**The CEE Statistical Methods Group (SMG)** comprises individuals who are involved or interested in the statistical aspects and challenges of systematic reviews. The broad aims of our methods group are to facilitate and promote the thoughtful and critical use of meta-analysis and other statistical tools for research synthesis in ecology, and to improve the power and rigour of ecological meta-analysis.

The Statistical Methods Group bases its activities around five core functions. These are:

* Providing policy advice to the Board of Trustees and Advisory Group of the Collaboration.
* Providing training and support for reviewers through workshops.
* Conducting methodological research e.g. bias, exploring heterogeneity, impact of missing data, cumulative meta-analysis....
* Helping to monitor the quality of systematic reviews.
* Serving as a forum for discussion.

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