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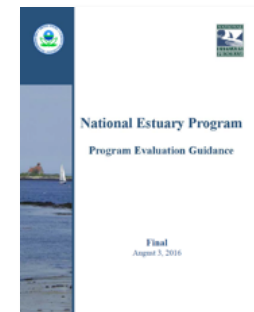
## Core Element: Ecosystem Status and Trends

- Need for Monitoring and Assessment
  - Monitoring plan requested by EPA since 2002
  - Indicator development efforts ongoing since 2004
- 2012 Ecosystem Assessment accompanied new CCMP
- Monitoring occurred through SAV mapping and sampling intensification of the National Coastal Condition Assessment
- MAT process since 2017 that includes STAC members
- EPA encourages APNEP to continue leveraging support from state and federal partners to prioritize limited resources and strategize monitoring efforts over APNEP's large program area

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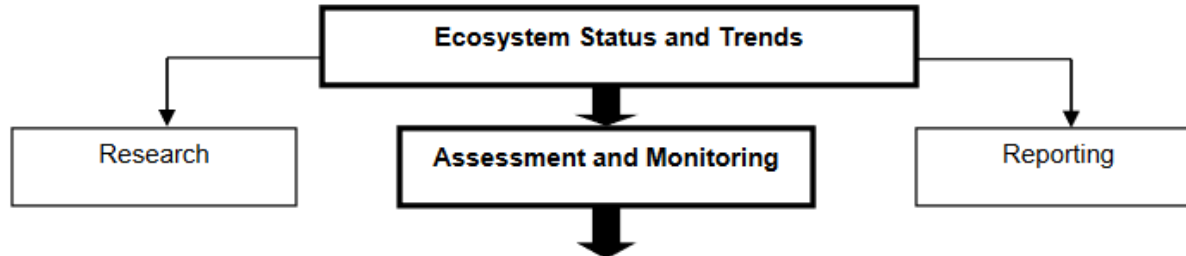
## Challenges:

- 1) Monitoring and Assessment – Finalize Completion of a Monitoring Strategy
  - Finalize and adopt suite of indicators
  - Link indicators to a robust monitoring strategy
    - Reflects APNEP’s CCMP implementation priorities
    - Monitoring strategy underway by 2020
  
- 2) Reporting – Better Communicate Programmatic Accomplishments and Environmental Results
  - No specific comments in PE letter on environmental results
    - Use NEP Program Evaluation Guidance



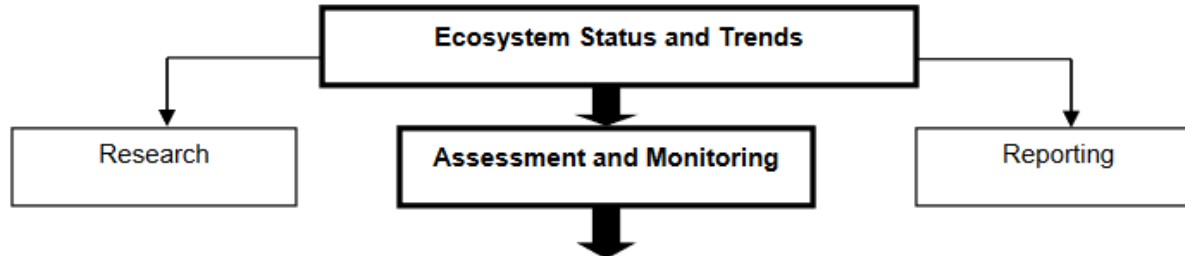
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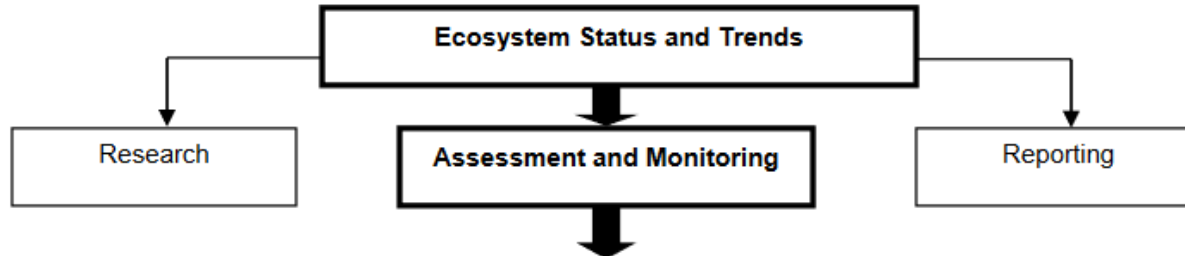
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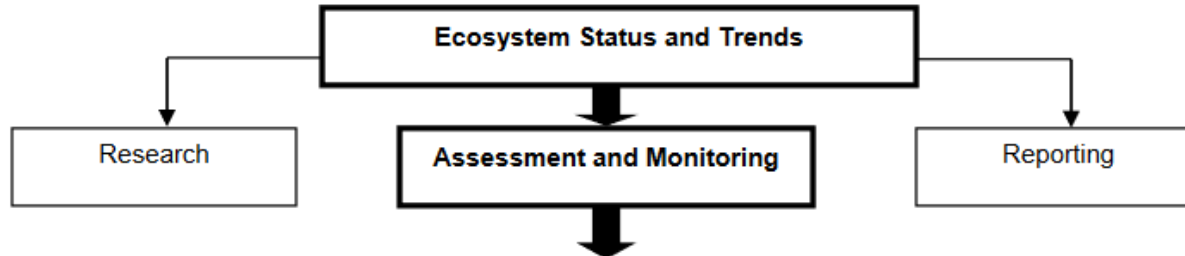
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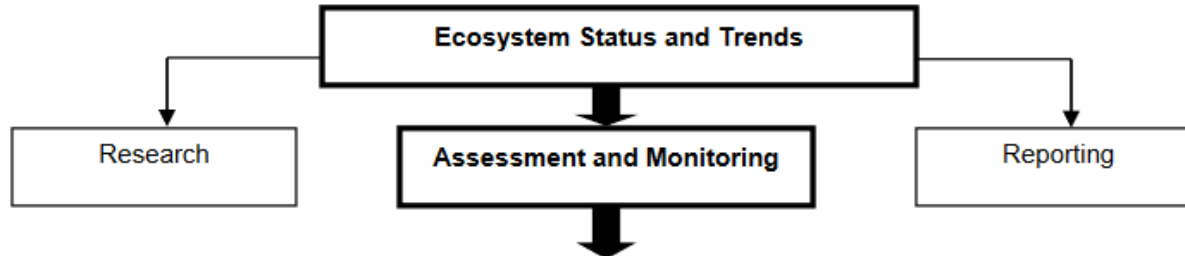
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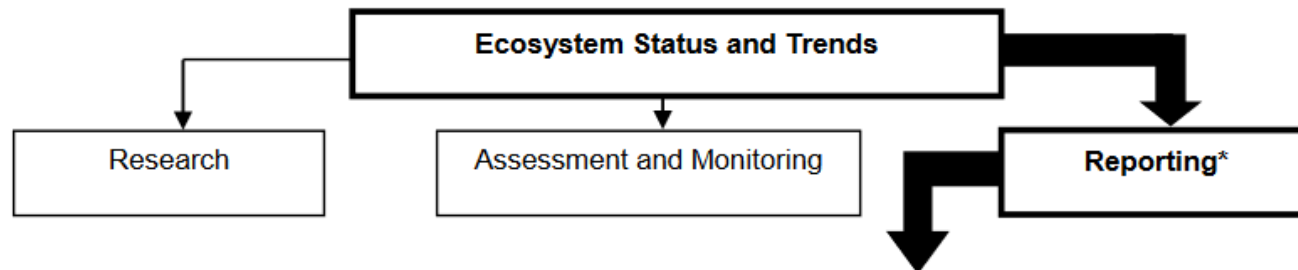


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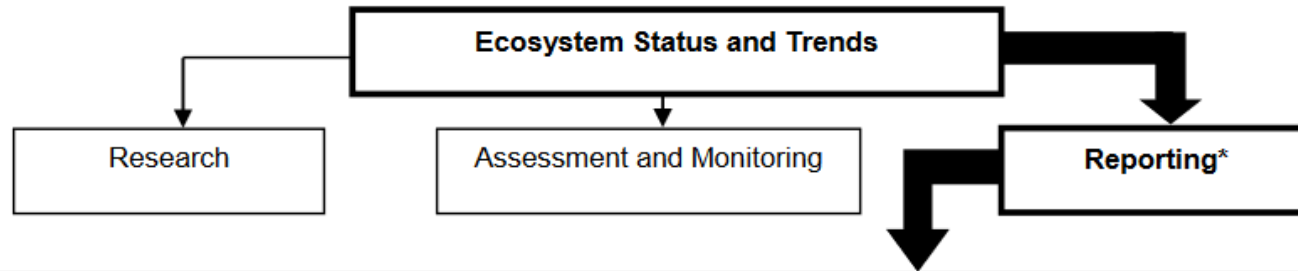
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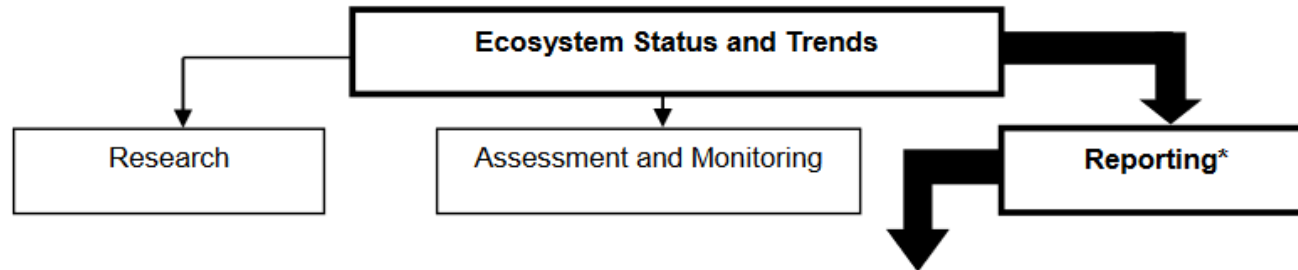
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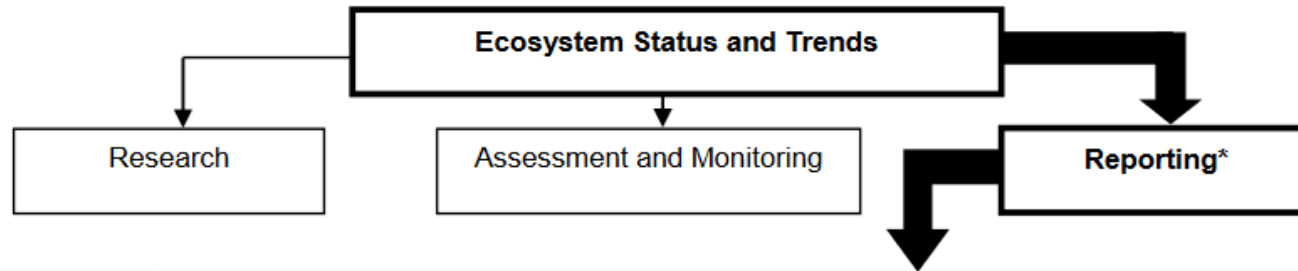
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  - Significant progress made but indicators still not finalized
  - Limited focus to date on monitoring strategy
  - EPA requesting faster progress (2020 target)
- STAC is central to the development, implementation, and review of APNEP's monitoring and assessment initiatives
  - Strategic focus will improve success
  - Collaboration on all levels is critical
- Today's discussions:
  - APNEP monitoring strategy
  - APNEP ecosystem assessment