

**Ian Simpson's thoughts for the  
SAGES-NABO Meeting  
March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Perhaps to add to the debate - a need to consider matrices of change within Tom's time-line approach to give process. Drawing on strategy theory, and to keep it simple, can we consider

1. a matrix of high / low disturbance and high / low inherent environmental 'quality';
2. adaptive strategies within the matrix conditions, and which may include competition, stress tolerance and disturbance tolerance
3. scenario build / model the outcomes of adaptive strategies to see what loops / bush effects transpire.

With this type of approach we might start to get at the adaptive complexity that we are seeing in the landscape empirical data. No doubt to be discussed later this week.