NatureServe is assessing the technical and market feasibility of implementing a shared solution for managing observation data that will meet the needs of the Network. To inform this assessment, we are conducting this brief survey to better understand the current and desired capabilities for observation data management in your program. Please coordinate with other members of your program to provide one representative response per program. The survey will be open until Friday, November 24th, after which time the results will be compiled and shared. Thanks very much for your input!

* 1. Which program are you from?

* 2. Survey Respondent's Contact Details

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

* 3. Are you currently using a system to manage observations?

4. What kind of tools do you use to manage your observations?

5. Overall, are you satisfied with your observation system(s)?

Not at all satisfied   Totally satisfied

6. Tell us more about why you are / are not satisfied with your system.

7. How confident are you that you will have long-term support for your solution?

Not at all satisfied   Totally satisfied

8. What functionality does it support?

- [ ] Simple point observations
- [ ] Line observations
- [ ] Polygon observations
- [ ] Observation based on location rather than species (i.e. multiple species recorded at a given location)
- [ ] Bulk data uploads
- [ ] User accounts
- [ ] User groups
- [ ] Projects
- [ ] Surveys
- [ ] Attachments - document
- [ ] Attachments - image/photo
- [ ] Attachments - sound
- [ ] Map view
- [ ] Defined taxonomy
- [ ] Other (please specify)

- [ ] Ability to enter data at a higher taxonomic level
- [ ] Ability to record ecological data
- [ ] Ability to record absence data
- [ ] Mobile device data entry
- [ ] Ability to obscure records
- [ ] Ability to restrict access to records
- [ ] Automated QA/QC checks
- [ ] Data filters
- [ ] Search tools
- [ ] Analysis tools
- [ ] Reporting tools
- [ ] E-mail or text alerts
- [ ] Export tools (CSV, GDB)
- [ ] Questions based on logic (i.e. if answer to question 1 is x, then display question 1b)

9. What needs are NOT met by your current solution?

10. What mobile functionality is supported?

- [ ] Data entry
- [ ] Data retrieval
- [ ] Map view
- [ ] Data management
- [ ] Full functionality supported

11. Who uses your system?

☐ The public

☐ Partner persons or organizations

☐ Internal users

☐ Government agencies

☐ Other (please specify)

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12. Would you be willing to share more information in any of the following ways?

☐ Guided demonstration

☐ Public fact sheet

☐ Online public interface

☐ Phone interview

13. How important is each of the following in an observation system?

	Not applicable	Nice to have	Highly desired but not required	Required
Simple point observations	◯	◯	◯	◯
Line observations	◯	◯	◯	◯
Polygon observations	◯	◯	◯	◯
Observation based on location rather than species (i.e. multiple species recorded at a given location)	◯	◯	◯	◯
Bulk data uploads	◯	◯	◯	◯
User accounts	◯	◯	◯	◯
User groups	◯	◯	◯	◯
Projects	◯	◯	◯	◯
Surveys	◯	◯	◯	◯
Attachments - document	◯	◯	◯	◯
Attachments - image/photo	◯	◯	◯	◯
Attachments - sound	◯	◯	◯	◯
Map view	◯	◯	◯	◯
Defined taxonomy	◯	◯	◯	◯
Ability to enter data at a higher taxonomic level	◯	◯	◯	◯
Ability to record ecological data	◯	◯	◯	◯
Ability to record absence data	◯	◯	◯	◯
Mobile device data entry	◯	◯	◯	◯
Ability to obscure records	◯	◯	◯	◯
Ability to restrict access to records	◯	◯	◯	◯

	Not applicable	Nice to have	Highly desired but not required	Required
Automated QA/QC checks	○	○	○	○
Data filters	○	○	○	○
Search tools	○	○	○	○
Analysis tools	○	○	○	○
Reporting tools	○	○	○	○
E-mail or text alerts	○	○	○	○
Export tools (CSV, GDB)	○	○	○	○
Questions based on logic (i.e. if answer to question 1 is x, then display question 1b)	○	○	○	○

Other (please specify)

14. Are you aware of other observation systems that meet some/many of your needs? If so, what are they?

15. Are there other agencies or organizations within your state who use or could use an observation system? If so, what are they?