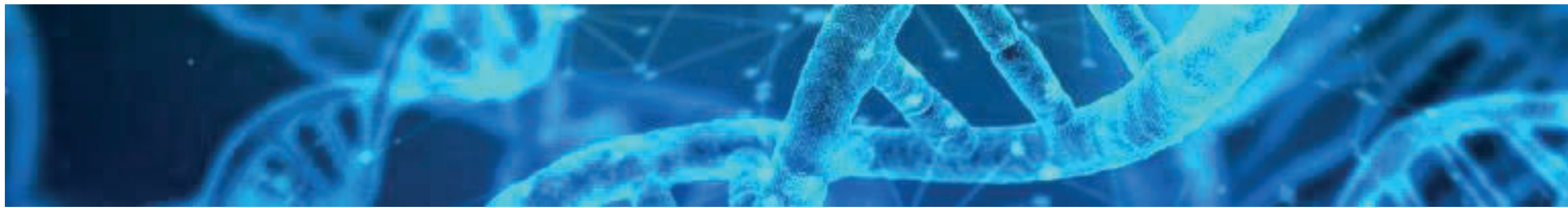


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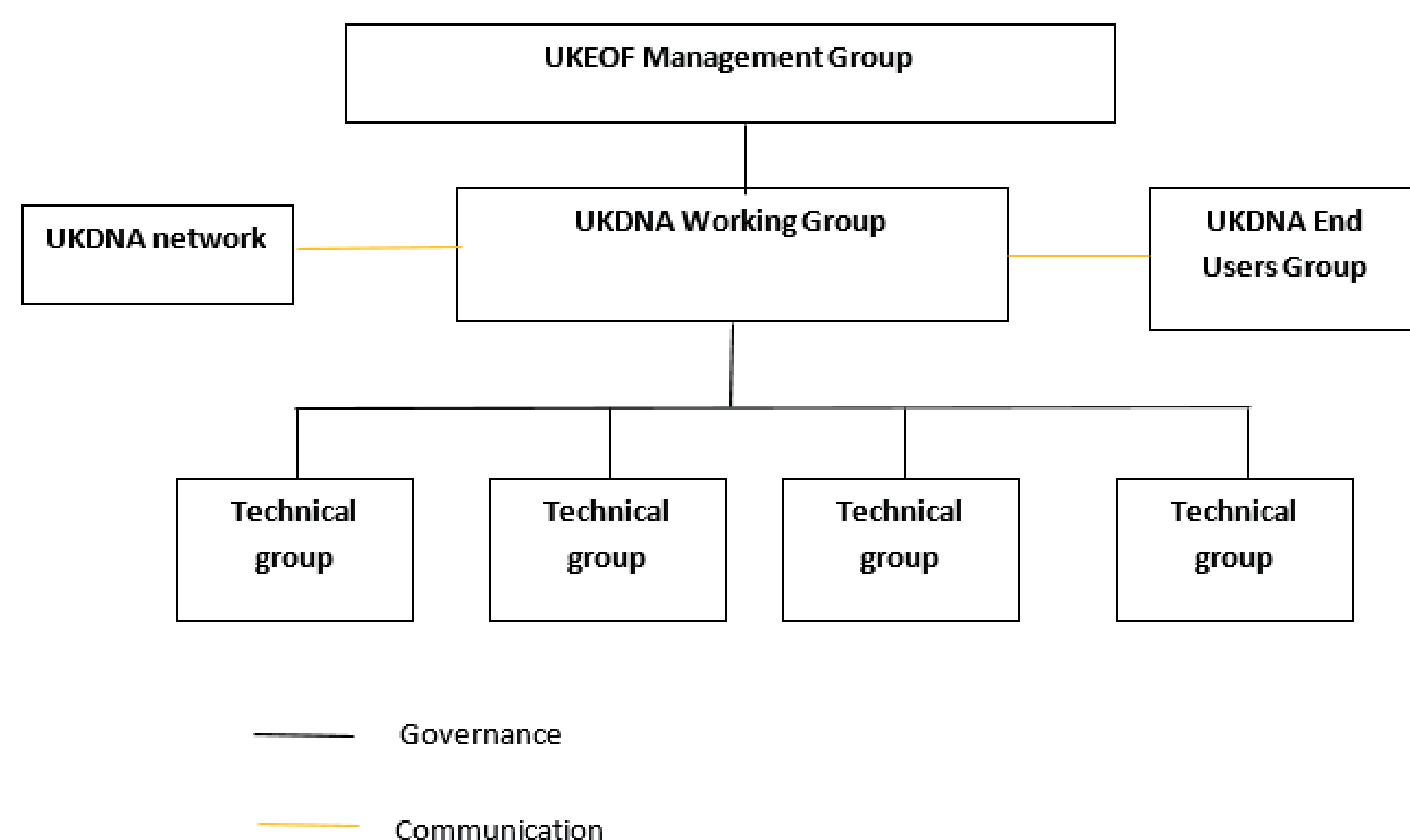


## What is the DNA Working Group?

The UKEOF, through the UK DNA Working Group (UKDNA WG), facilitates dialogue and collaboration by providing a forum for the wide community of government agencies, academics and other stakeholders to discuss priorities and emerging developments in the use of DNA for environmental monitoring:

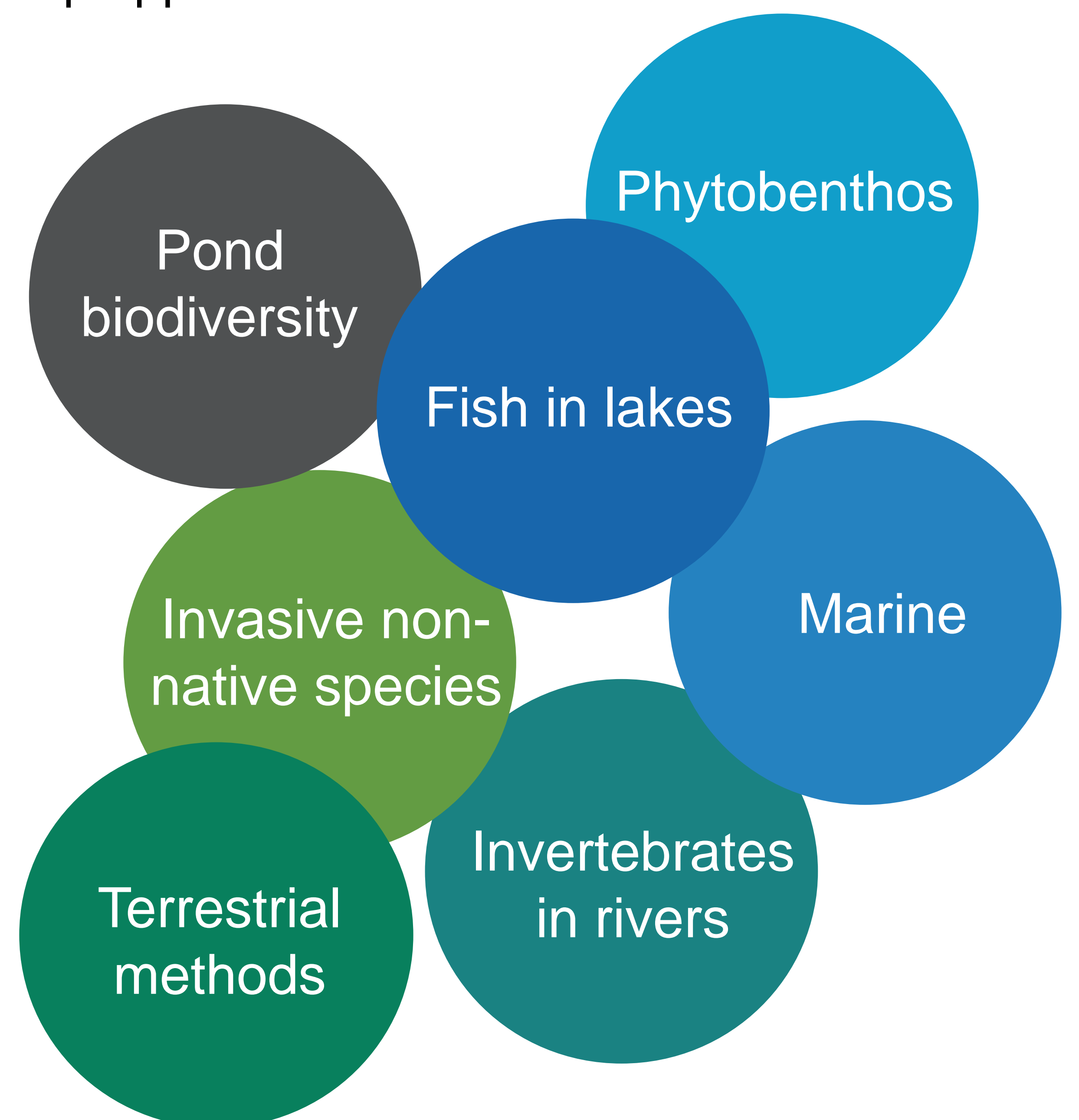
- Links researchers, developers of DNA-based monitoring methods, and end users to ensure that activities are focussed on meeting priority information needs and that knowledge is transferred effectively within the wider community
- Supports and encourages best practice and the development of standards for using DNA-based species monitoring methods
- Engages and works collaboratively with others nationally and internationally, seeking opportunities to influence research, share best practice and facilitate re-use of samples and data
- Increases awareness of where and how DNA-based methods can help improve the effectiveness of environmental monitoring

The UKDNA WG engages the wider community (or UKDNA network) on areas of work or planned events and invites the UKDNA network to provide feedback and suggestions.



## Technical Groups:

The WG also provides coordinating oversight of a number of Technical Groups. Each group brings together academics, end-users, and other stakeholders with interests in a specific area for more targeted discussion and collaboration on how to develop applications in this area.



## Annual conferences

The UKDNA WG has held an annual conference since 2014:

- 2020 (London)
- 2018 (Derby)
- 2017 (Salford)
- 2016 (Edinburgh)
- 2015 (Bangor)
- 2014 (Hull)
- 2014 (York)

Members of the UKDNA WG are representatives of a broad DNA community and/or those with specific technical and/or policy relevant roles at a UK, European or international level.

## Interested?

Participation in Technical Groups or the UKDNA network is open to anyone with an interest in this field. If you would like to get involved, let us know today or contact the secretariat on [office@ukeof.org.uk](mailto:office@ukeof.org.uk).

