



DEVELOPING A SPATIAL PRIORITIZATION TOOL FOR BARRED OWL MANAGEMENT

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Background

Barred owl spread to western North America



Causes



Consequences

- Novel interactions
- Trophic cascades
- Extinctions

Background

Barred owl impacts in western North America: Predation



Foothill Yellow-legged Frog
Species of Special Concern



Coastal Tailed Frog
Species of Special Concern



Clouded Salamander
Sensitive Species



Cascade Frog
Species of Special Concern



Northern Leopard Frog
Endangered (WA)



Western Toad
Candidate for listing (WA)



Southern Torrent Salamander
Species of Special Concern



Red-Bellied Newt
Species of special concern

Background

Barred owl impacts in western North America: Competition

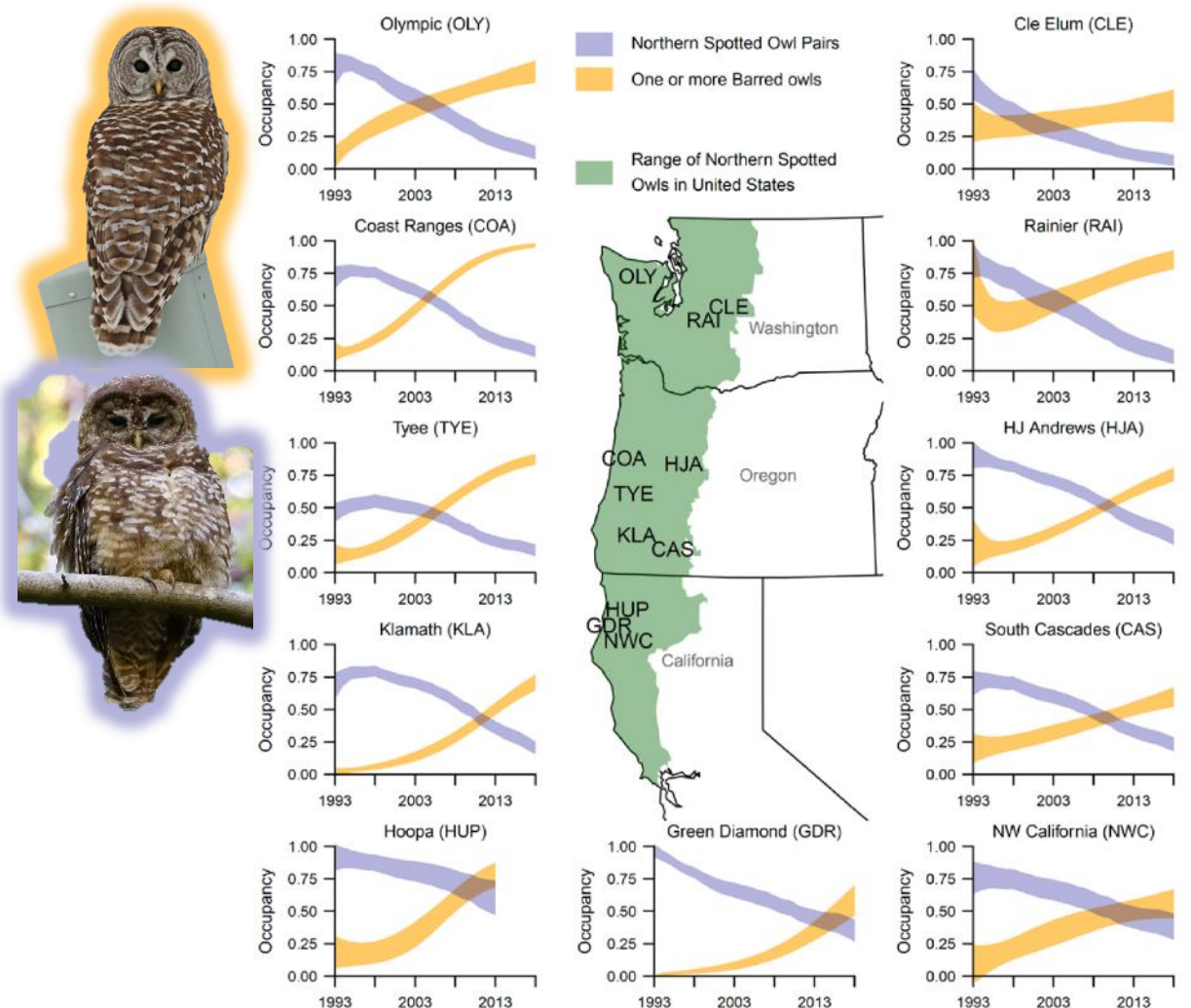


Barred Owl



Northern Spotted Owl

Barred owl, Ken Shults; Northern Spotted Owl, Elyse Omernick



Background

UW-led removal research

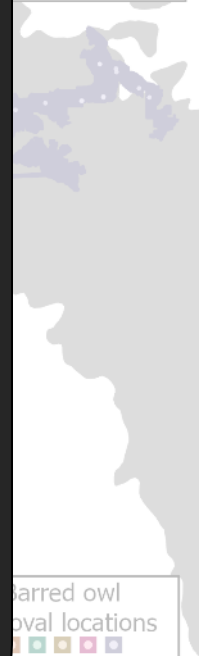
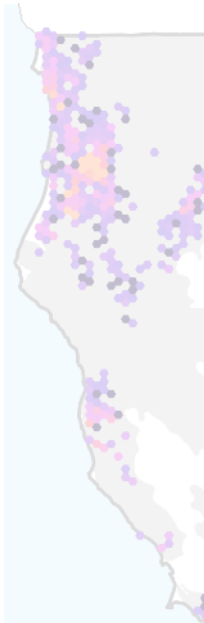
**Removals hinder barred owl invasion & stabilize
spotted owl populations**

But...

**Large-scale removals are costly &
funding cuts undermine efforts**

Thus...

We need a to prioritize efforts



Background

Barred owl management strategy

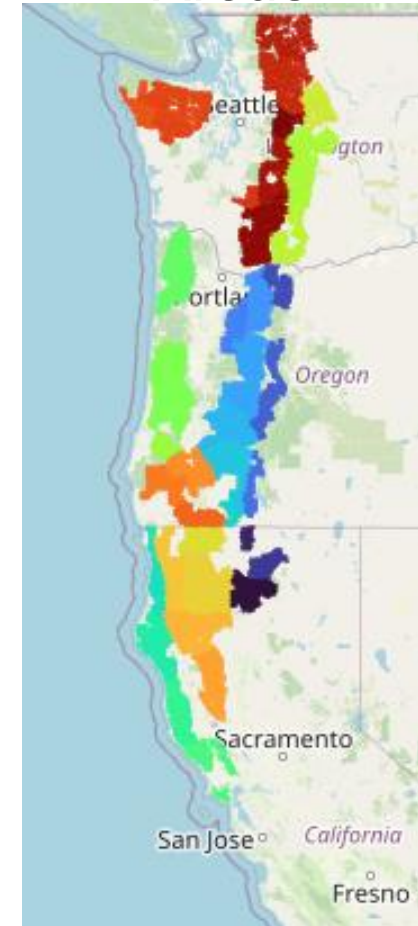
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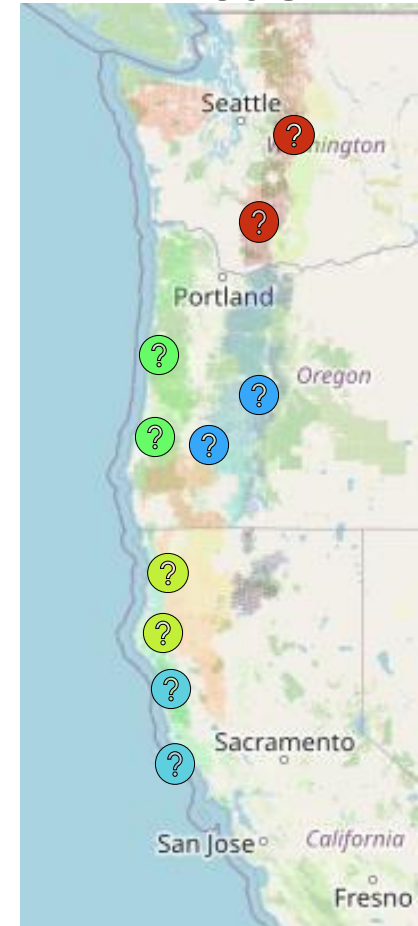
Physiographic
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General
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Focal
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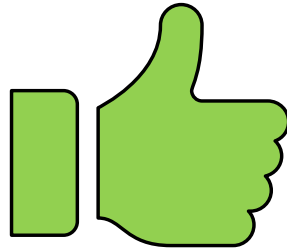


Final Barred Owl Management Strategy

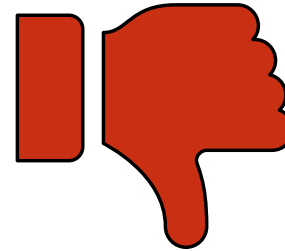
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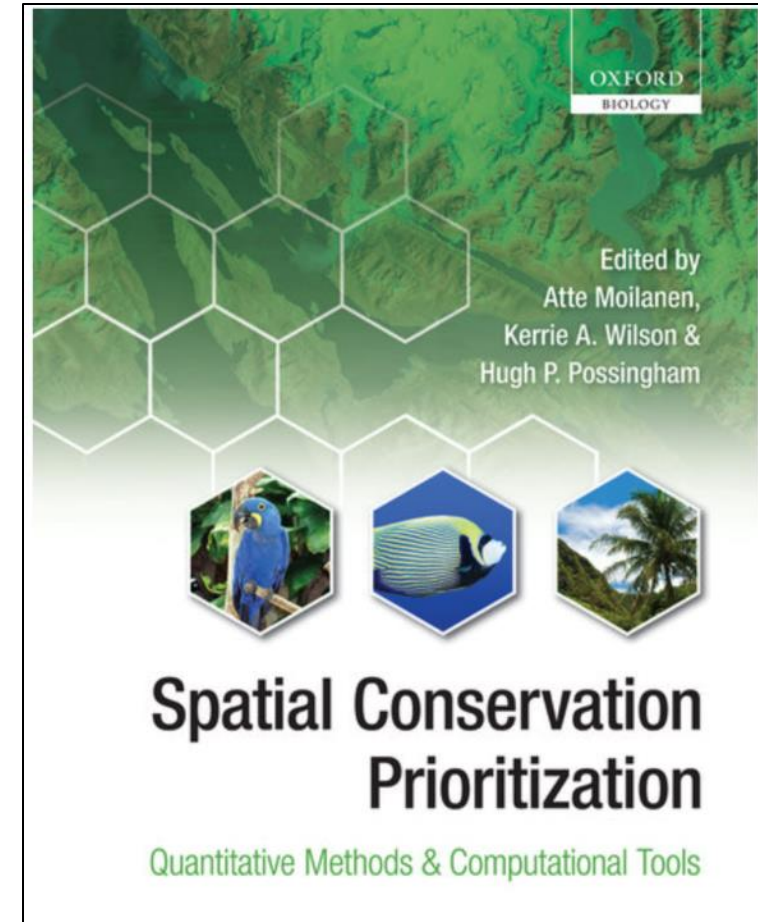
Systematic conservation planning & spatial prioritization



Conservation
& biodiversity

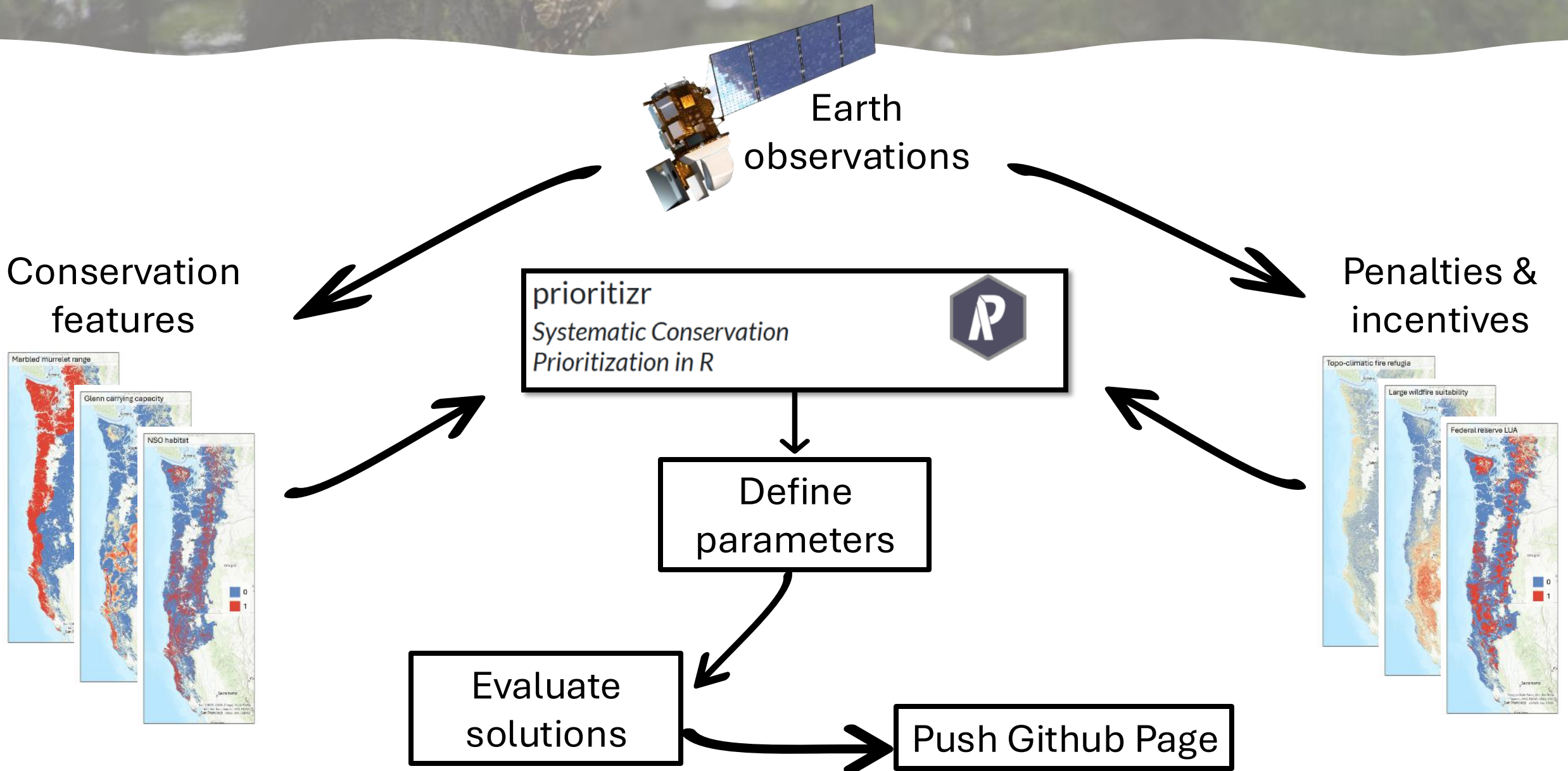


Costs &
threats



Methods

Implementing prioritizations

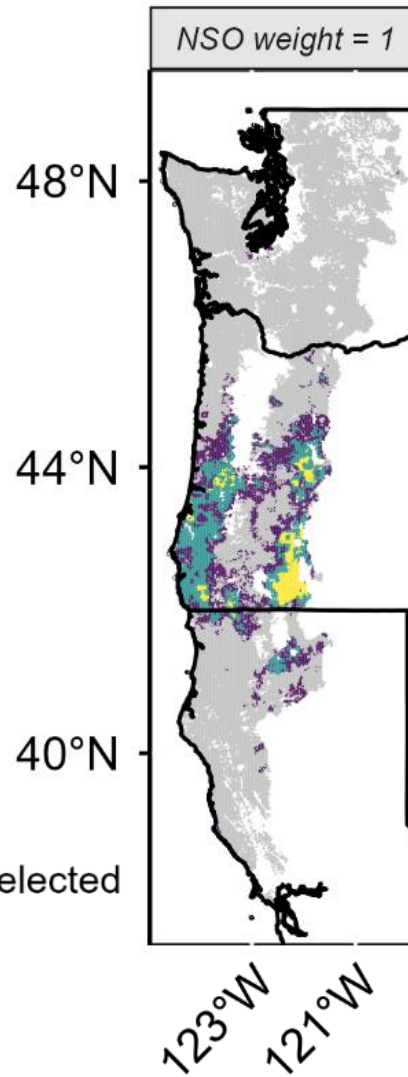


Methods

Prioritization maps

For each scenario:

- Specifications table
- Summary table
- Summary histograms
- Solution map



Preliminary products

Web-based platform containing prioritization results



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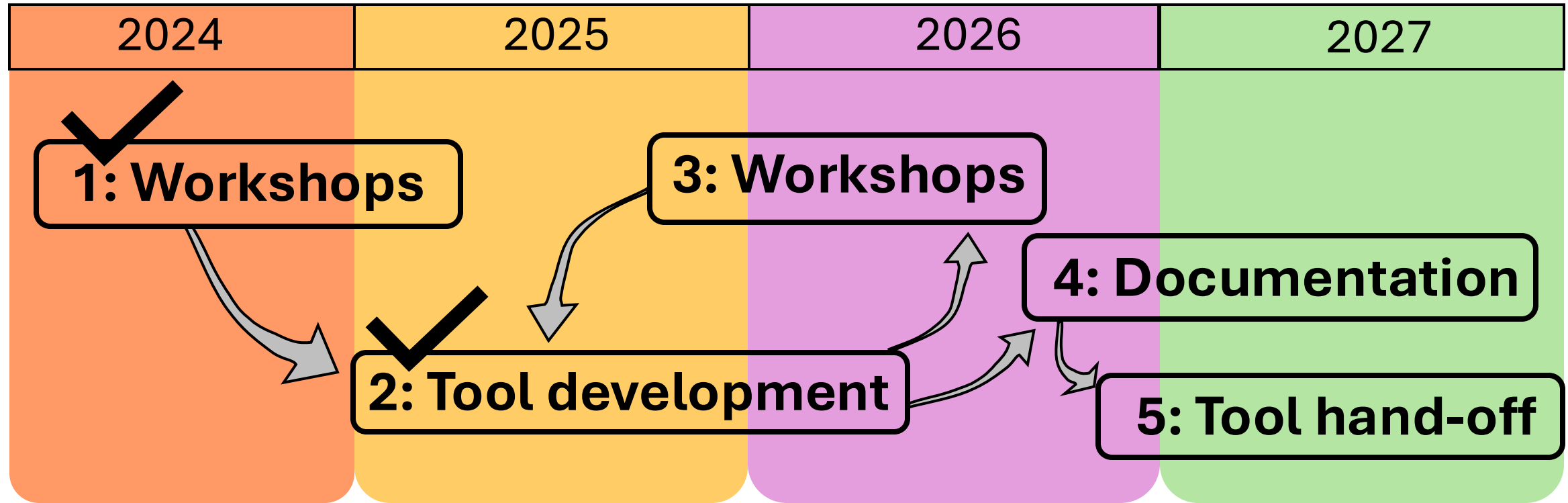
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Methods

Identifying inputs for spatially prioritizing barred owl removals



Zooming out

What's at stake? It's not just spotted owls



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Thanks!

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