

SDI assessment and indicators

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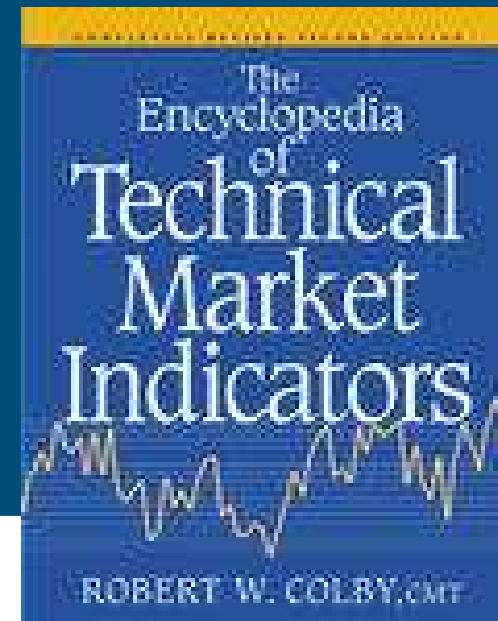


Examples

Contaminant Effects on Tree Swallows: A Nationwide Indicator Species



- Ecology and Environment: e.g. Indicator species
- Economy: e.g. GDP



Indicator (from Environmental performance indicators)

- Derived from indicare (Latin):
 - Meaning to point out, to give notice of, to determine
- Not what is being indicated
- Model of a complex process or phenomena
- Main functions:
 - Simplification;
 - Quantification;
 - Communication.
- Target group specific



Indicators: types

- Descriptive indicators (describe the state or process)
- Normative indicators (describe and also value)
 - Policy performance indicators (compare with norm or standard)

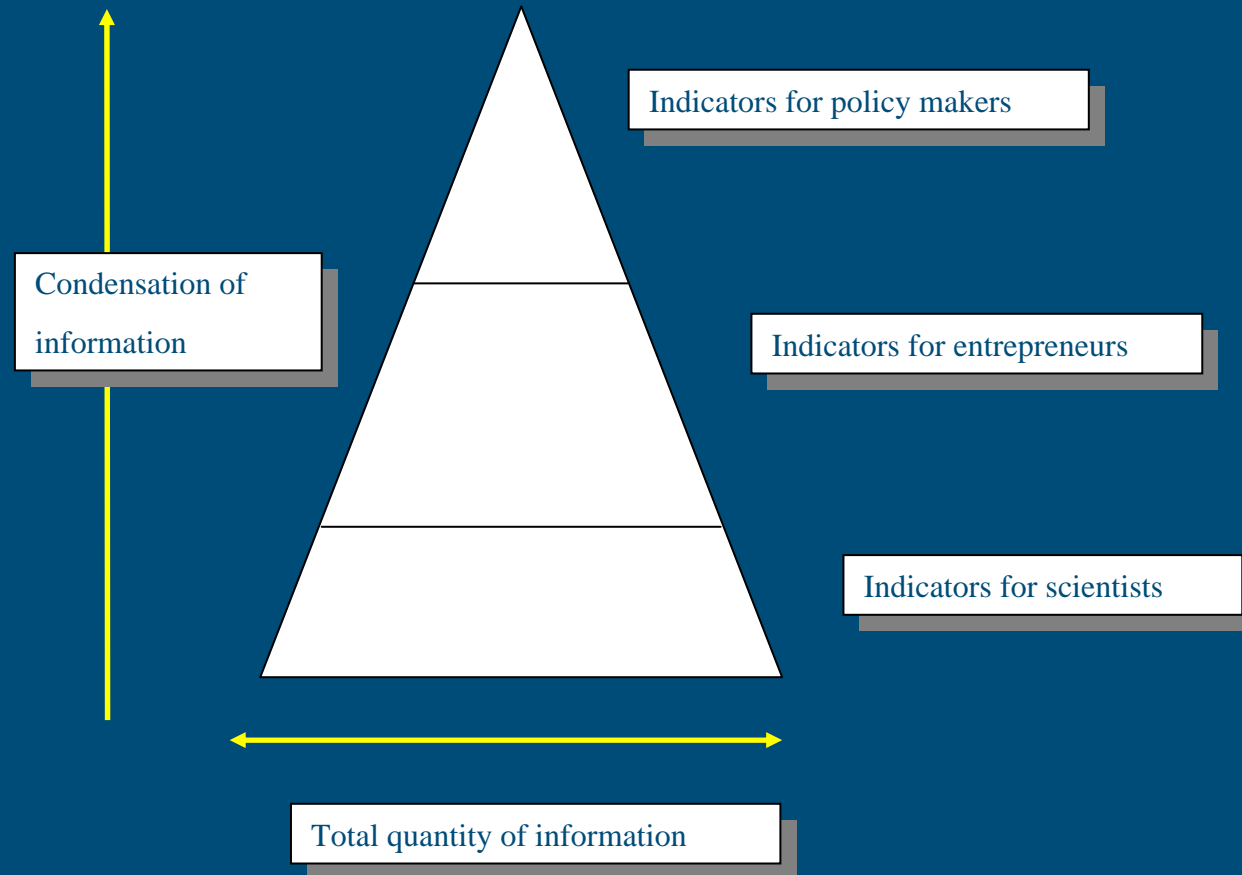


Indicators: requirements (environment)

- As aggregative as possible
- They must have appeal
- Reflect a trend
- (They must relate to cause and effect)
- (Relate to policy objectives)
- Must be verifiable and reproducible



Indictors (users) (Braat 1991)



What are good indicators for SDI?



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