

## Participatory Assessments, Replication and Upscaling through COMDEKS and GEF SGP

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INITIATIVE



Japan Biodiversity Fund



SGP The GEF  
Small Grants  
Programme | 25  
YEARS



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# Presentation Outline



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- COMDEKS portfolio: overview and background
- Community-based Landscape Approach
- Launch of new COMDEKS publication on Resilience Indicators
- Replication and Upscaling through SGP UCPs



# 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), extended to 2018.

### Status →

Over 200 projects funded and completed

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Convention on  
Biological Diversity

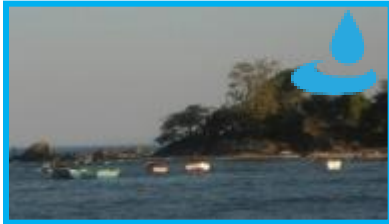


# Where We Work:

## Diverse Landscape challenges require locally adapted solutions



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### 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 – Semau 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 Valley

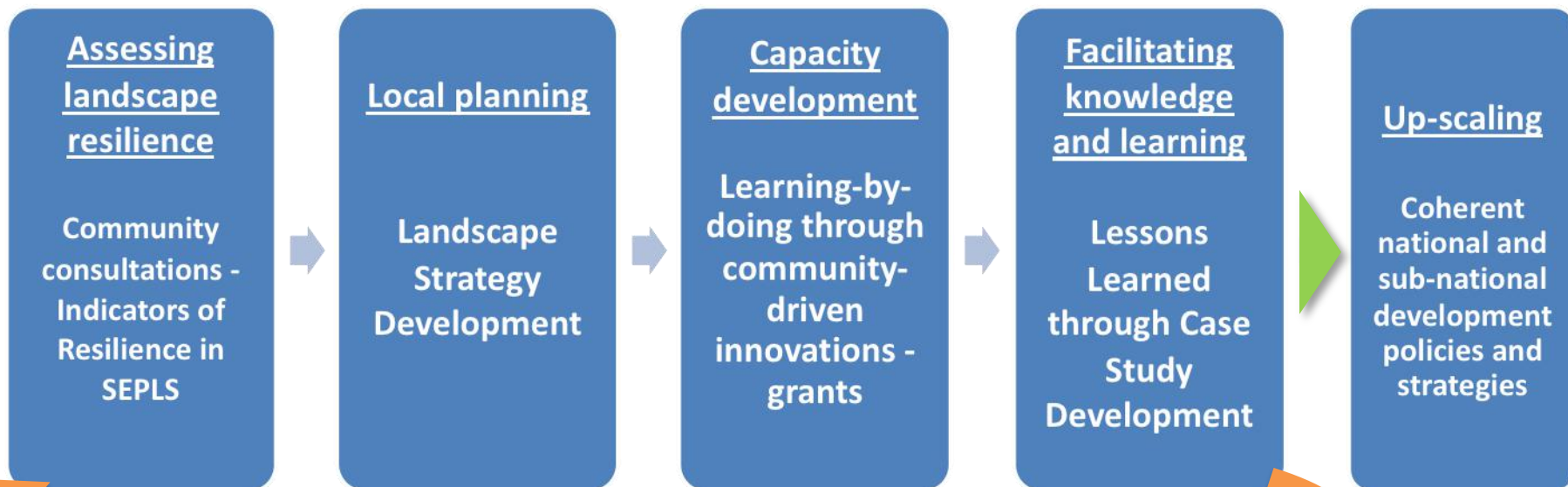
Mongolia – Central Selenge Region

Namibia – Ipumbu-ya Shilongo Conservancy

# COMDEKS Strategic Framework: Adaptive management to enhance community resilience



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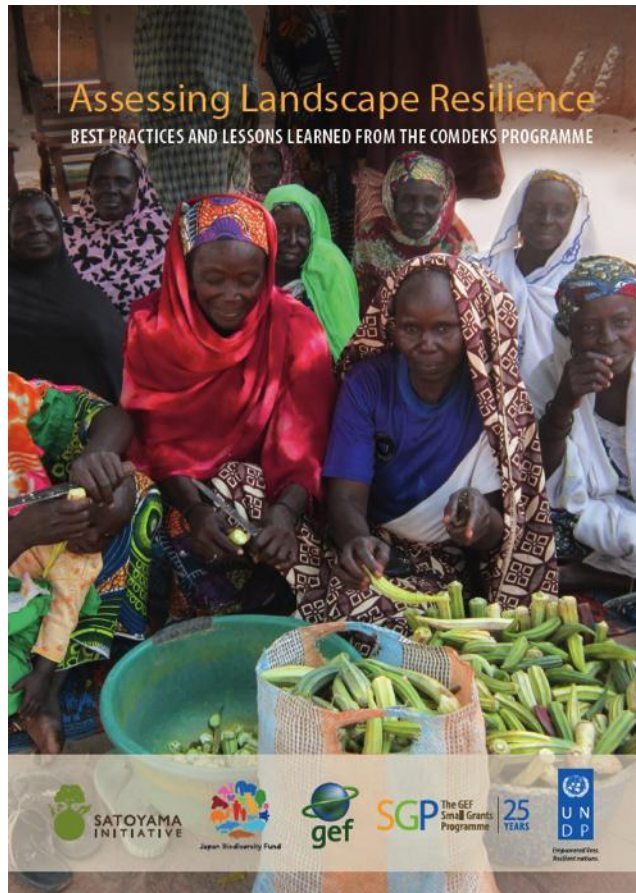


**Adaptive Management Cycle Enhancing Resilience of Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes**

# Resilience Indicators: A tool for landscape assessment



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

**“Assessing Landscape Resilience:  
Best Practices and Lessons Learned  
from The COMDEKS Programme”**



# RI Publication - Lessons from the Application of Resilience Indicators



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- **The resilience indicators anchor the community education process throughout the project lifecycle and beyond.** The resilience indicators are at the heart of landscape communities' learning process about resilience.
- **The indicators are a conduit for information from local resource users and a window into landscape trends.** The indicator scoring exercise lets local informants speak in their own words.
- **Resilience indicator scores and discussion help determine the eventual structure of the Landscape Strategy.** While indicator scores do not directly lead to a list of priority landscape interventions, they do influence the discussion and analysis of all the landscape information.
- **Indicator scores bring the idea of landscape resilience into the policy realm.** Resilience indicators can play an important part in giving community-level interventions legitimacy in the eyes of policymakers.



# Examples from the publication – fostering participatory landscape governance

- In **Turkey**, the CBOs that carried out COMDEKS projects formed a group called the Balikaşiran network
  - Continued to evolve and expand into a multistakeholder partnership
  - Regularly consulted by local governments and central government organizations
  - Tasked to coordinate the development process of a long-term sustainable development strategy for the Datça-Bozburun peninsula.

- In **Indonesia**, dialogue and coordination was fostered between customary authorities and government bodies:

- Environmental Forums established in 7 villages
- Environmental agreements established between clan leaders, village governments, and community members





# Up-scaling through SGP Upgraded Country Programmes



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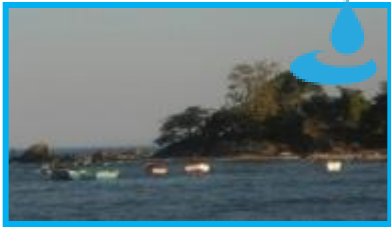
- SGP Upgraded Country Programmes (UCPs) are implementing **a community-based landscape approach** as their core programming framework for the GEF Sixth Operational Phase (OP6).
  - ✓ Building on the experience of UNDP's COMDEKS community-based landscape planning approach.
  - ✓ Providing lessons and evidence to the GEF on community-driven integrated landscape planning and management
- UCPs are a dynamic portfolio of 15 Country Programs developing strategies to build social and ecological resilience of SEPLS
  - ✓ 9 SGP Country Programs were upgraded during GEF OP5: **Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, India, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, and Philippines**
  - ✓ 6 are in the process of upgrading for GEF OP6: **Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Peru, Sri Lanka, and Thailand**

# SGP UCPs - Where We Work: SEPLS

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### Inland water systems

Lakes /  
Watershed /Wetlands

Ecuador – Alto Napo River Watershed, Amazon  
Costa Rica – Jesus Maria and Barranca River Basin  
Bolivia – Pantanal: Otuquis and San Matias  
Sri Lanka—Colombo Wetlands  
Kenya – Rift Valley Lakes



### Coastal seascapes

Indonesia – Nusa Penida, Semau, and Wakatobi  
Islands, Gorontalo Province  
Mexico—Yucatan Peninsula  
Pakistan – Indus Delta  
Philippines – Palawan Island  
Kenya – Shimoni Vanga Fishery Area



### Mountain ecosystems

India – Kumaon Region, Uttarakhand  
Peru – Puno, Cusco, Tacna, and Arequipa

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### Agro-pastoral systems

Brazil – Cerrado and Caatinga  
Bolivia—Gran Chaco: El Palomar, Kaa Iya, and Inao  
Thailand—Nan River Basin  
Pakistan—Indus Delta



### Grasslands, steppes and deserts

Kazakhstan — Akmola, Karaganda, and Kostanai Oblasts (steppe); Almaty, East Kazakhstan, Kyzylorda and South Kazakhstan oblasts (desert)



### Urban and Peri-urban

Egypt — Greater Cairo and Fayoum City  
Kazakhstan - Almaty



### Forest Ecosystems

Ecuador — Napo River Watershed, Paramo, Amazon rainforest  
Thailand — Ping, Wang and Yom River Basins  
Mexico — Yucatan Peninsula  
Sri Lanka — Knuckles Forest  
Philippines — Sierra Madre and Samar Island  
Kenya — Kaya Forest

# Highlights of GEF-6 and overall strategy of UCPs moving forward



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- *Towards effective management and governance of resilient production landscapes*
- *Towards enhanced community consultation and participatory landscape planning*
- *Towards more systematic innovation and adaptive management*
- *Towards connectivity and synergy among projects across the landscape*
- *Towards greater use of “Strategic Projects” to address systemic challenges*

- UCPs are a premier resource for other full-size projects to model effective upscaling strategies in OP-7 Impact Programs

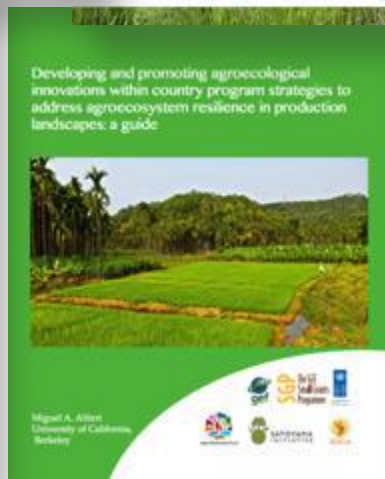
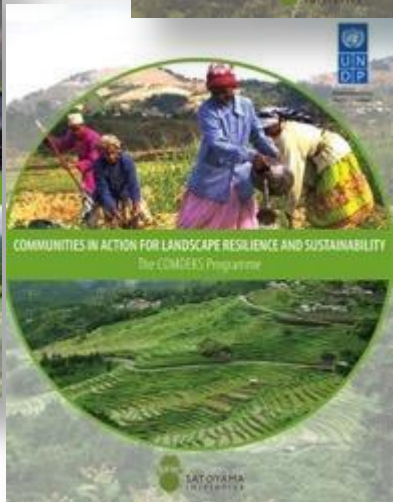
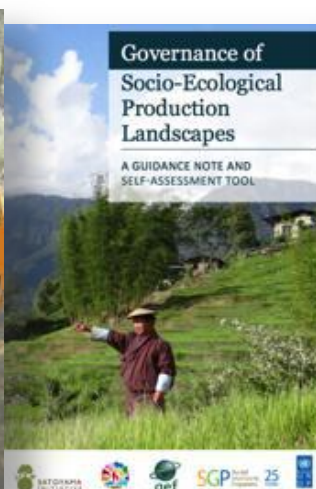
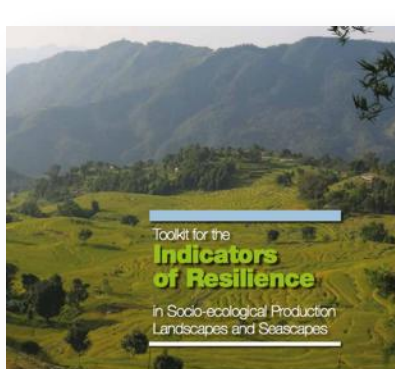


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# Further COMDEKS Publications



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