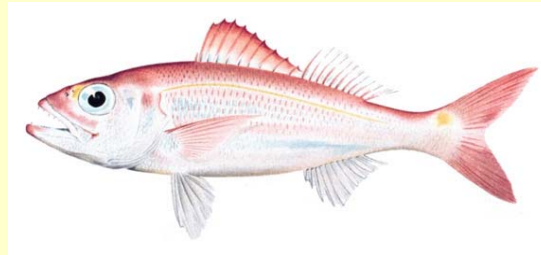
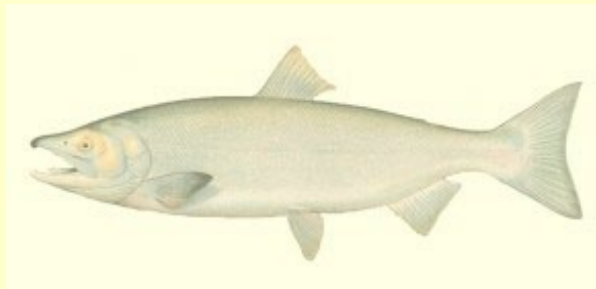


***National Platforms for the 3 R's:
What are they and how does
the Swedish platform function?***

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The idea was launched at the WCA in Bologna in 1999.

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Consensus rather than Confrontation

Consensus between the 4 stakeholders

- Academia
- Industry
- Government
- Animal Welfare Organisations



**National
Consensus
Platform**

The Statutes

International not-for-profit organisation, Brussels, July 26, 2001

Section 1 : Designation, Registered Office and Lifespan of the Association

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Article 4. Purposes

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Members/Associate Members

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Article 21. Delegations

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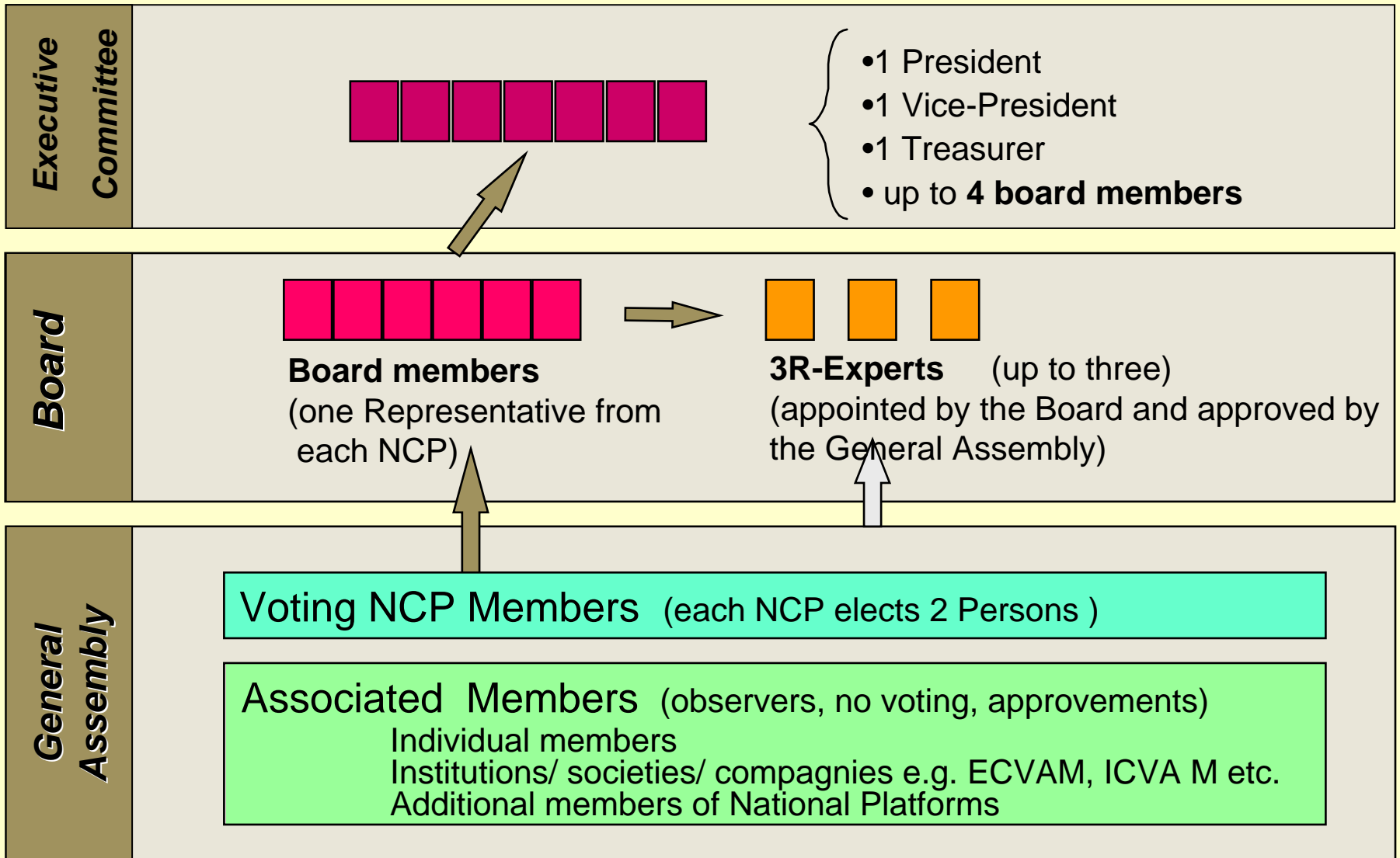
ecopa facilitates the *exchange of scientific information, expertise and experience* between national consensus platforms, industry, science, animal welfare and EU and government institutions.

ecopa organises conferences, seminars, publishes documents, collects and circulates information, supports scientific and educational initiatives.

Criteria to be met by National Platforms

- Acceptance of the „4-parties principle“ and the 3R concept as a consensus in an individual country.
- Recognized legal organisation (statutes, by-laws, legal status, permanent address).
- Activities in the 3R area (promotion of the 3Rs, sponsoring programs, education, dissemination of information).
- Election/nomination of representatives to ECOPA in an open and democratic way. Members should be representatives of the 4 parties.
- Should provide information about their financial background.

Organisational structure of *ecopa*



Voting and associate members:

Austria

Belgium

Czech Republic

Denmark

Finland

Germany

Italy

Netherlands

Norway

Poland

Spain

Switzerland

United Kingdom

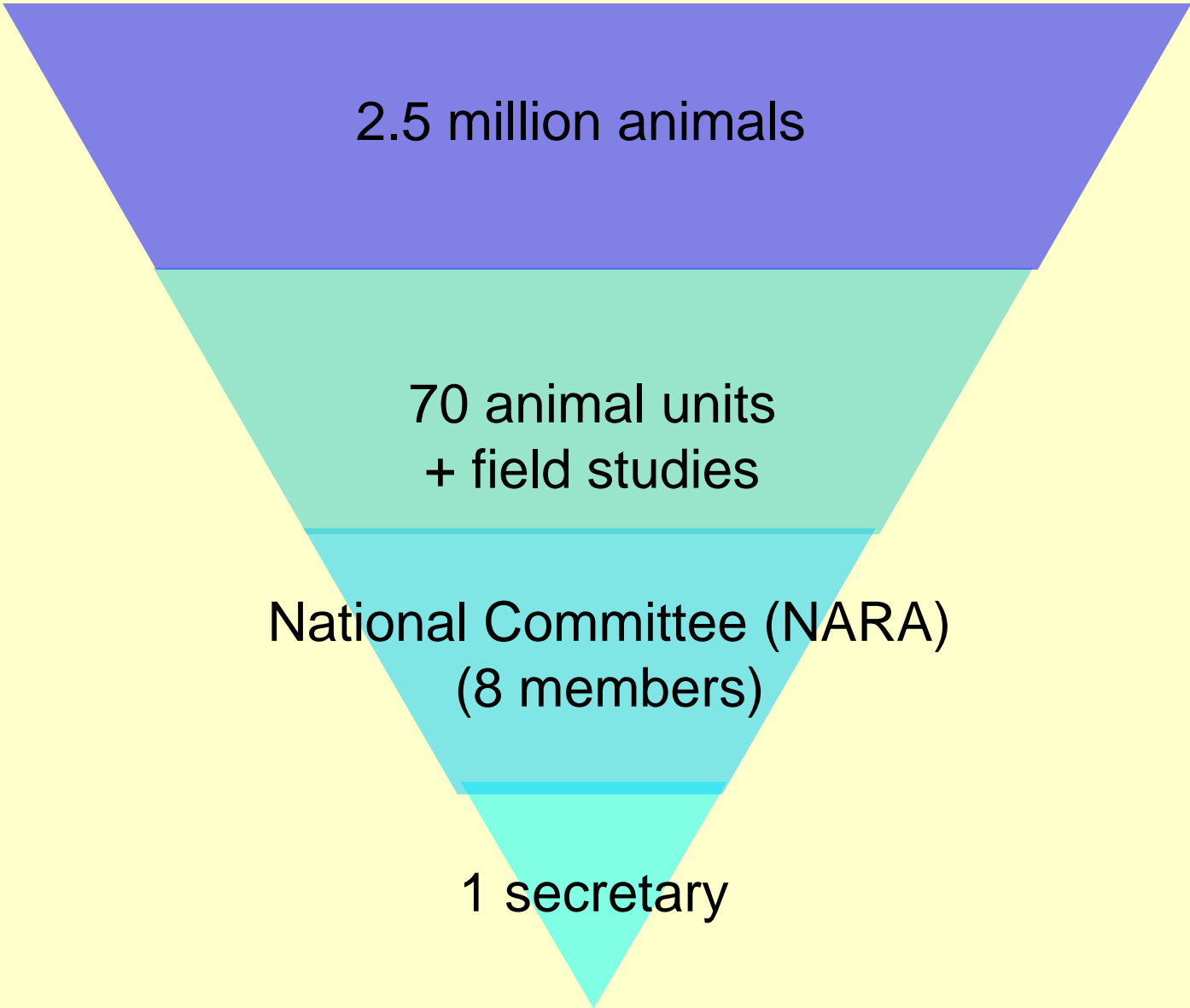
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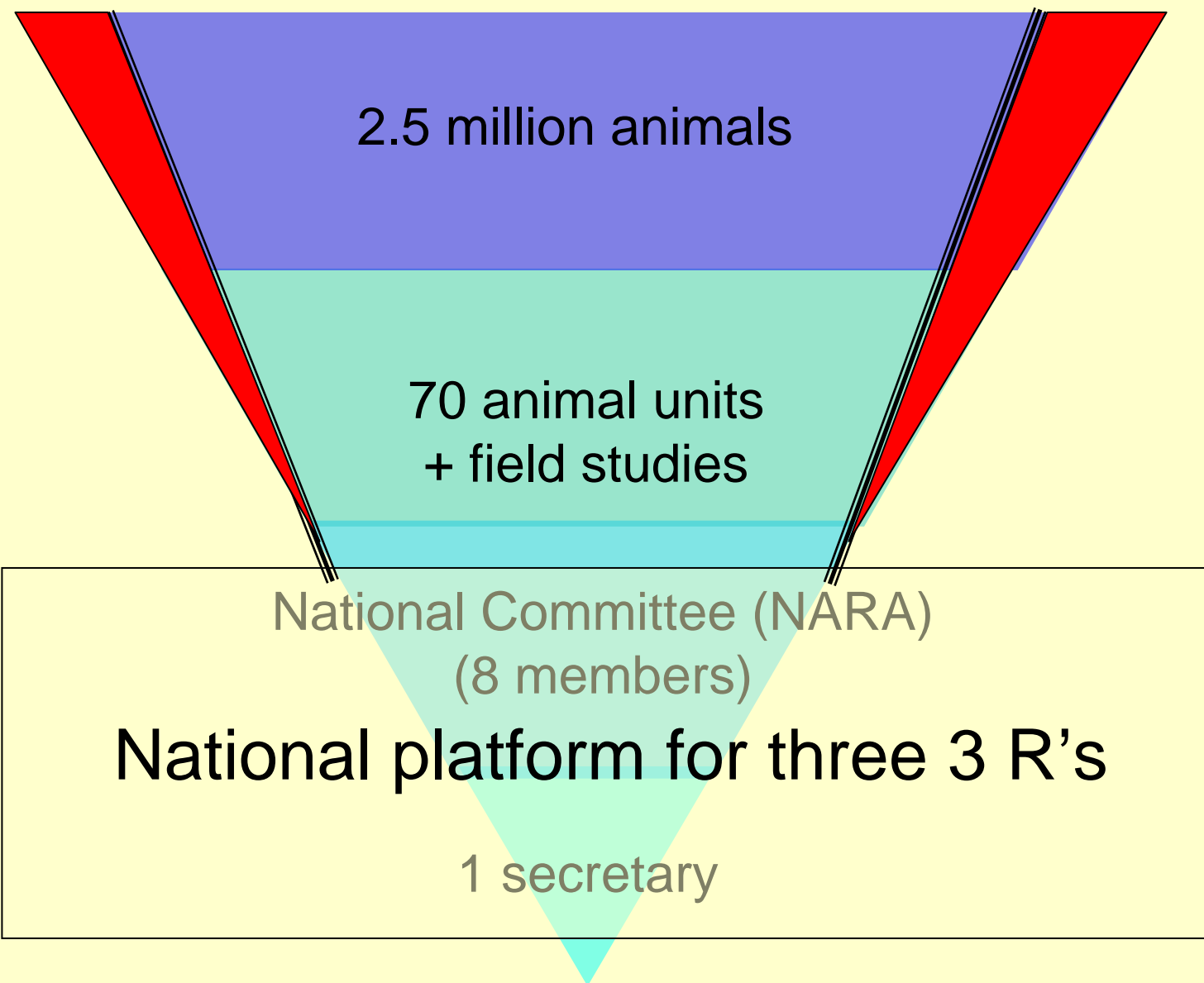
Activities:

- Chemical White Book (Statement)
- 6th Framework Programme (Statement)
- Education and information programme on alternatives
- **Annual workshop**



The NARA in Norway already contains representatives from the 4 stakeholders, but should a regulatory body be the platform?





2.5 million animals

70 animal units
+ field studies

National Committee (NARA)
(8 members)

National platform for three 3 R's

1 secretary

Other Nordic countries (NOK)

- **Sweden** (*250,000 animals*)
 - ▣ State: 3,0 - 15 million
 - ▣ Fund: 800,000
- **Finland** (*200,000 animals*)
 - ▣ State: 260,000
 - ▣ Fund: 130,000
- **Denmark** (*300,000 animals*)
 - ▣ Several projects, not least in cooperation with industry