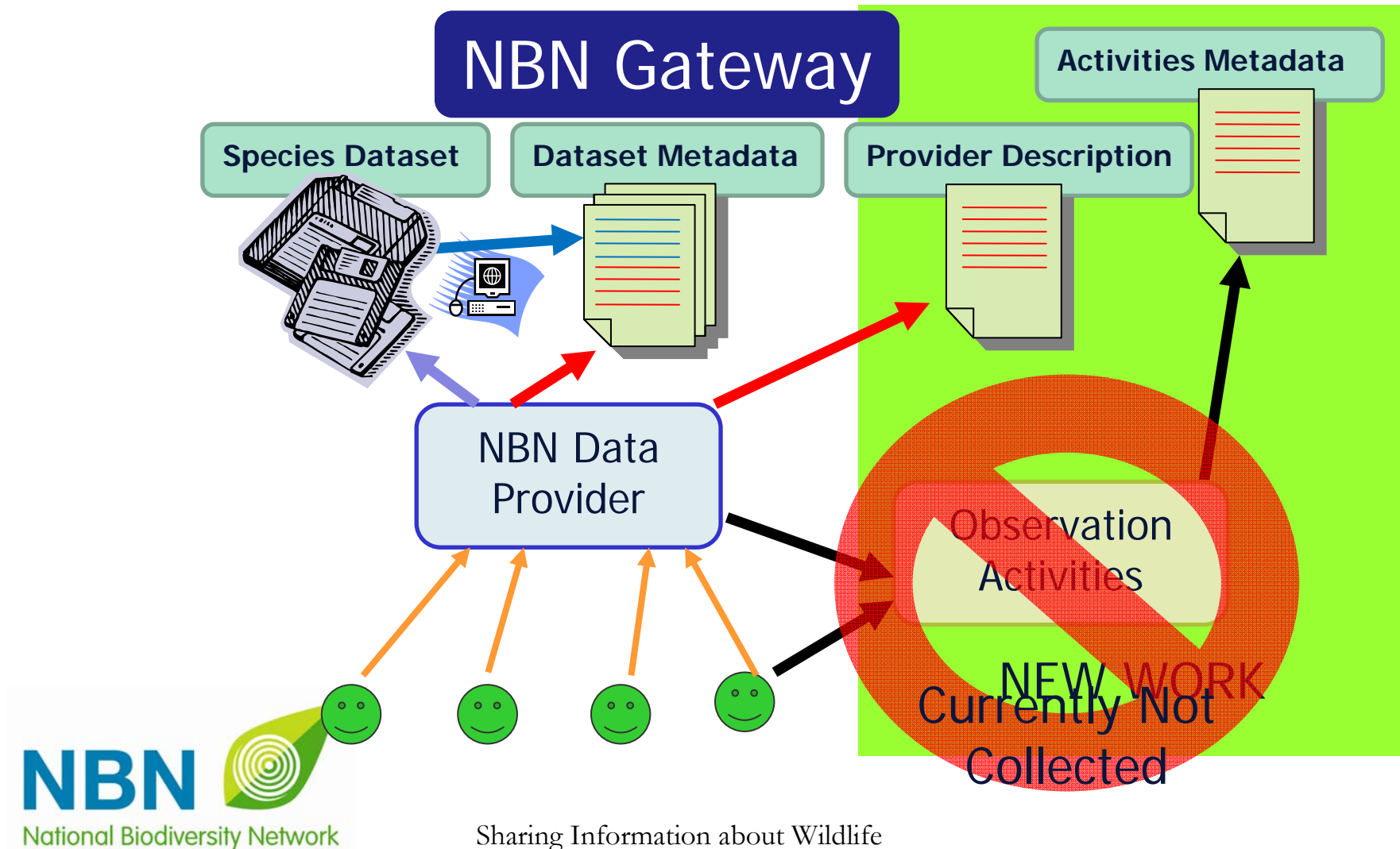
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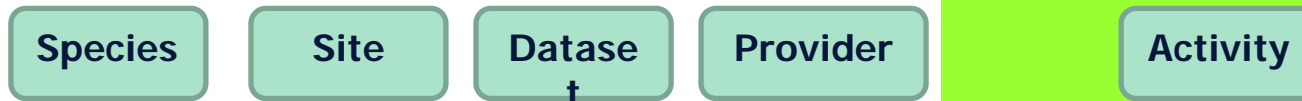
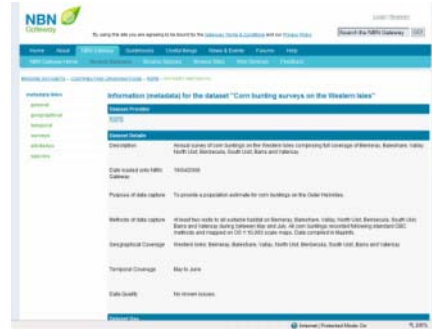
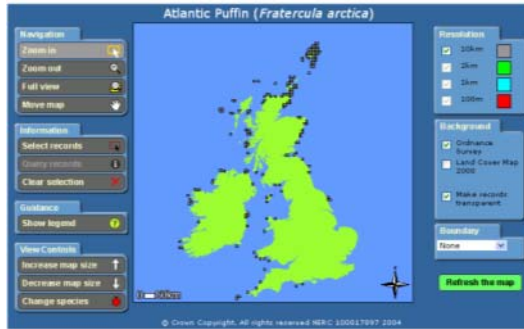
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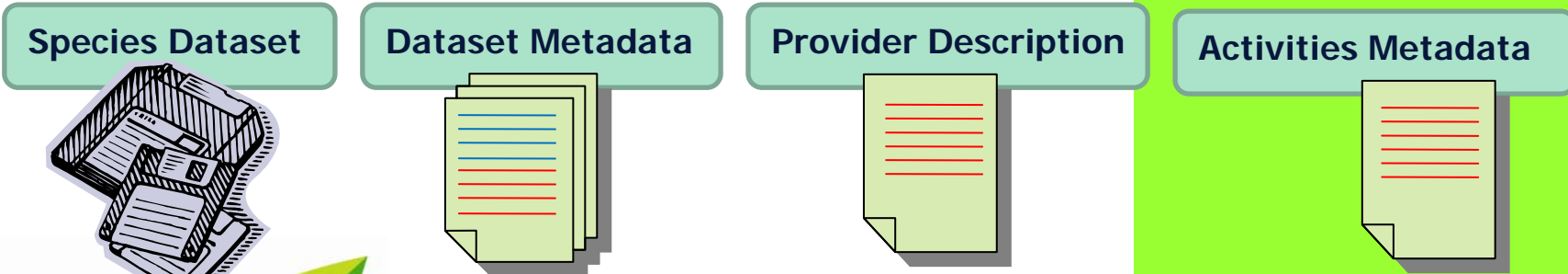


# Gateway Discovery & Metadata

What we do now & what EOF require



## NBN Gateway



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**UK EOF**

Environment Research Forum's Forum

- Research
- Policy
- Practice
- Skills

Officially starting in April 2008, the UK EOF will run for at least 5 years. It will provide a unique cross-sectoral framework for the scientific community and management to work together to address environmental challenges for the UK's future and to improve the quality of life for all.

It will be the only such cross-sectoral framework.

It will provide the foundation for the national components, and will ensure data interoperability and quality.

It will ensure the UK EOF activities and data are available, and that they have been broken down into the right size for user requirements.

• [About the UK EOF](#)

**NEW WORK**

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Thank You

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