

# Update on the COMDEKS Programme

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# What is COMDEKS?

## 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 ➡ GEF-SGP, implemented by UNDP

Timeframe and Budget ➡

2011-2016;

Japan Biodiversity Fund contributing with 10 million USD

Status ➡

Over 200 projects funded and completed or nearing completion



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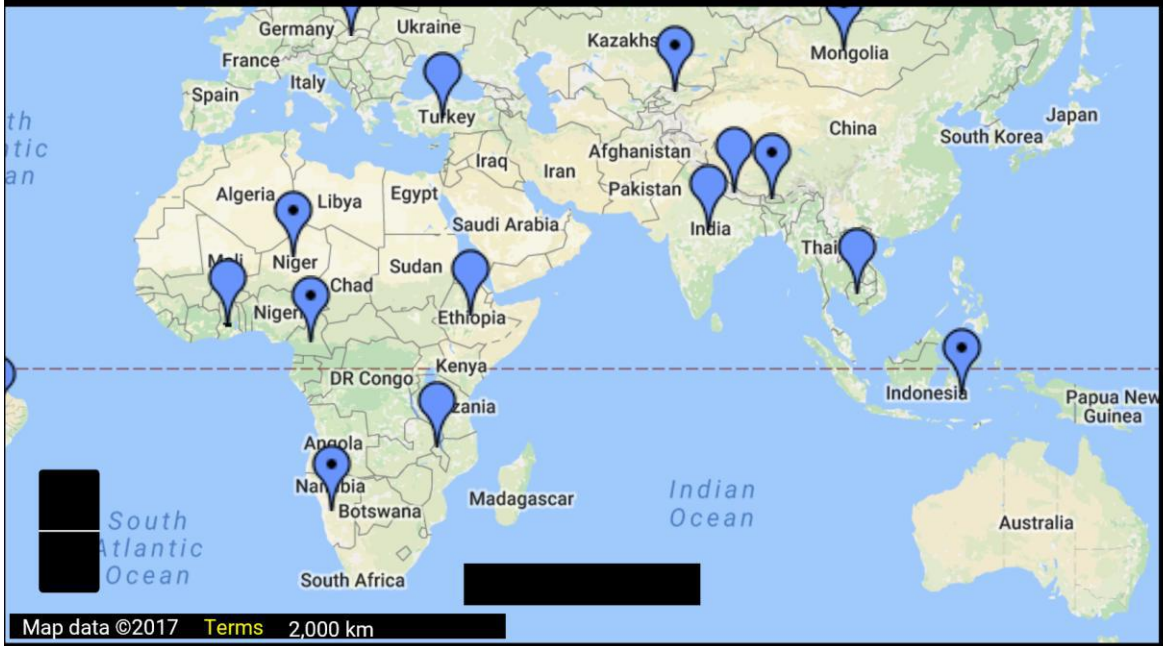




# Where We Work:

## Diverse landscapes and seascapes in 20 countries

COMDEKS Project Map

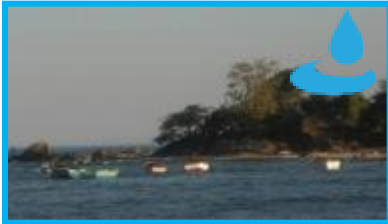


- **Asia and Pacific:** Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Fiji, Mongolia, Nepal,
- **Africa:** Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, and Niger
- **Europe and Central Asia:** Slovakia, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan
- **Latin America:** Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador,



# Where We Work:

Diverse landscape challenges require locally adapted solutions



## Inland water systems Lakes / Watershed /Wetlands

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



## Coastal seascapes

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



## Mountain ecosystems

Fiji – Natewa-Tunuloa Peninsula  
Indonesia – Semau Island  
Turkey - Datça -Bozburun Peninsula



## Agro-pastoral systems

Bhutan – Gamri Watershed  
Ghana – Weto Range  
India – Kumaon Region, Uttarakhand  
Nepal - Makawanpur



## Grasslands

Ethiopia – Gilbel Gibe Catchment  
Cameroon – Bogo Region  
Brazil – Jequitinhonha Vallery  
  
Mongolia – Central Selenge Region  
Namibia – Ipumbu-ya Shilongo Conservancy



# Landscape Resilience Outcomes



## 1. Enhancing ecosystem services

- Sustainable production practices
- Forest restoration
- Soil conservation and improved water management
- Ecosystem-based Adaptation



## 2. Strengthening the sustainability of production systems

- Diversification of agricultural landscapes
- Diversification of production systems
- Low-input agriculture; agroecology
- Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources



## 3. Developing and diversifying livelihoods and income generation

- access to new markets for biodiversity-friendly products
- Nature-based tourism
- Other activities supporting diversification of livelihoods.



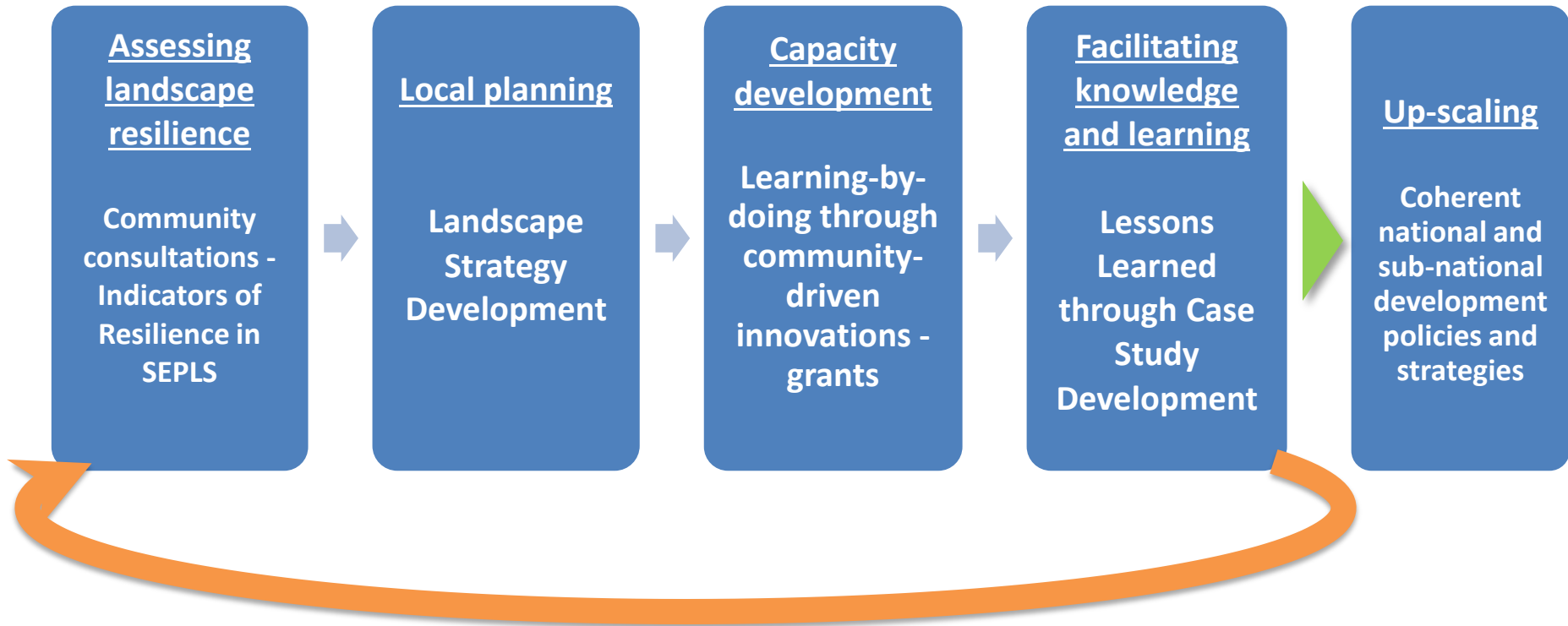
## 4. Strengthening institutions and governance systems

- Participatory governance systems at the local and landscape levels
- Strengthening NGO and COB capacities
- Networks for policy advocacy, learning, economies of scale

# COMDEKS Strategic Framework: Adaptive management to enhance community resilience and sustainability at landscape level



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**Adaptive Management Cycle Enhancing Resilience of Socio-  
Ecological Production Landscapes**



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# Resilience Indicators: A Tool for Landscape Assessments

- **Indicators of Resilience in SEPLS:** ongoing collaboration between UNDP, UNU-IAS, Biodiversity 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)**



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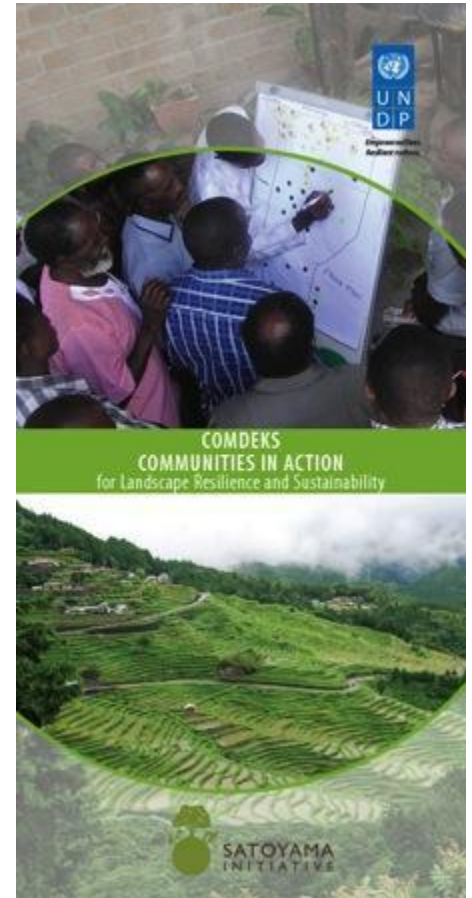
# Overall Results: raw numbers

- 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.





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# Applying and extending COMDEKS insights

- Sharing lessons learned and best practices through IPSI
- Upscaling through SGP Upgrading Country Programmes and other SGP countries.
- Providing lessons and evidence to the GEF on community driven landscape planning and management
- Proving an example to other donor of landscape-level effects



## Next steps/remaining activities

- Consolidate results/analysis on COMDEKS' contribution to Strategic Plan on Biological Diversity and Aichi Targets.
- Consolidate lessons learned on the use of the Resilient Indicators.
- Knowledge management and products: COMDEK website information to be linked/shared with IPSI and SGP website.
- Encourage COMDEKS participating countries to participate/join in IPSI activities.
- Conduct Terminal Evaluation of the project.



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