

Introduction to the COMDEKS Programme and Overview of Workshop Objectives

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Working towards Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes



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Outline

- Project Overview and Background
- Summary of Key Results
- Key messages and lessons learned
- Overview of Workshop Objectives and Programme



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What is COMDEKS?



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The Community Development and Knowledge Management for the *Satoyama Initiative* Project

Goal ➡

To develop sound biodiversity management and sustainable livelihood activities to increase community resilience and to maintain, rebuild, and revitalize socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS)

Implementing Agency ➡ UNDP

Delivery mechanism ➡ UNDP-implemented GEF-SGP

Countries ➡

First Phase: Brazil, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Fiji, India, Malawi, Nepal, Slovakia, and Turkey

Second Phase: Bhutan, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia, Mongolia, Namibia and Niger

Timeframe and Budget ➡

5-year partnership programme; Japan Biodiversity Fund contributing with 10 million USD (2011-2016).

Status ➡

Over 200 projects funded and completed or nearing completion

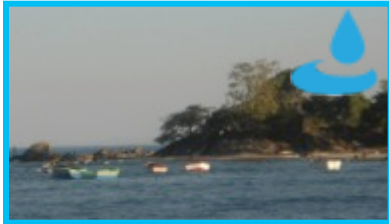




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Where We Work:

Diverse landscape challenges require locally adapted solutions



Inland water systems

Lakes / Watershed /Wetlands



Coastal seascapes



Mountain ecosystems



Agro-pastoral systems



Grasslands

Kyrgyzstan –Lake Issyk-Kul

Malawi – Tukombo-Kande, Lake Malawi

Niger – Tabalak Lake

Cambodia – Steung Siem Reap Watershed

Ecuador – Alto Napo River Watershed, Amazon

Costa Rica – Rio Jesus Maria Watershed

Slovakia - Východoslovenská nížina Lowland

El Salvador – Jiquilisco Bay, Bajo Lempa, and Jaltepeque Estuary

Fiji – Natewa-Tunuloa Peninsula

Indonesia – Semaun Island

Turkey - Datça -Bozburun Peninsula

Bhutan – Gamri Watershed

Ghana – Weto Range

India – Kumaon Region, Uttarakhand

Nepal - Makawanpur

Ethiopia – Gilbel Gibe Catchment

Cameroon – Bogo Region

Brazil – Jequitinhonha Vallery

Mongolia – Central Selenge Region

Namibia – Ipumbu-ya Shilongo Conservancy

COMDEKS Landscape Portfolio

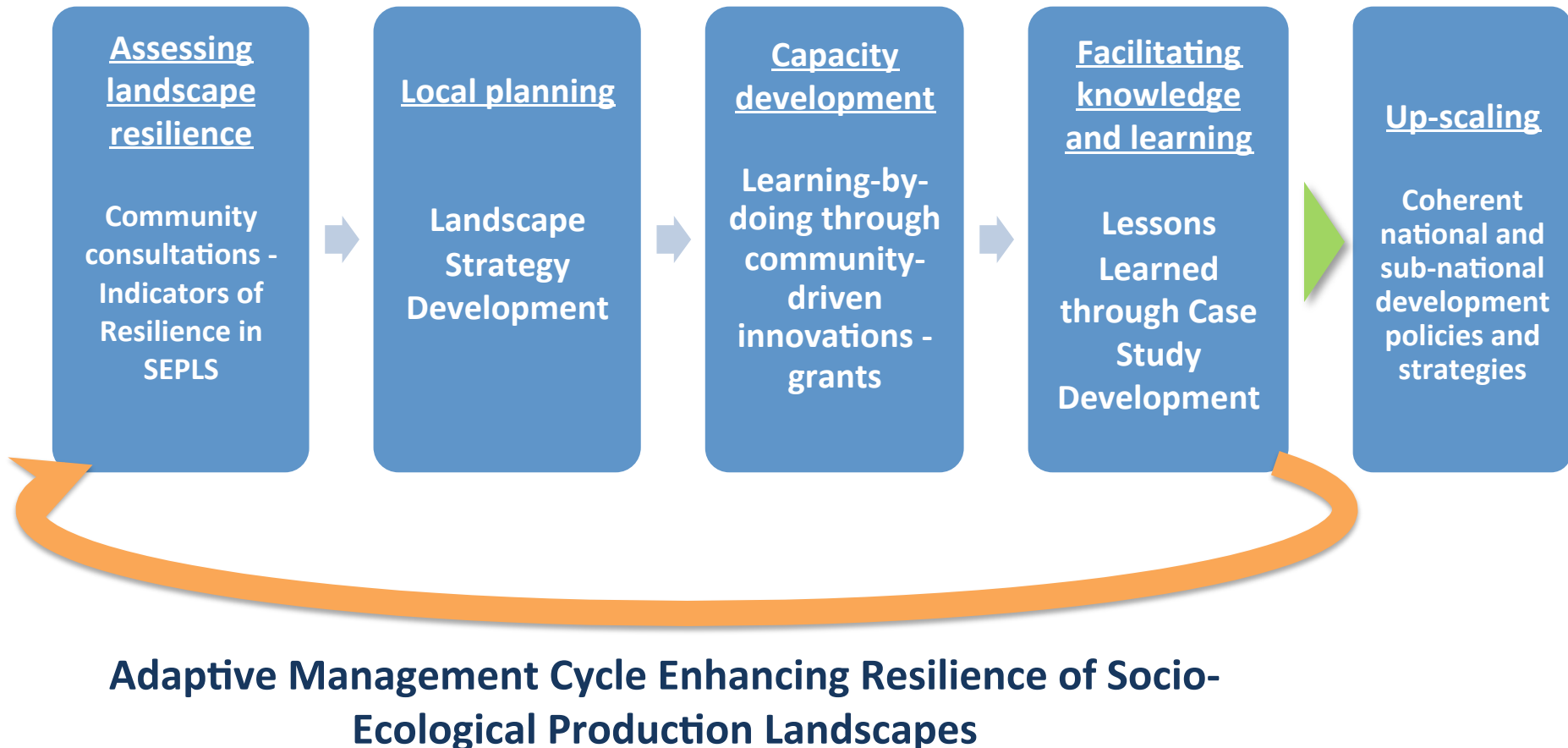
| Country | Landscape/Seascape Name | Area (hectares) | Geographic |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Phase 1 | | | |
| Brazil | Jequitinhonha Valley | 40,800 | Agriculture land/semi-arid |
| Cambodia | Steung Siem Reap Watershed | 361,900 | Watershed |
| Ethiopia | Gilbel Gibe 1 Catchment | 127,800 | Pastoral |
| Fiji | Natewa and Tunuloa Peninsula | 25,243 | Coastal/seascape |
| Ghana | Weto Range | 15,000 | Mountain |
| India | Kumaon Region, Uttarakhand | 50,000 | Mountain |
| Malawi | Tukombo-Kande, Lake Malawi | 27,000 | Lake basin |
| Nepal | Makawanpur | 78,900 | River basin |
| Slovak Republic | Východoslovenská nížina Lowland | 40,242 | Wetlands |
| Turkey | Datça-Bozburun Peninsula | 247,700 | Coastal/seascape |
| Phase 2 | | | |
| Bhutan | Gamri Watershed | 74,500 | Mountain/watershed |
| Cameroon | Bogo Region | 93,000 | Pastoral/Agriculture land |
| Costa Rica | Rio Jesus Maria watershed | 35,200 | Watershed |
| Ecuador | Alto Napo River watershed, Amazon | 484,152 | River basin |
| El Salvador | Jiquilisco Bay–Bajo Lempa–Jaltepeque Estuary | 32,065 | Forest/Coastal |
| Indonesia | Semau Island | 14,341 | Coastal/Seascape |
| Kyrgyzstan | Lake Issyk-Kul | 148,000 | Lake basin |
| Mongolia | Central Selenge Region | 628,856 | Temperate Grassland |
| Namibia | Ipumbu-ya-Shilongo Conservancy | 154,800 | Grassland |
| Niger | Tabalak Lake | 3,557 | Lake basin |

COMDEKS Strategic Framework:

Adaptive management to enhance community resilience and sustainability at landscape level



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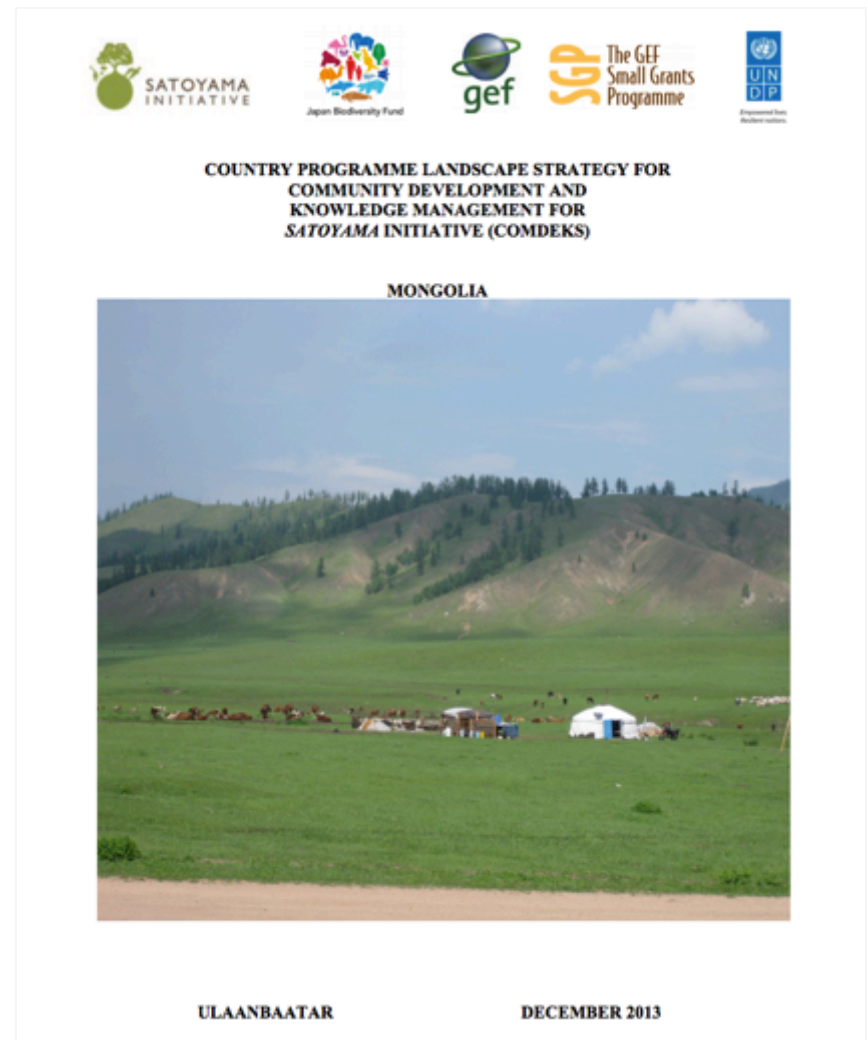
Resilience Indicators: A Tool for Landscape Assessments

- **Indicators of Resilience in SEPLS:** ongoing collaboration between UNDP, UNU-IAS, Bioversity International, and IGES.
 - The indicators are **being applied and tested** in COMDEKS project sites to help measure and understand **socio and ecological resilience** of target landscapes and seascapes
- **Resilience Indicator Toolkit (launched during WPC in Sydney)**



Baseline Assessment and Country Programme Landscape Strategy

- **Baseline Assessment:** Participants jointly identify principal social and environmental challenges in the target landscape
- **Landscape Strategy:** A comprehensive document outlining the landscape context, identifying desired landscape resilience outcomes, and outlining key measures and strategies for community-based actions.
- Reflecting multi-stakeholder agreements – menu of potential community projects around four major outcomes.
- A living document meant to be revised and updated as communities implement projects, interpret the results, and reevaluate their choices- the **adaptive landscape management cycle**.



Landscape Resilience Outcomes



1. Enhancing ecosystem services

- Sustainable production practices that maintain ecosystem services and conserve biodiversity
- Forest restoration activities
- Soil conservation and improved water management
- Ecosystem-based Adaptation



2. Strengthening the sustainability of production systems

- Diversification of agricultural landscapes (agroforestry; multifunctionality)
- Diversification of production systems (cultivation of a higher diversity of crops and crop-livestock-trees integration)
- Low-input agriculture; agroecology
- Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources



3. Developing and diversifying livelihoods and income generation

- Activities that promote access to new markets for biodiversity-friendly products
- Activities that promote nature-based tourism initiatives generating income for local communities
- Other activities supporting diversification of livelihoods.



4. Strengthening institutions and governance systems

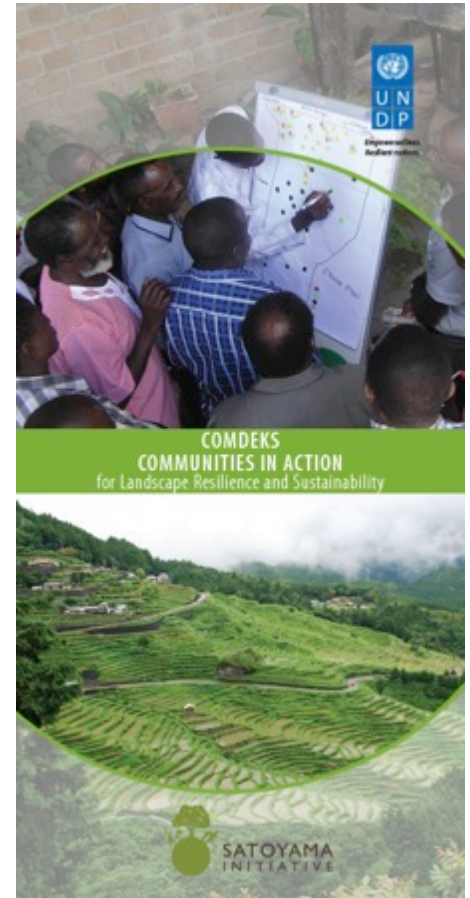
- Promotion of participatory governance systems at the local and landscape levels
- Strengthening NGO and COB capacities for landscape governance and management
- Promotion of networks for policy advocacy, learning, economies of scale

Overall Results: raw numbers

- More than 80,000ha of land in **process of restoration/protection** and almost 25,000ha brought under **sustainable management**
- Approximately, between 60,000 to 70,000ha of **agricultural land** brought under ecological production practices, benefitting more than **15,000/20,000 community members**
- Over 100 **livelihood opportunities** supported for more than 58,000 community members, increasing household incomes in some cases by 100% or even 200%
- More than 400 **institutions have participated in capacity building exercises at the landscape level**, including CBOs/NGOs, cooperatives, associations, local authorities, etc.
- Seven COMDEKS grantees have received **prestigious international and national awards** for their efforts towards resilience and improved livelihoods

Emerging lessons

- Participatory Landscape Planning and Collective Action
 - ✓ Participatory Landscape Planning develops social capital for collective action.
- Governance of Integrated Landscapes
 - ✓ The governance of integrated landscapes calls for new institutional models.
- Knowledge, Innovation and Scaling Up
 - ✓ Knowledge from community-led innovation is critical to adaptive management and scaling up the landscape approach.
- Long-term Engagement and Adaptive Management
 - ✓ Work at the landscape level requires time and long-term support, but frees communities and donors from the constraints of a single project focus.



Workshop Objectives



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- **Promote a better understanding** of the Satoyama Initiative's perspectives and activities, the achievements of COMDEKS and its partnership with the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP).
- **Analyze results and conclusions** of the COMDEKS programme (Phases I and II), **and share and disseminate knowledge and experiences** from successful on-the-ground actions for replication and upscaling of landscape planning and management approaches and practices in an additional cohort of countries through SGP.
- **Build staff technical capacity** and provide opportunities for capacity building and planning for future work through specialized training as well as a number of new materials and publications on the community-based landscape management approach and M&E practices.
- **Promote synergies** with other programs and opportunities for replication and scaling up.

Workshop Agenda – Summary

- **Day 1: Introduction and Knowledge Sharing**
- **Day 2: Field visit of partner communities in the Rio Jesús María Watershed**
- **Day 3: Technical Trainings on relevant Toolkits and Guidance Material**
- **Day 4: Exploring Synergies and Opportunities for Scaling up; Strategic Synthesis and Next Steps**





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