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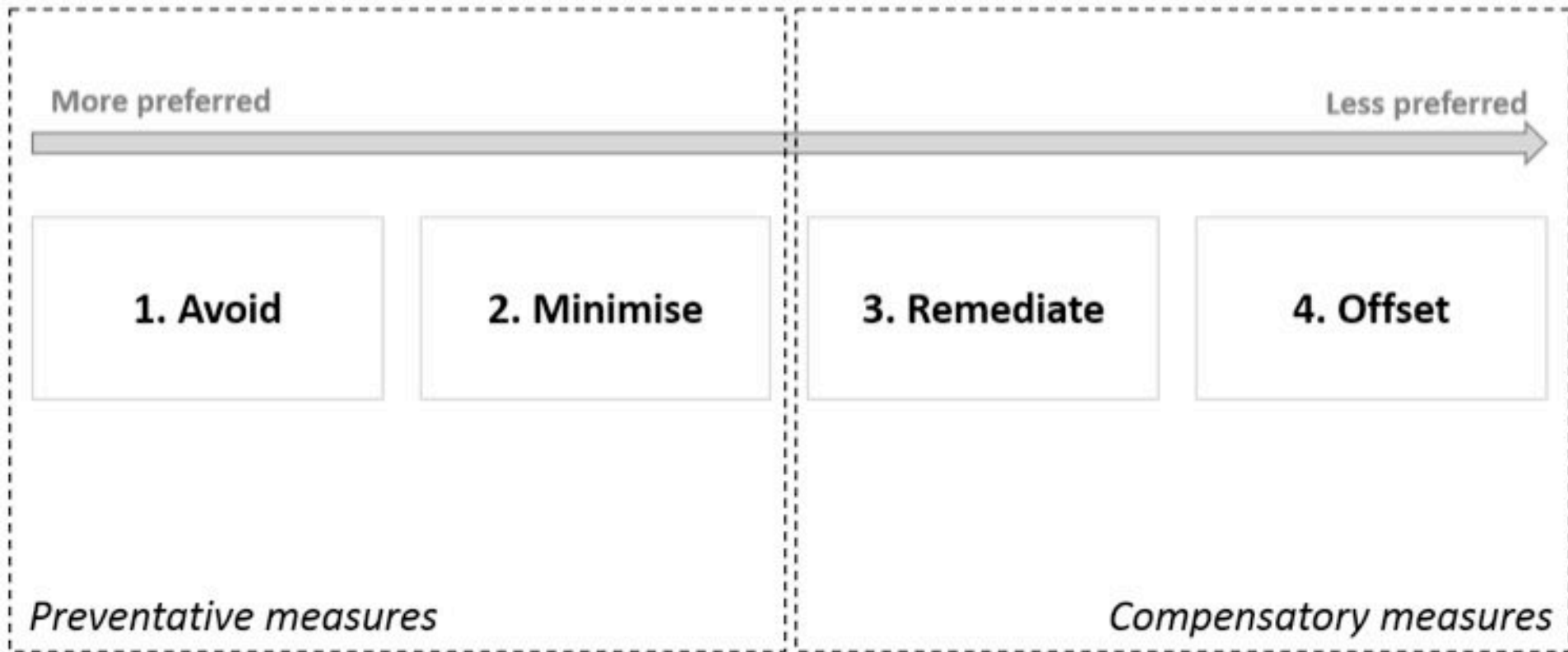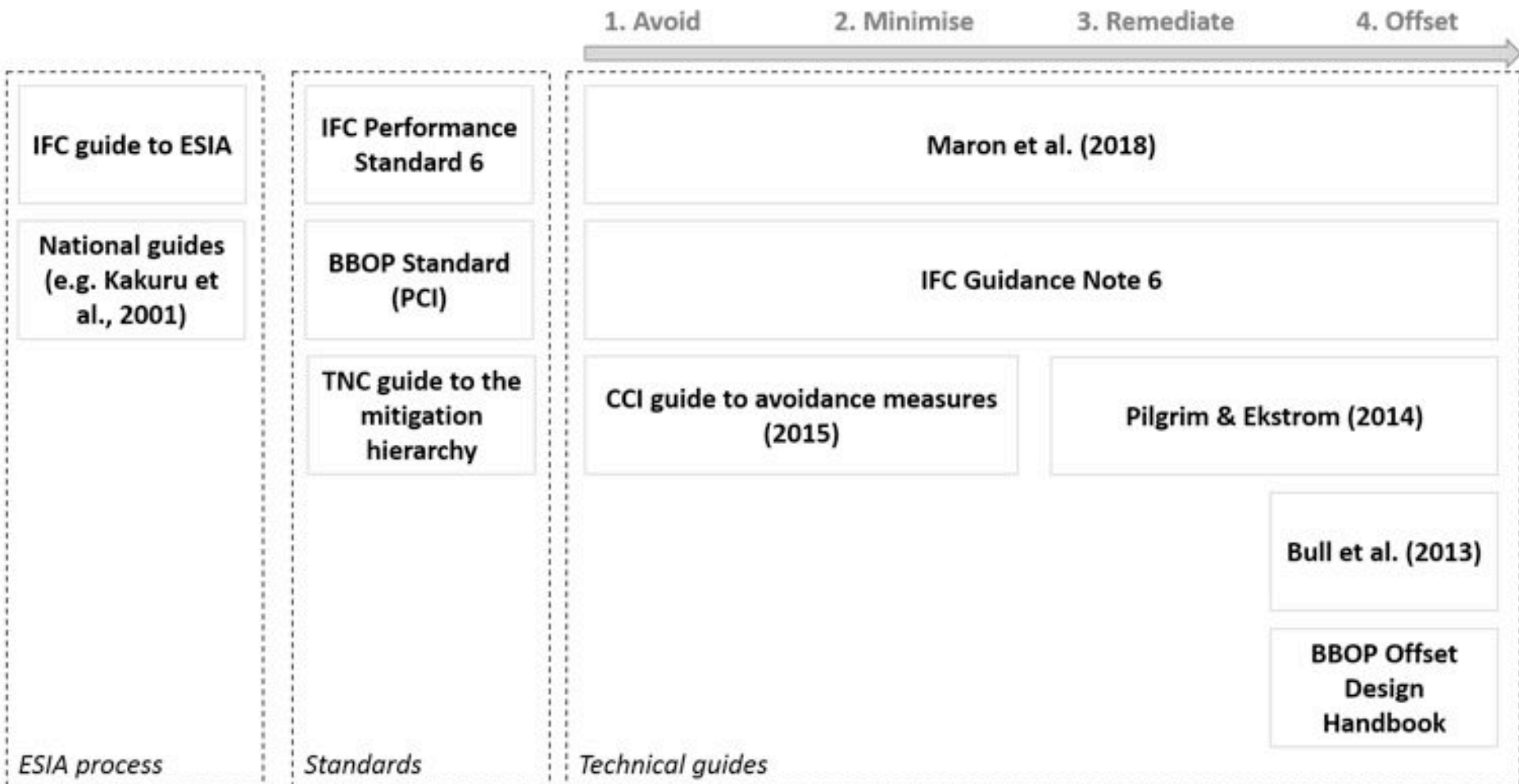
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Part 1: Introduction to No Net Loss

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		1. Avoid	2. Minimise	3. Remediate	4. Offset

ESIA process
- IFC guide to ESIA
- National guides (e.g. Kakuru et al., 2001)

Standards
- IFC Performance Standard 6
- BBOP Standard (PCI)
- TNC guide to the mitigation hierarchy

Technical guides
- Maron et al. (2018)
- IFC Guidance Note 6
- CCI guide to avoidance measures (2015)
- Pilgrim & Ekstrom (2014)
- Bull et al. (2013)
- BBOP Offset Design Handbook

Part 2: general guiding principles

- Approx. 20 principles split into 3 groups:

<u>Conceptual</u>

- E.g. what to measure ('wellbeing')
- E.g. timescale ('lifetime of the development project')

<u>Operational</u>

- E.g. unacceptable impacts (some impacts cannot be offset, meaning that the project cannot claim 'no net loss')

<u>Institutional</u>

- E.g. monitoring and reporting (linked to financial incentives)

Part 2: general guiding principles

Issue	Biodiversity No Net Loss	Social No Net Loss
Currency	Choose from a wide range of possible metrics	Specific metric ('wellbeing')
No Net Loss	Evaluate against a reference scenario (normally 'no development')	Evaluate against a reference scenario (normally 'no development')
Equivalence	Sometimes allow 'out of kind' compensation	Compensation must always be commensurate, and for the same stakeholders
Longevity	NNL should be achieved for at least as long as the impacts of development	NNL should be achieved for at least one generation (~ 25 years)
Time Lag	Time lags permitted between impacts and realisation of compensation measures	Time lags NOT permitted between impacts and realisation of compensation measures
Uncertainty	Incorporate consideration of uncertainties	Incorporate consideration of uncertainties
Reversibility	Biodiversity losses should be reversible	Social losses should be reversible
Thresholds	Certain biodiversity impacts are not permitted	Certain social impacts are not permitted

Part 3: application of the principles within Uganda

[Yet to be drafted, but to include]

- Ugandan Policy and Legal context

- Compatibility of general principles

- Development project realities (e.g. sectors, scale)

- Likely users of the principles (e.g. consultants, specialists)

Points for discussion

Points for discussion today relate to how this document can be made as useful as possible

Particularly:

- How much underlying theory is needed?

- How extensively to illustrate with case studies?

- Comparison between biodiversity NNL and social NNL?

- Checklist for ESIA consultants?

- Technical language?