

A sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A long wooden pier extends across the middle ground. Several birds are visible in the water, some swimming and some flying. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Bouncing back from Disasters:
Working Together with Satoyama/Satoumi Communities
- A Case of Small Island Communities in Japan

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What is the *Satoyama* Initiative?

- The *Satoyama* Initiative is a global effort to **realize societies in harmony with nature**
 - ✓ through promoting sustainably managed **production landscapes and seascapes**
 - ✓ for the benefit of **biodiversity** and **human well-being**

“Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes = SEPLS”



Satoyama and Satoumi



“Satoyama and satoumi landscapes”
= “dynamic mosaics of managed socio-ecological systems producing a bundle of ecosystem services for human well-being”

Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS) around the World

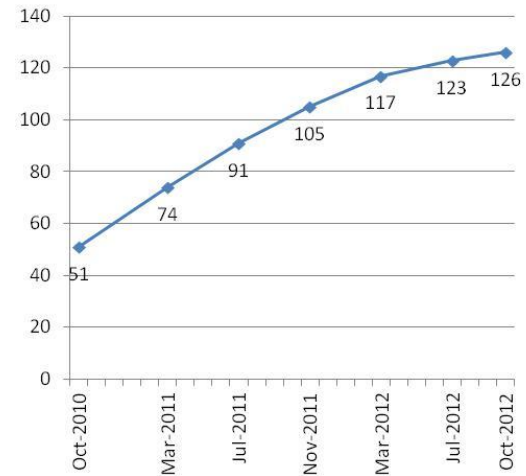


Landscapes formed through long-term interaction between humans and nature

... and in India



International Partnership for the *Satoyama* Initiative (IPSI)



Multi-stakeholder Partnership

National & local governments

Indigenous & community organisations

Academic & research institutes

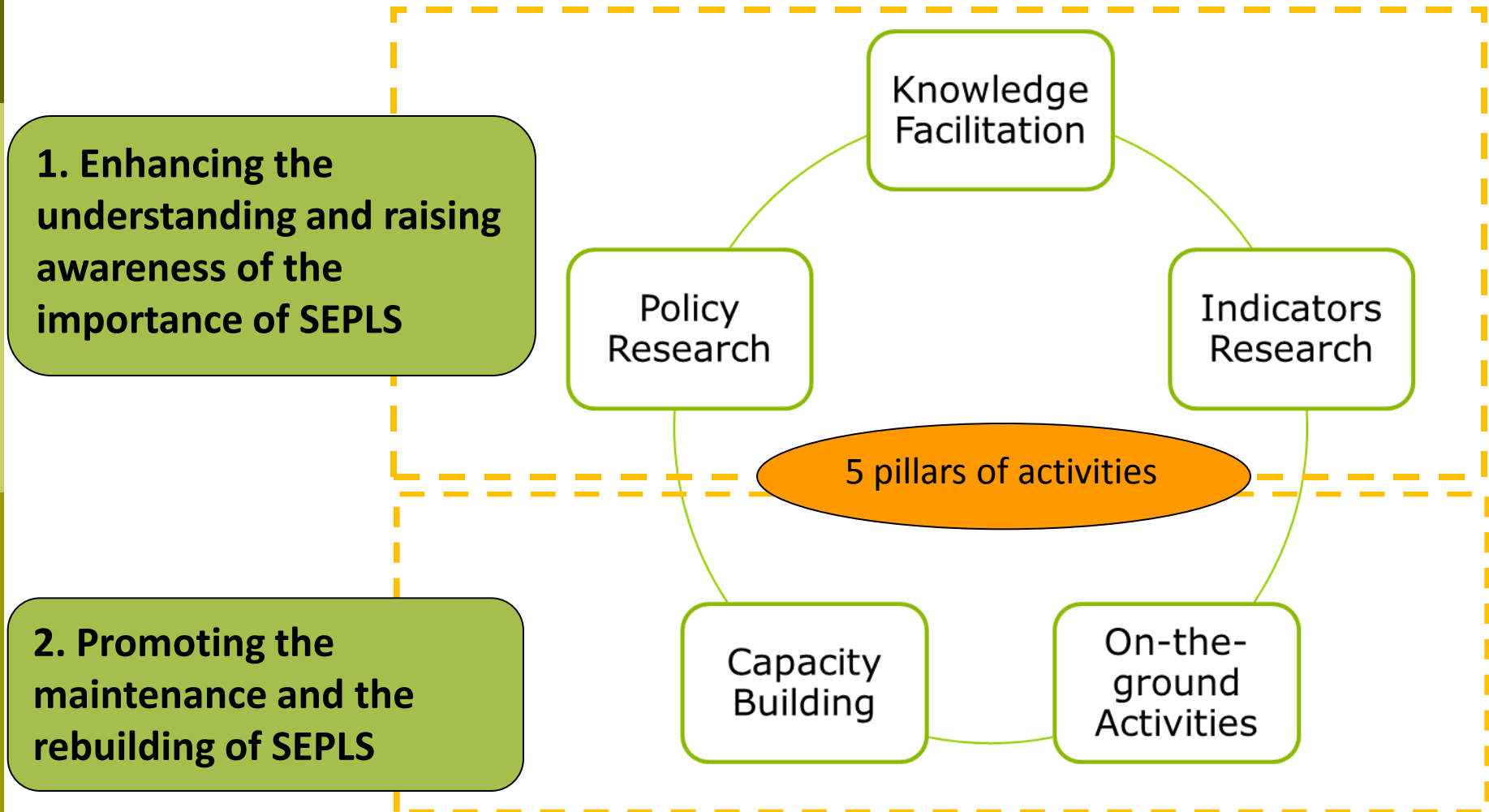
NGOs

Private sector

UN & international organisations

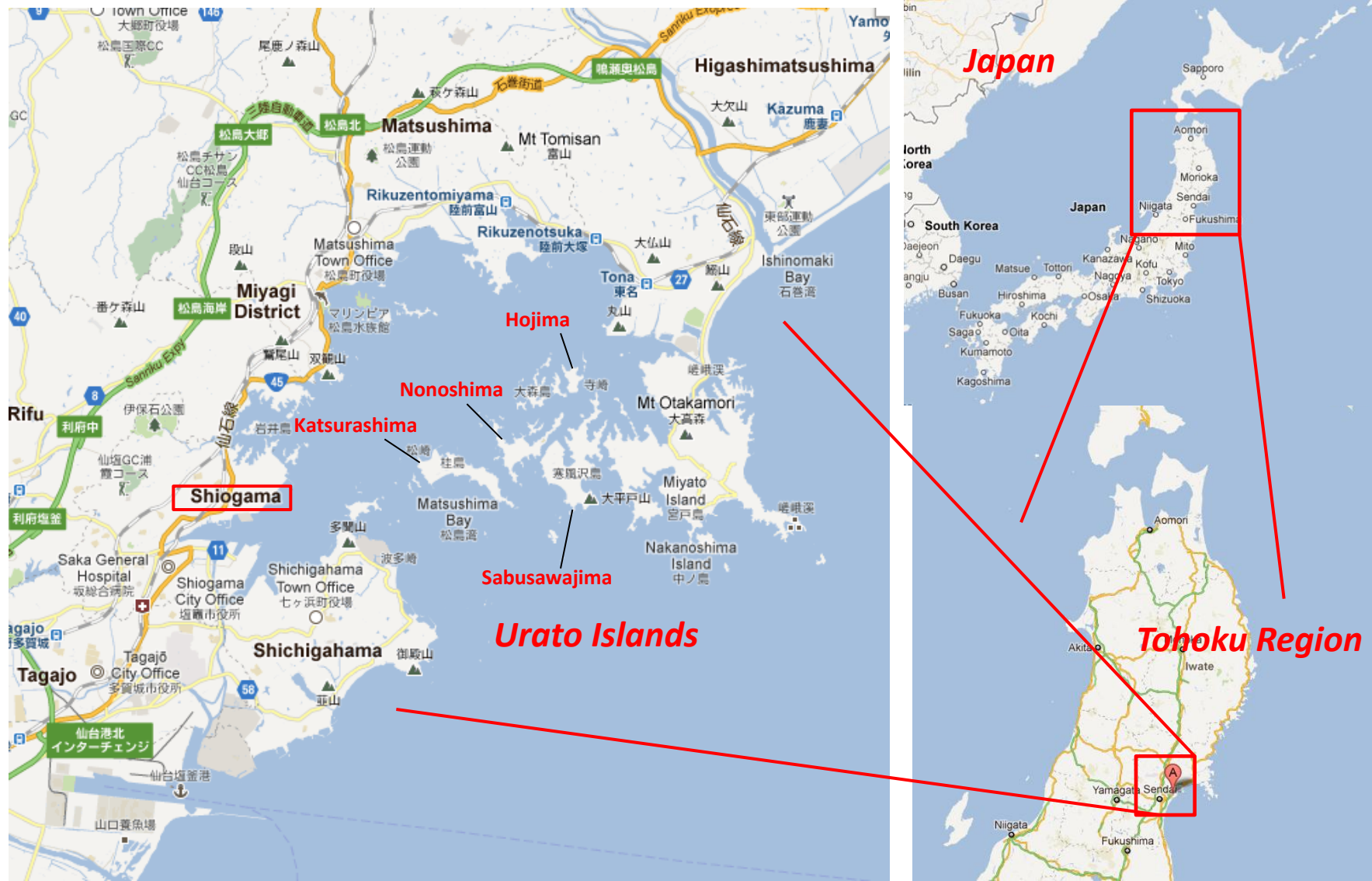


IPSI – a global platform for ...





The Urato Islands, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan





















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IPSI Collaborative Activity: “Exploring Sustainable Solutions with Consideration for Ecosystem Services: Restoration and Revitalization of Satoyama/Satoumi Communities after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami”

- Explore ways and means to...
 - 1) **rebuild** and **restore** the disaster-affected SEPLS aligned with natural processes
 - 2) **revitalize** and support communities in a sustainable manner, built upon local nature, culture and industries to overcome deep-rooted problems of depopulation, aging populations and a lack of successors.
- Develop a model of **post-disaster restoration** and **revitalization of communities in decline**, and share the lessons learnt with the rest of Japan and abroad
- Partners:
Tohoku University, UNU-IAS, Ministry of the Environment of Japan, CEPA Japan
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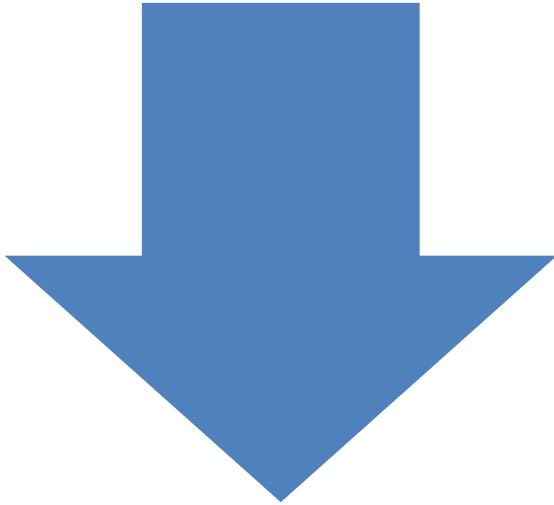
Supporting communities' rebuilding efforts through multi-stakeholder participation

Community-dialogue Seminar



Working towards green rebuilding with a range of actors, building on natural and social capitals





Vulnerability

- Human (individuals)
- Artificial buildings

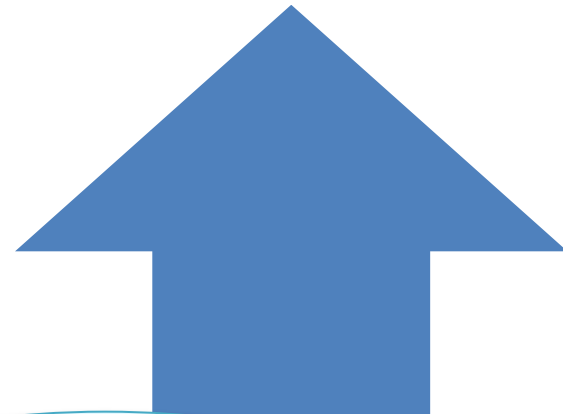
Resilience of Landscapes and Seascapes

Resilience

- Communities with a strong bond
(social capital)
- Nature / Ecosystems
(natural capital)

External Network to support
community efforts

Co-management in
broader landscapes &
seascapes



Thank you!
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