



# Practitioners want more effective exchange of information for a California grassland restoration network (“GRASS”-Net)

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California grassland restoration provides an opportunity for nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation. Our goal in developing **GRASS-Net** or **Grassland Restoration Action, Science, and Stewardship Network** is to share effective climate-smart practices, facilitate seed exchanges for hard-to-access species, and develop coordinated strategies on how to limit biotic homogenization from restoration. We have set out to assess grassland restoration practitioner needs to better establish an effective GRASS-Net.

## Methods

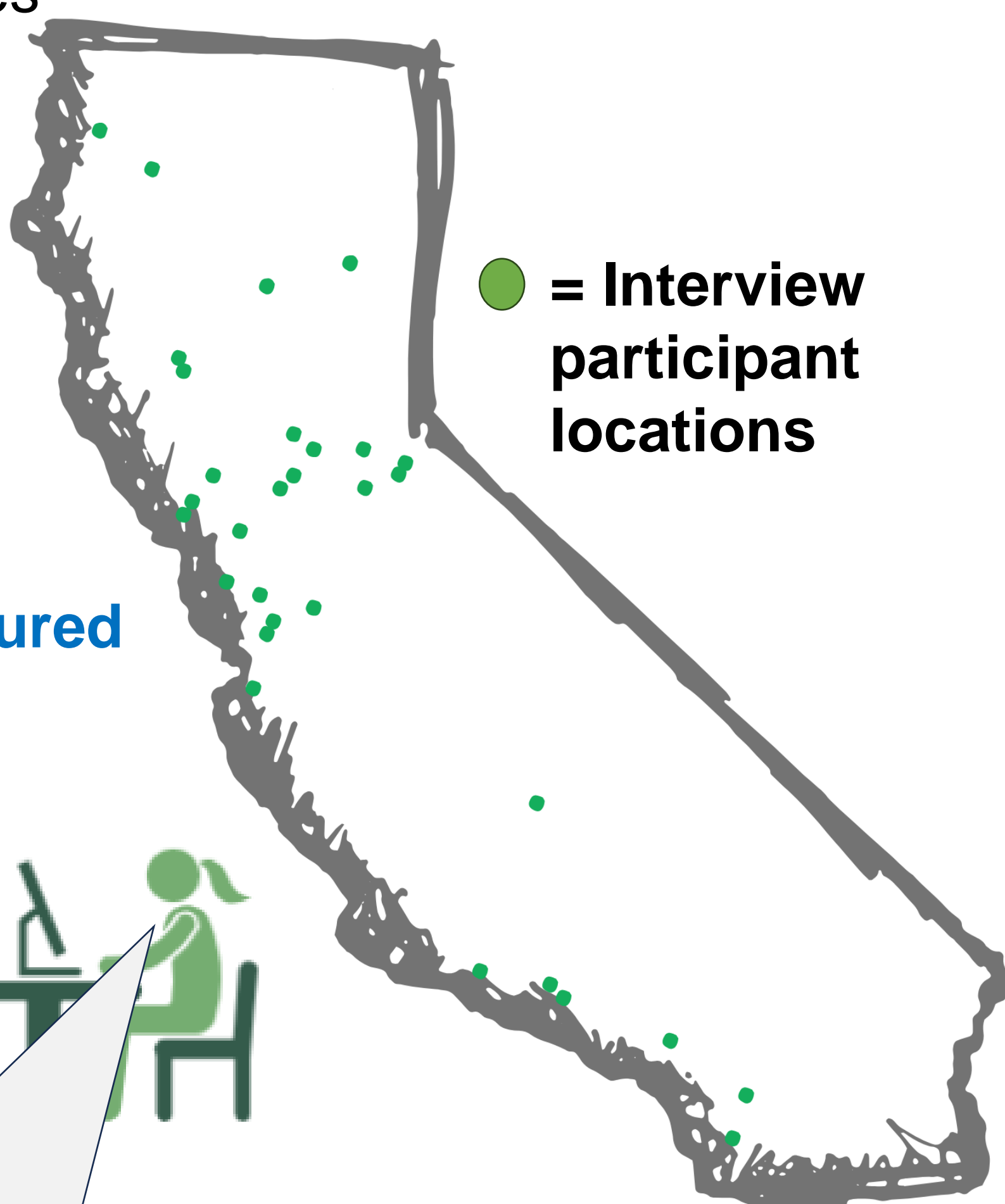
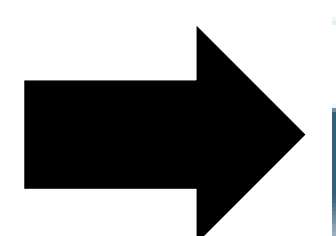
California grassland restoration practitioners from varied roles and California agencies gave us feedback on GRASS-Net

Within four topics:

- 1) professional background
- 2) network development
- 3) seed sharing
- 4) interactive tools.

Survey Questionnaires (N=198)

Semi-structured Interviews (N=34)



● = Interview participant locations

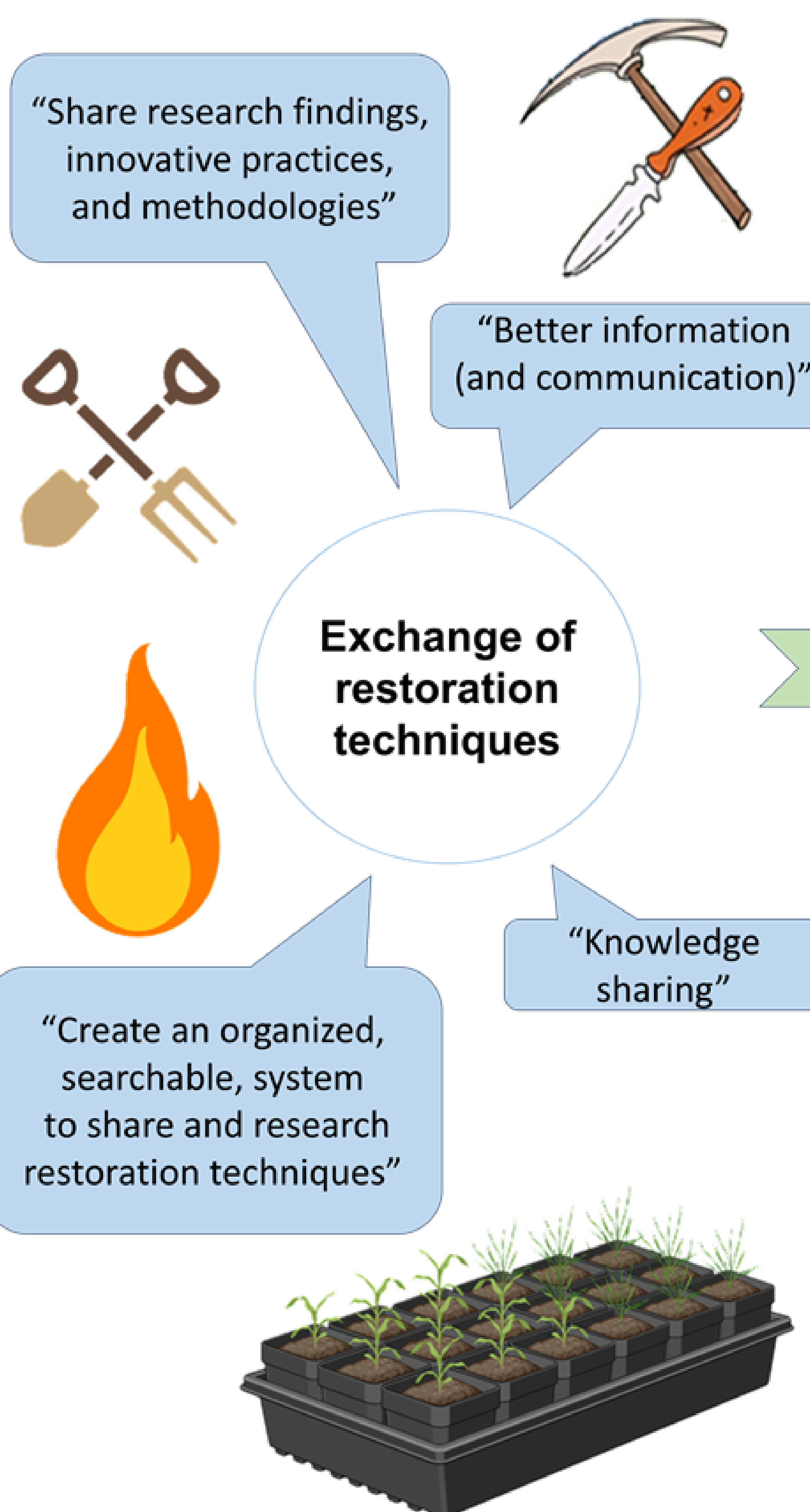
“...we often don’t take enough time to connect with ourselves and share what we wonder about and what we observe”

## Future Directions:

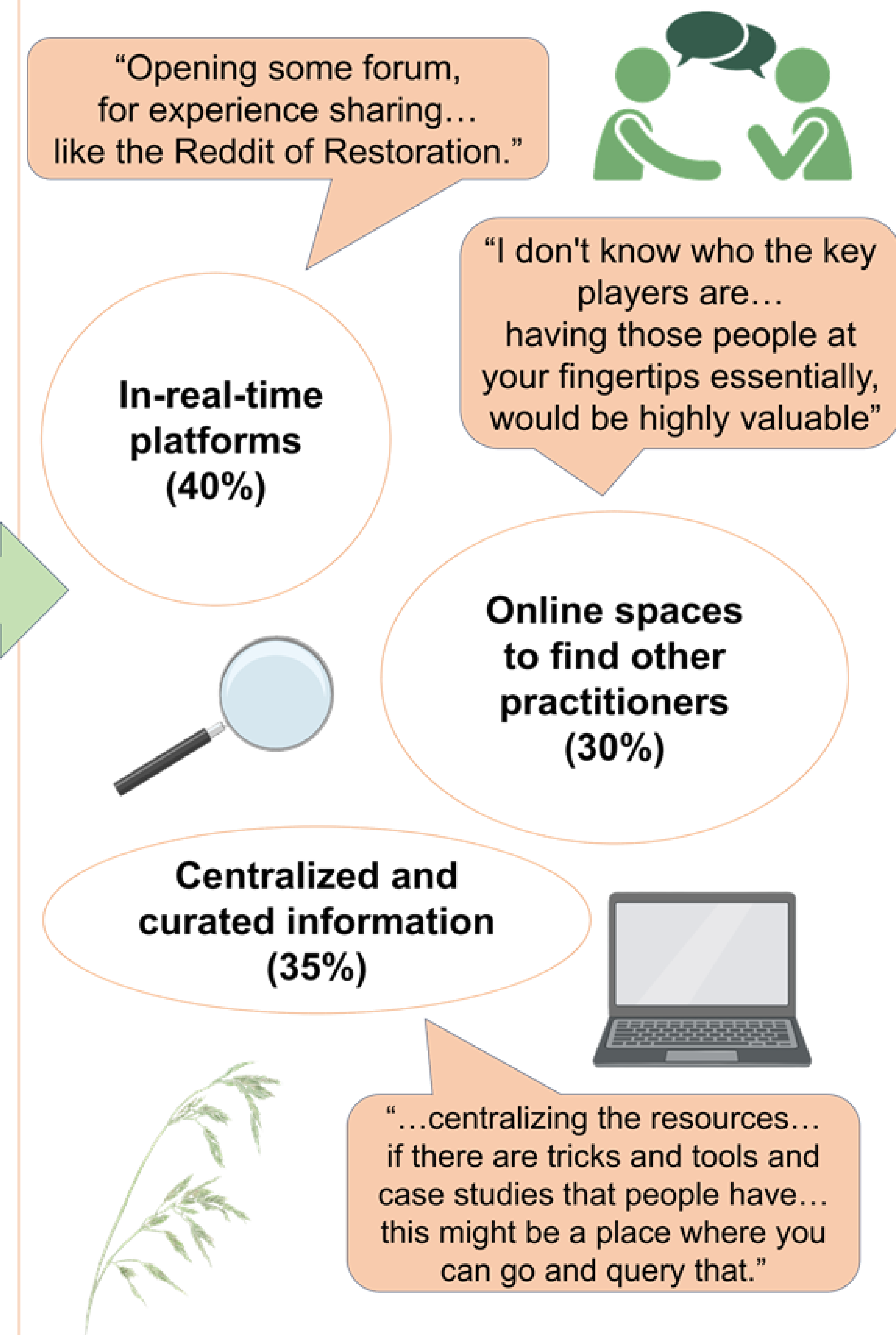
- What/where are existing networks and working groups?
- Separate analysis of tribal members’ interview responses
- Considerations for seed exchange networks
- What does “local” mean to practitioners?
- Preferred forms of communication

## Practitioner desired outcomes and recommendations for GRASS-Net

### Most common survey response (62%)



### Common interview responses guiding implementation



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