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**Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h'
First Nations**

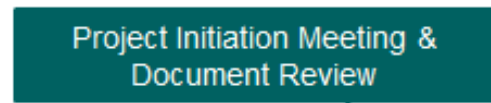


Stewardship Program



Stewardship Program

- **Support program development**
Validate program goals, document key issues and concerns, identify key monitoring activities, and develop methods and protocols for undertaking the monitoring activities
- **Develop a data management system (DMS)**
To store program information, including a robust database and key data input functionality



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Compilation of Information

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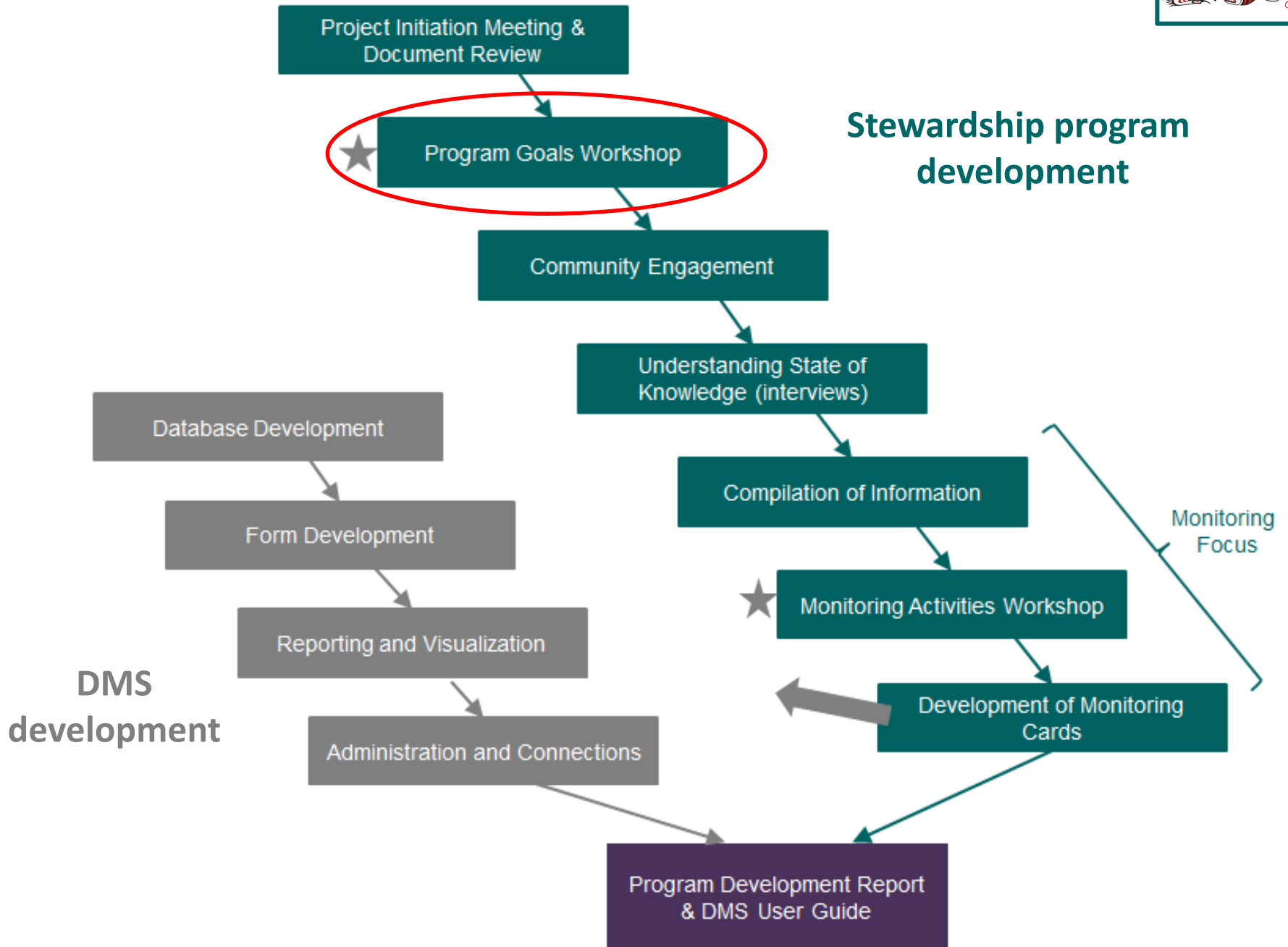
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Stewardship Program Development





Project Initiation Meeting &
Document Review

★ Program Goals Workshop

Community Engagement

Stewardship program development

Objectives:

- Understand the factors that lead to the creation of the KCFN Stewardship Program
- Confirm the goals of the program
- Gain initial insights about the community issues and concerns that will be further explored during community engagement

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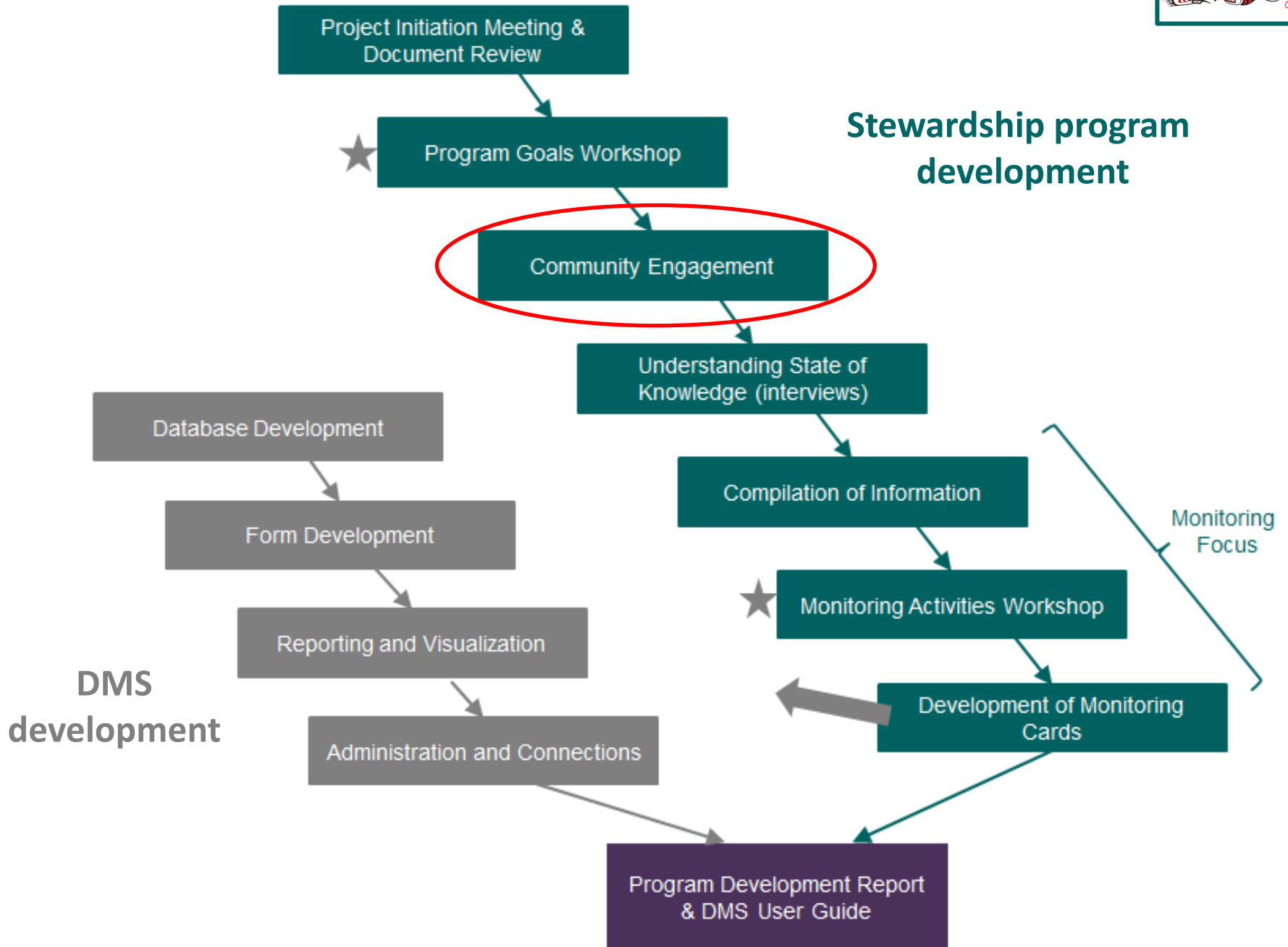
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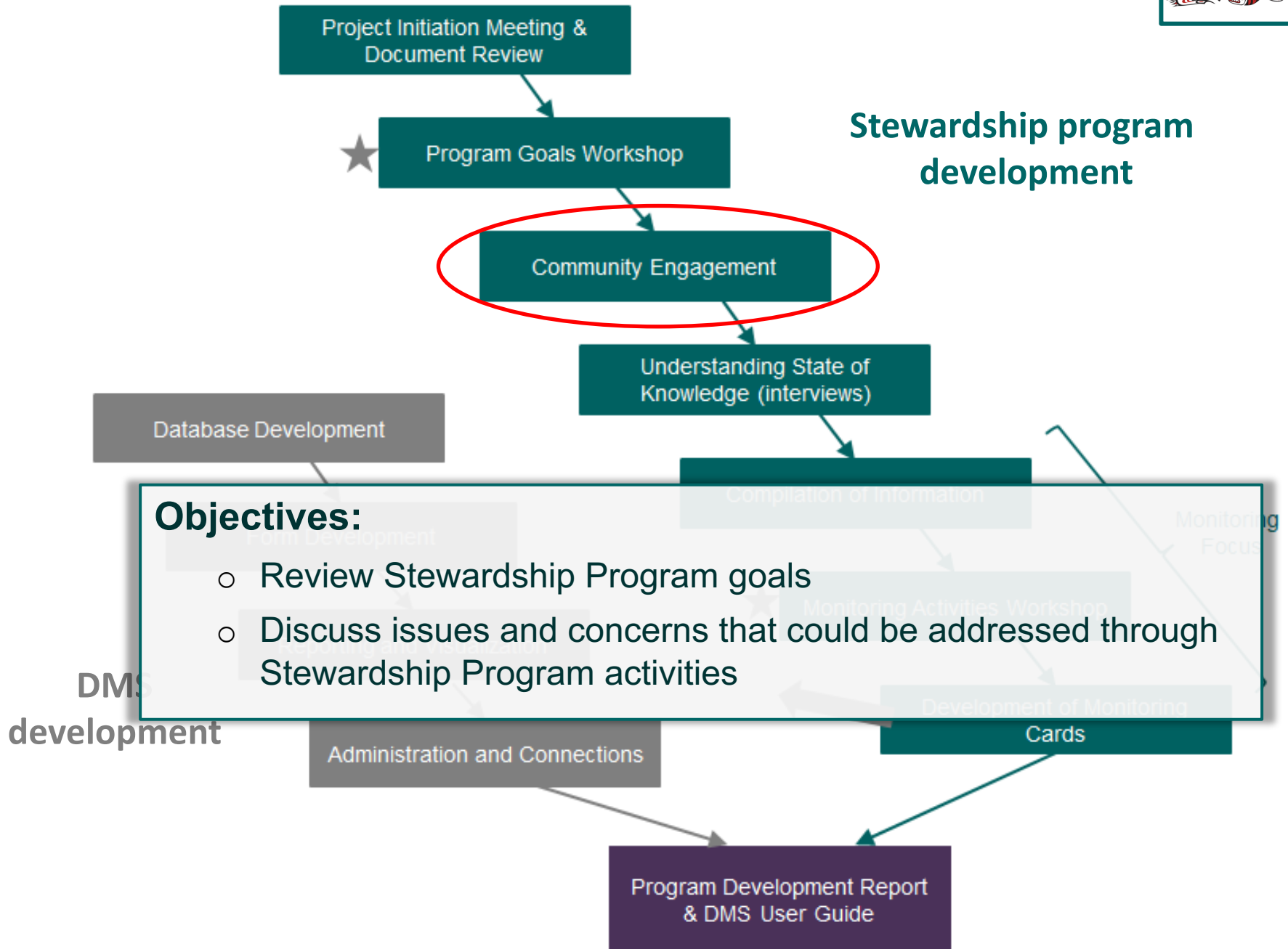


Program Goals Workshop



- Why a Stewardship Program?
 - Mitigate current environmental impacts, and enhance / restore lands and waters for future generations
 - Document changes with monitoring
 - Improve decisions
 - Establish KCFN's authority as stewards
 - Revitalize KCFN culture and traditions
- *The program should be guided by Nuu-chah-nulth sacred principles, recognizing that everything is connected, honoring respect for all things, and taking care of present and future generations.*



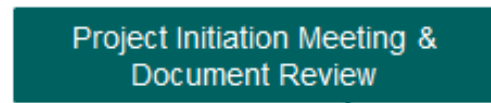




Community Engagement




- Monitor and adapt to **climate change**
- Identify and protect **cultural sites**
- Restore and protect **access to traditional foods**
- Restore **ecosystem balance**
- Conduct **outreach with visitors**
- Have **oversight over industry**
- Document **unwanted activities**
- Follow up on **community member concerns** and report back



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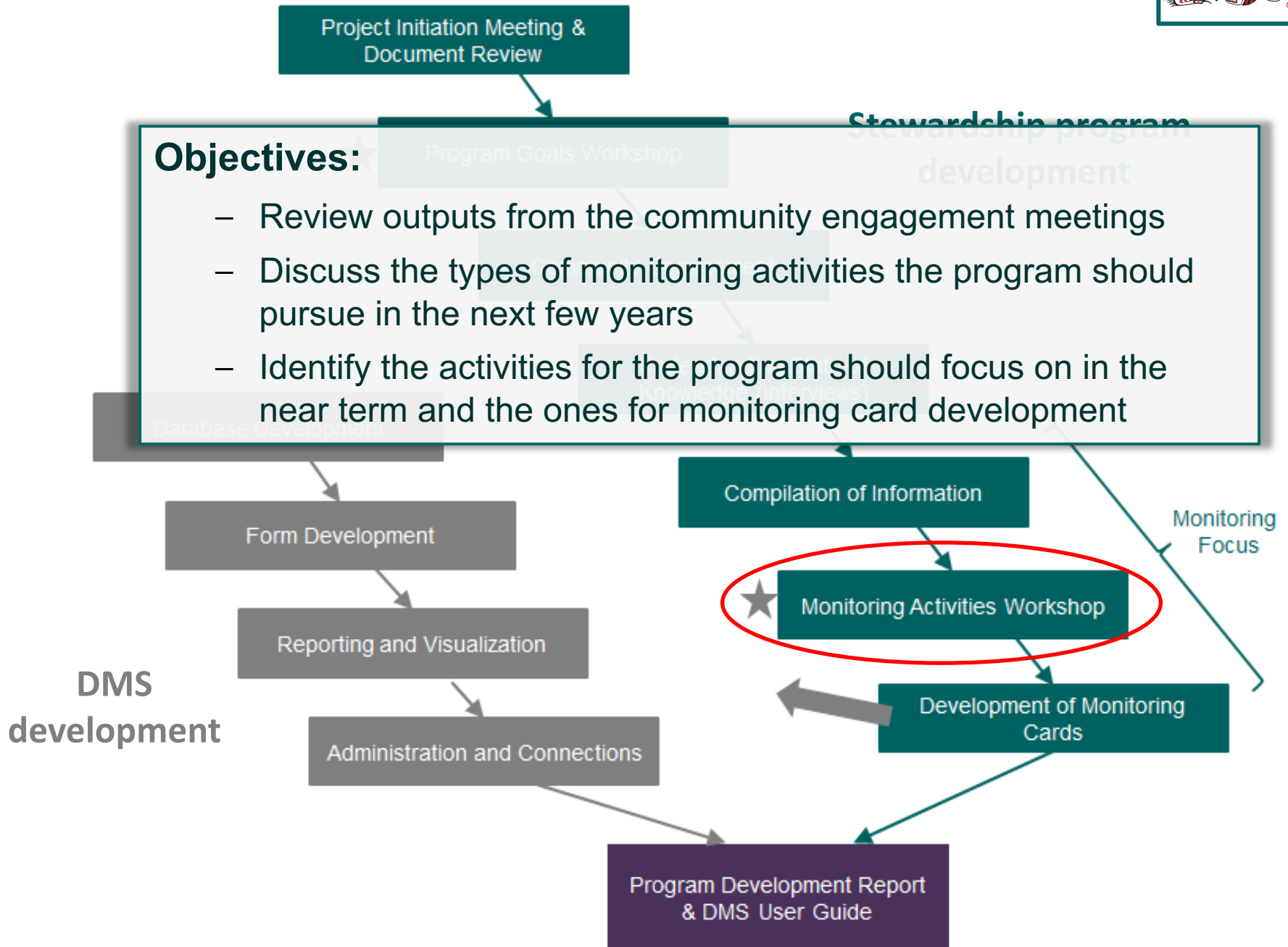
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Program Goals



- 1. Affirm KCFN as stewards of the KCFN hahuulth and Treaty Lands**
- 2. Protect ecological balance and cultural heritage places**
- 3. Gather data to improve decisions regarding the KCFN hahuulth and Treaty Lands**



Integrated Monitoring Activities List

Completed / Ongoing

- Sea otter (complete)
- Green crab
- Ungulates
- Bivalves (intertidal surveys, harvest beaches)
- Boat monitoring
- Water quality monitoring
- Seals and sea lions (complete)

Planned / Desired

- Culturally modified trees
- Cultural sites
- Forestry
- Abalone, Gooseneck, Urchin, Sea Cucumber, Mussels, Barnacles
- Traditional harvest foods
- Wolves
- Kelp
- Birds (marbled murrelet; puffin)
- Bears
- River flows & temperature
- Fish stocks
- Micro-Trolling
- Habitat restoration
- Invasive species (other than green crab)
- Tourism & recreation
- Vessel traffic
- ORR: Suspicious Activities (Observe, Record, Report)
- Climate Indicators



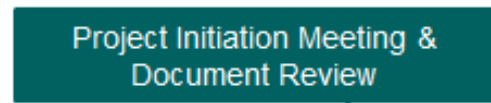
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Ecological & Cultural Status & Condition

- **Invasive Species: Green Crabs**
- **Dungeness Crab**
- **Terrestrial Predators**
(wolves, bears)
- **Ungulates** (deer, elk)
- **Intertidal Invertebrates**
(bivalves: oyster, clam, mussel; gooseneck and other barnacles)
- **Subtidal Invertebrates**
(abalone, sea urchin, sea cucumber)
- **Marine Predators**
(sea lions, seals, sea otters)
- **Abiotic Indicators**
(climate indicators, water quality)
- **Cultural Sites**

Human Activities

- **Forestry**
- **Boat-based Activities**
- **Opportunistic Observations: Wildlife & Suspicious Activities**



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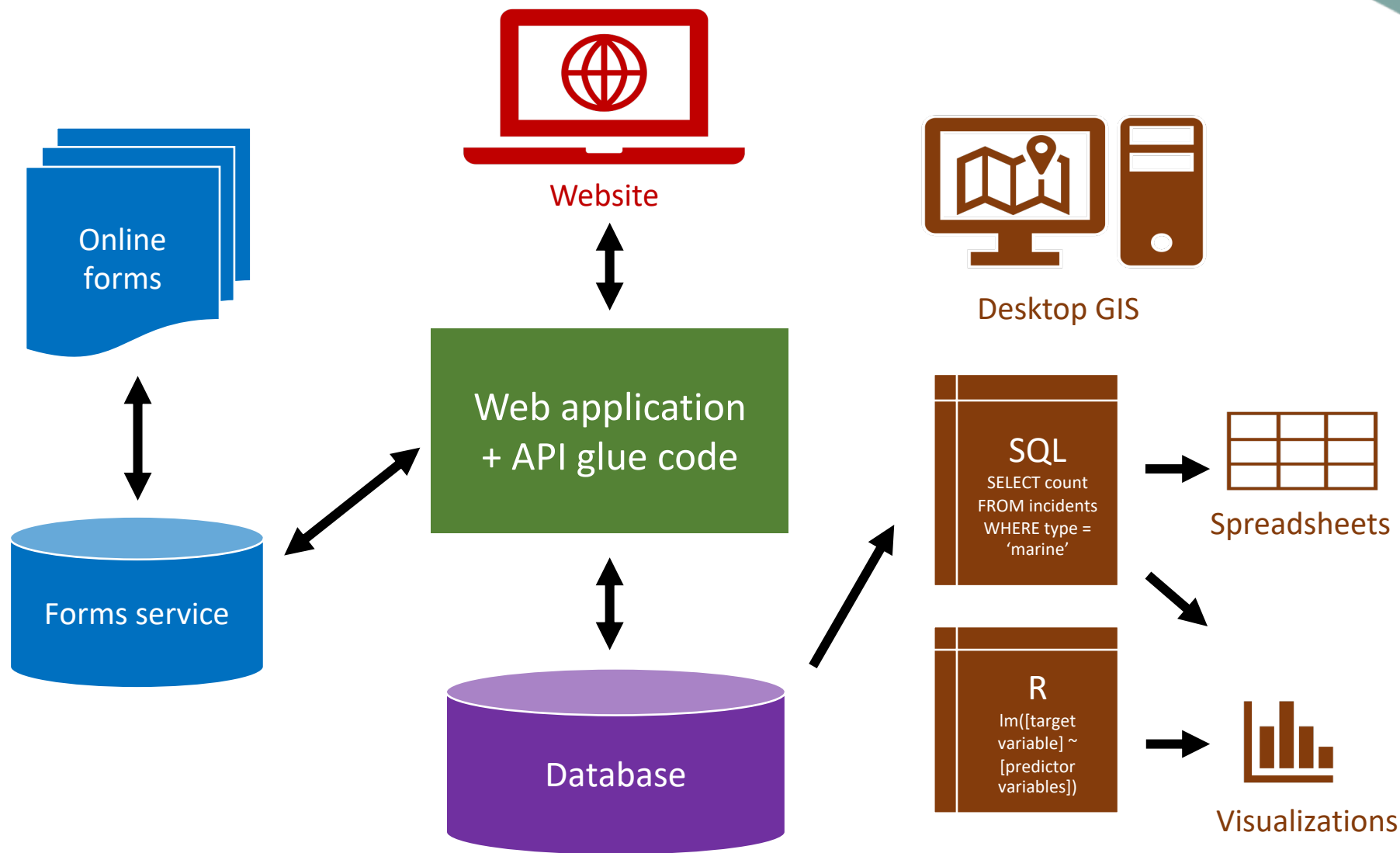
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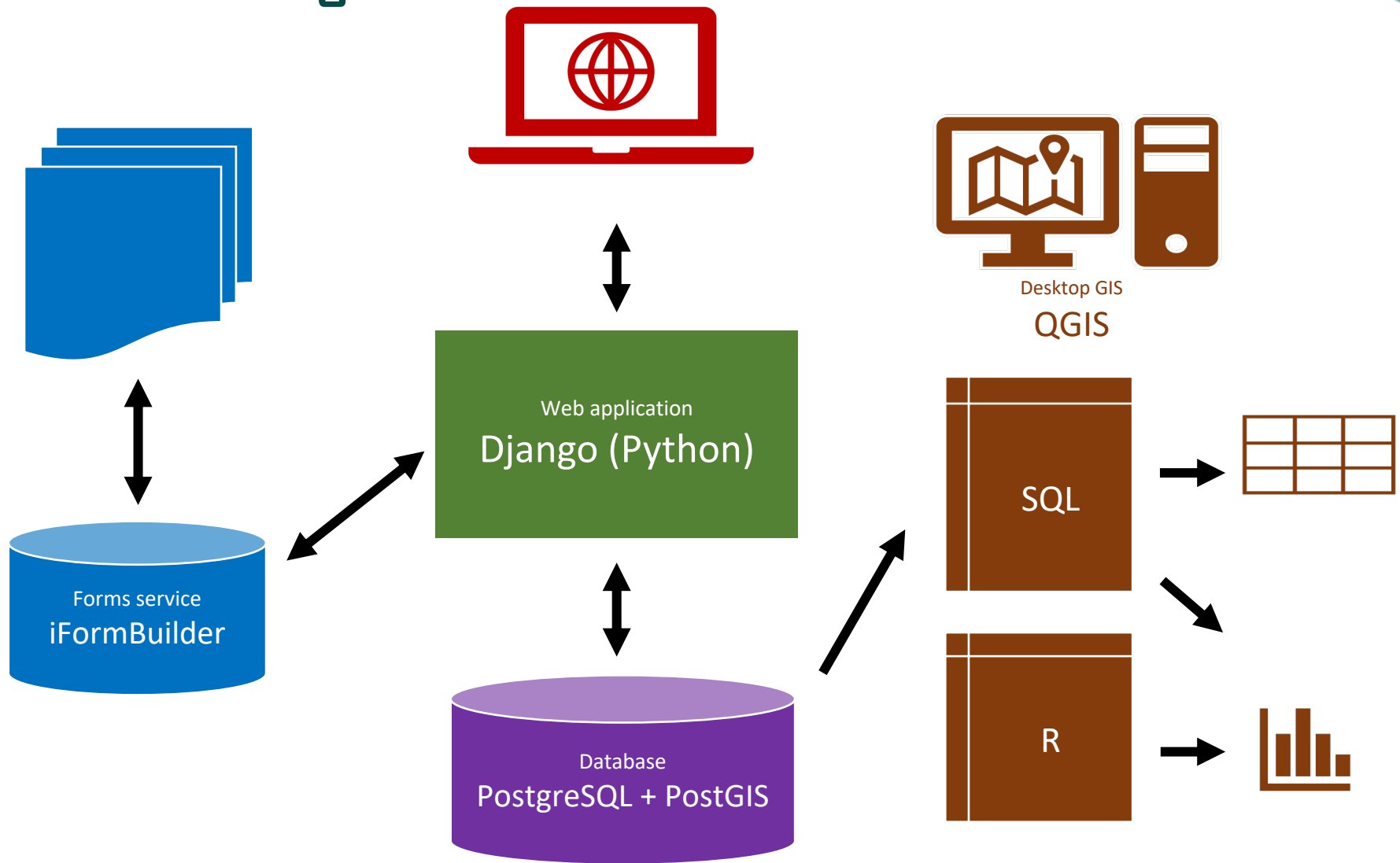


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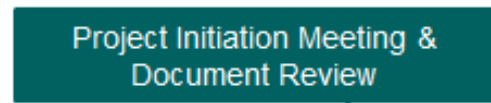


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Questions?

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