

We have completed an initial consolidation of the science-based needs that have been recorded from the SRS process with the needs identified by the GITs for STAR since the last roundup in 2017. Please find the attached spreadsheet for your review with these needs listed by GIT, color-coded based on which process identified them, and the associated SRS outcome.

Please work with your GITs and associated workgroups to review the information, edit as outlined below, and add information in the given columns. We request that you provide feedback by **November 29th, 2018** so that we may keep this process moving on a reasonable timeline.

Requested for your review:

- Please review the science needs from your GIT and determine if they are still relevant, up-to-date and accurate (use “Completed” column to flag those that are no longer needs because they are complete). If a need is incomplete but is no longer relevant or no longer a need, please strike it out.
- Please review each need to make sure what is written clearly conveys the need. If not, **please rewrite the need to provide clarification.**
- Please review the SRS outcome that has been associated with the need. If this is incorrect, **please edit the outcome to be correct.**
- Please determine if there are any needs which have not been listed that **would be relevant for the next 2 years**. If so, please **add them**

Additionally, please fill in the following additional columns:

- Completed (Y or N): many of these needs may have been completed as part of workshops or projects in the past year.
- More specific detail: please break down each need into more detail so we can more readily assess what specifically is required to meet a need. For example, for “Determine feasibility of phytoplankton and zooplankton monitoring”, more detail may be “Cost assessment, assessment of ability to incorporate into current monitoring, and feasibility of citizen science incorporation”.
- Why is this needed?: Please include a brief description of why this need is here. For example, “Essential for...” or “Helpful to...”.
- Category: Using the categories listed to the right of the table, please assign this need to a category. If it does not fit in any listed, please list “Other”. You may give it its own category if you wish.