Information Paper
UNU-IAS Proposal of Activities under Cluster 1: Knowledge Facilitation

Background

This paper is a proposal from UNU-IAS and illustrates some activities envisaged for Activity Cluster 1 (Knowledge Facilitation). All activities described herein are subject to endorsement at the Inception meeting or the Steering Committee of the International Partnership for the *Satoyama* Initiative (IPSI).

Activities under Cluster 1:

   To attain the following goal with activities under other clusters,

"Enhance understanding and raise awareness of the importance of socio-ecological production landscapes for livelihoods and the three objectives of the Convention", activities under Cluster 1 will include *collecting, analysing, synthesising and comparing case-studies, and distilling lessons learned for dissemination through a searchable online database and other means, and for use in capacity-building activities.*

Proposed Activities

  (i) Collecting and showcasing case studies from each member

    As described in Operational Framework (article 2.2), all members are expected to submit at least one case study which they themselves have completed. Learning from numerous case studies adds valuable dimensions, thus various case studies from different specialised member organisations all play a significant role in ensuring knowledge facilitation. All received case studies will be showcased on the *Satoyama* Initiative portal site which includes a searchable database. The *Satoyama* Initiative portal site allows users to search for case studies based on geography and themes such as forests, agricultural fields, grasslands, inland water systems, coastal and urban fringes.

    The Secretariat of the IPSI is expected to be capable of and best suited to lead this activity for the following two reasons: (1) the Secretariat of the IPSI is to receive case studies based on the proposed Operational Framework (article 2.2), which could demonstrate each member's relatedness to the socio-ecological production landscapes from all members of the IPSI; and (2) the Secretariat of the IPSI shall host the *Satoyama* Initiative portal site.
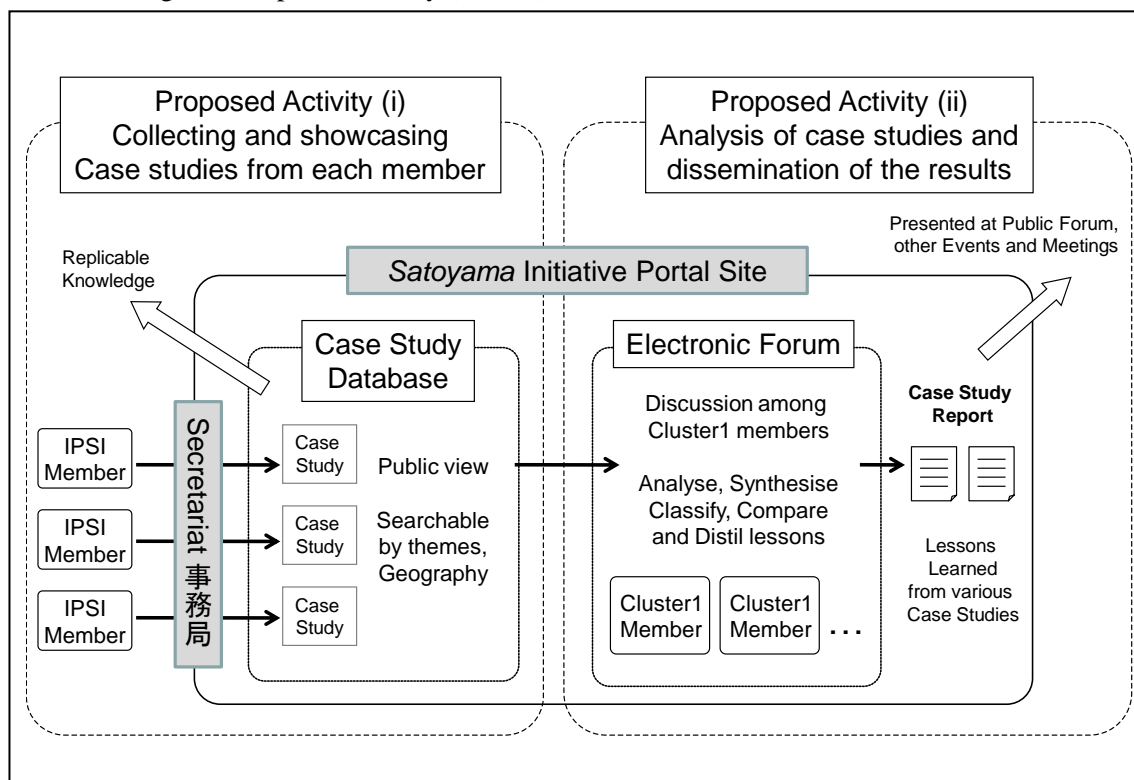
  (ii) Analysis of case studies and dissemination of the results:

Collected case studies will also become a source of information to analyse, synthesise and compare the various socio-ecological production landscapes and practices as well as to distil lessons learned. UNU-IAS is willing to lead this work with active involvement of other member organisations. UNU-IAS will also establish an electronic forum in the *Satoyama* Initiative portal site to facilitate communication and information sharing among members. The electronic forum will provide a discussion place for members to better understand the differences, similarities and synergies among the different studies. The enhancement of communications will assist the close cooperation between the focal-member and other members.

The result of the work will be presented in the IPSI case study report or other documents, and will be displayed to the general public via the *Satoyama* Initiative portal. A well-illustrated case study report will include valuable information for building capacity and for replication of successes.

In accordance with the *Satoyama* Initiative portal, case studies and results of analyses will also be widely disseminated in various ways such as presenting at the Public Forum of the IPSI Annual Meeting, side events at relevant meetings, and other events.

Diagram: Proposed activity (i) and (ii) under the Cluster 1

Information Paper Annex: *Satoyama* Initiative Portal Web-site

Background

In line with the proposal of Activity Cluster1 above, UNU-IAS commits to upgrading the design and functions of the *Satoyama* Initiative portal site in accordance with the establishment of the International Partnership for the *Satoyama* Initiative (IPSI). The main objective of the development of the portal site is (i) to increase international awareness of the Initiative, (ii) to enhance understanding and raise awareness of the importance of socio-ecological production landscapes for livelihoods and biological diversity, as well as support capacity building and on the ground activities and project to maintain, rebuild and revitalise socio-ecological production landscapes by information dissemination, (iii) to assist IPSI activities such as preparation for Annual Meetings through posting announcements and registration forms as well as support the collaborative activities of partners through providing forum spaces for each activity cluster, and (iv) to provide opportunities for partnership engagement and strengthening synergies with other initiatives and programmes dealing with socio-ecological production landscapes.

The re-designed images of the portal site graphics are attached to this paper.

Proposed Site Structure

In response to the portal site objectives, the renewed *Satoyama* Initiative portal site shall consist of seven sections as follows:

(1) Home Page: Some different photo images of socio-ecological production landscape from other parts of the World displayed in sequence. News display functions include the *Satoyama* Initiative's highlights and Partners' news highlights. Clicking on the news titles link to detailed news pages or directs the user to partner websites.

(2) About Page: Introduction and general information about the *Satoyama* Initiative and IPSI including download functionality for the Paris Declaration on the *Satoyama* Initiative and its leaflets and posters.

(3-a) Event Page: Up to three upcoming events and 10 previous events are listed on the page with a title; date and brief description. Also included in this section are the *Satoyama* Initiative's event highlights.

(3-b) A detailed Event Page: Click on an Event title at the Event page to go to a corresponding

event page detail with download function for related documents.

(4-a) Case Study Page: An interactive Google Map containing different icons and categories which enable users to navigate the content and see results appear both on the map and in a list below the Map in real time. This page also has a case study specific search function.

(4-b) A detailed Case Study Page: All submitted case studies will be show-cased on these pages

(5) Video Page: Categorised videos with regard to *Satoyama* Initiative and IPSI.

(6) Partnership Page: A page to introduce IPSI members with their organisations' logos, names and description of their mandate. Click on the name or logo to link to a partner's website. This page will be the portal of an electronic forum to facilitate communication and information sharing among members which will require ID and password in order to have access to the forum.

(7-a) Activities Page: All collaborative activities are displayed on this page with brief summaries of the five different cluster activities. When one of the activities is clicked upon the user is directed to that corresponding activity page. New information for each activity will be posted on this page.

(7-b) A detailed Activities Page: A page of information about activity summaries, issues, happenings and news regarding each cluster. The electronic forum will provide a discussion place for each cluster as described above. All results of works, publications, annual progress reports, and other relevant documents in regards to collaborative activities will be uploaded to this page. This page also includes a list of engaged members and links to related web-sites.

Image Sample: (1) Home Page

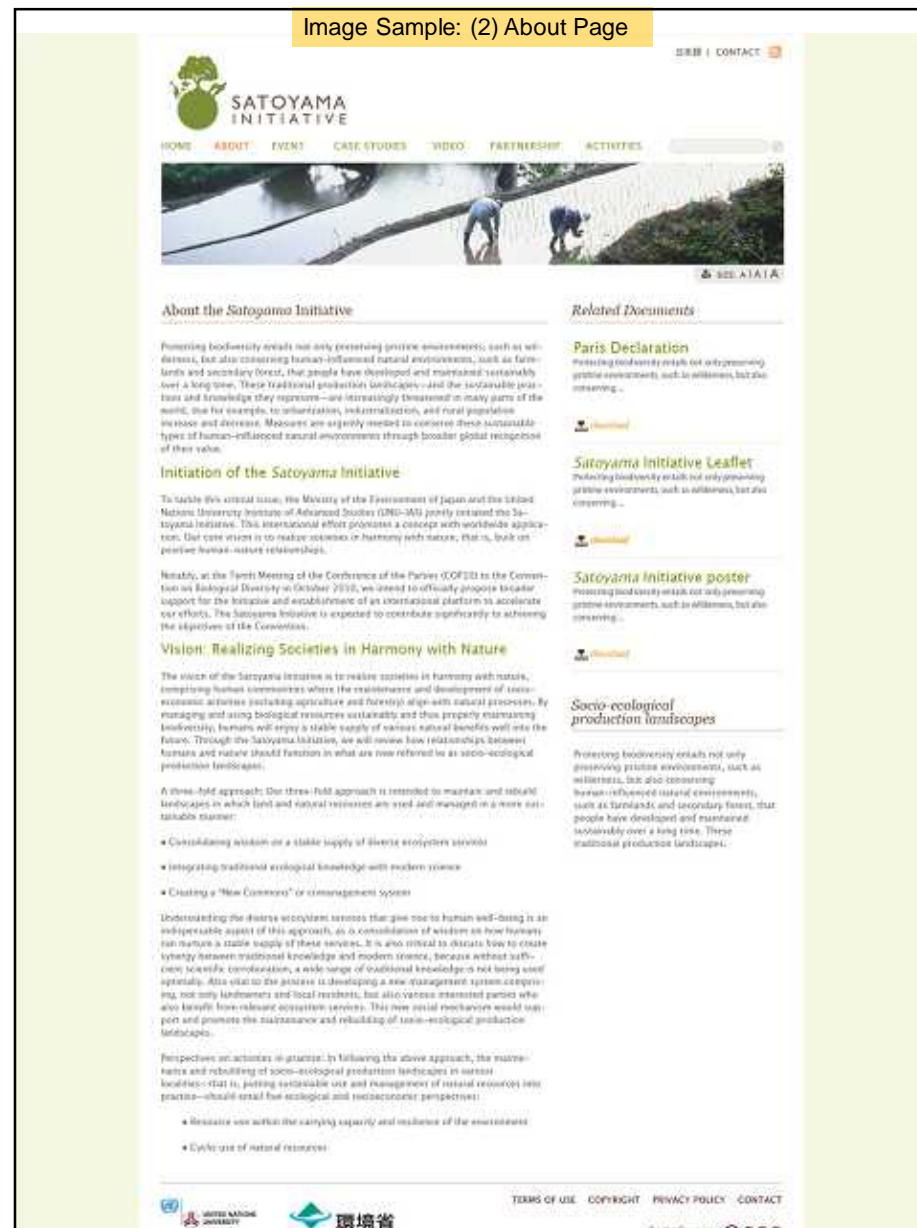Image Sample: (2) About Page

Image Sample: (3-a) Event Page

Image Sample: (3-b) Detailed Event Page
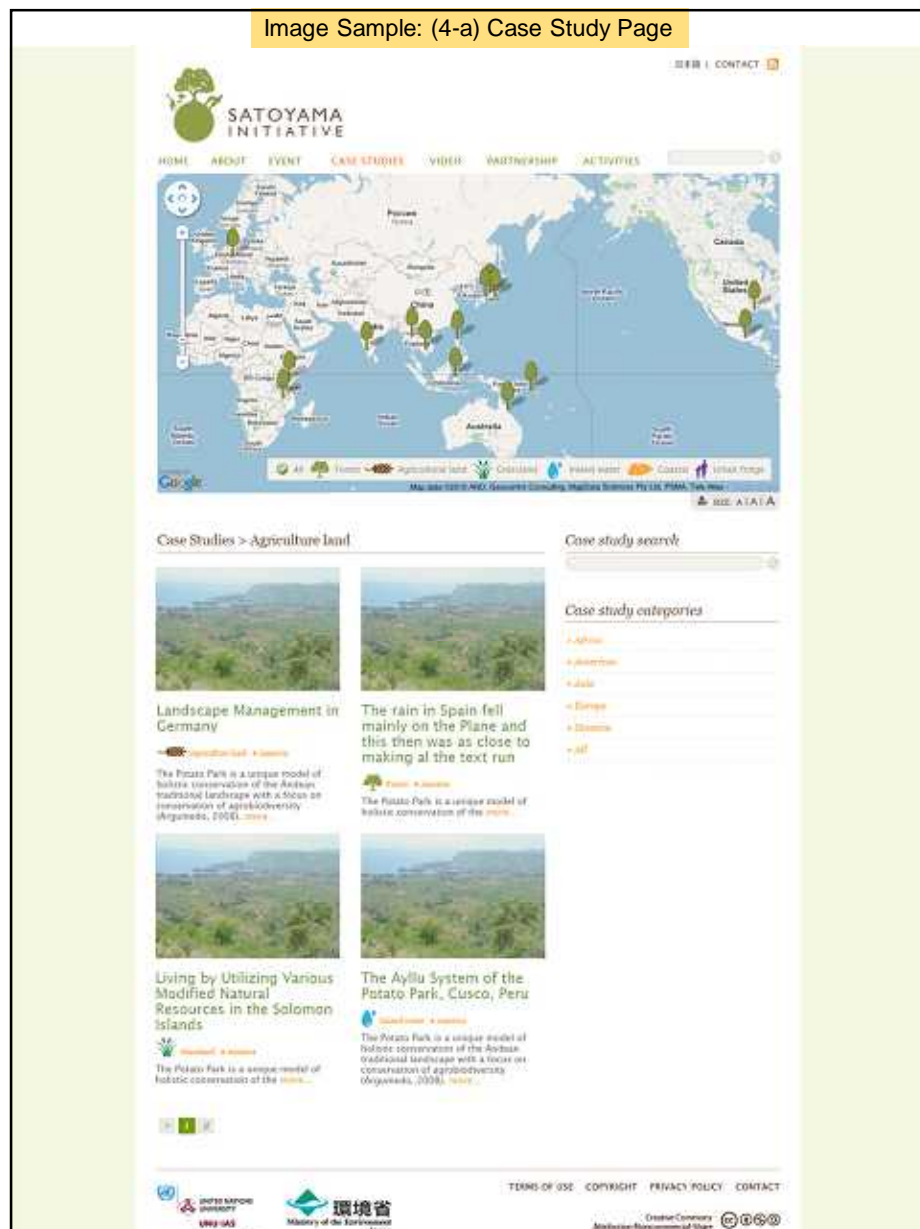
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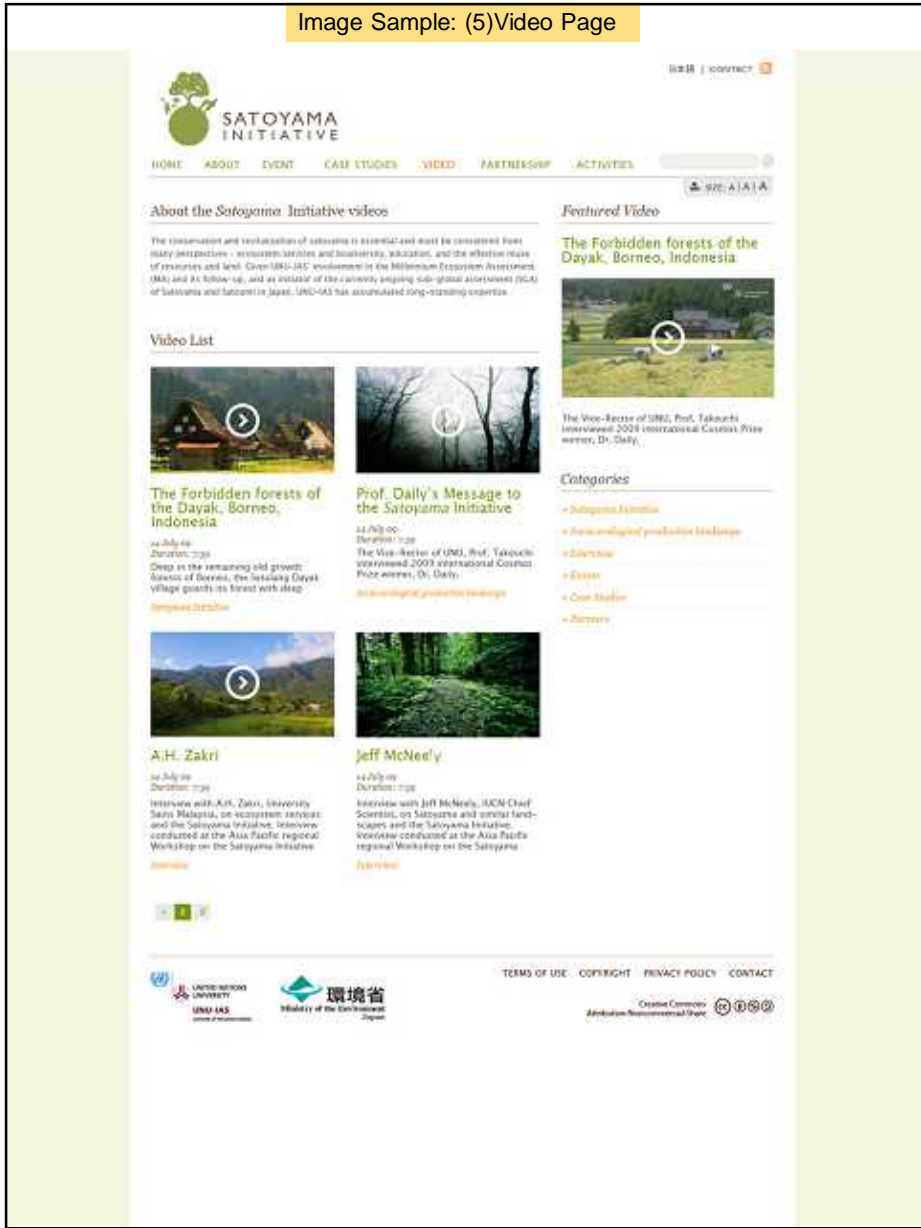

Image Sample: (4-b) Detailed Case Study Page

Image Sample: (5)Video Page

Image Sample: (6) Partnership Page

Image Sample: (7-a) Activities Page

Image Sample: (7-b) A detailed Activities Page