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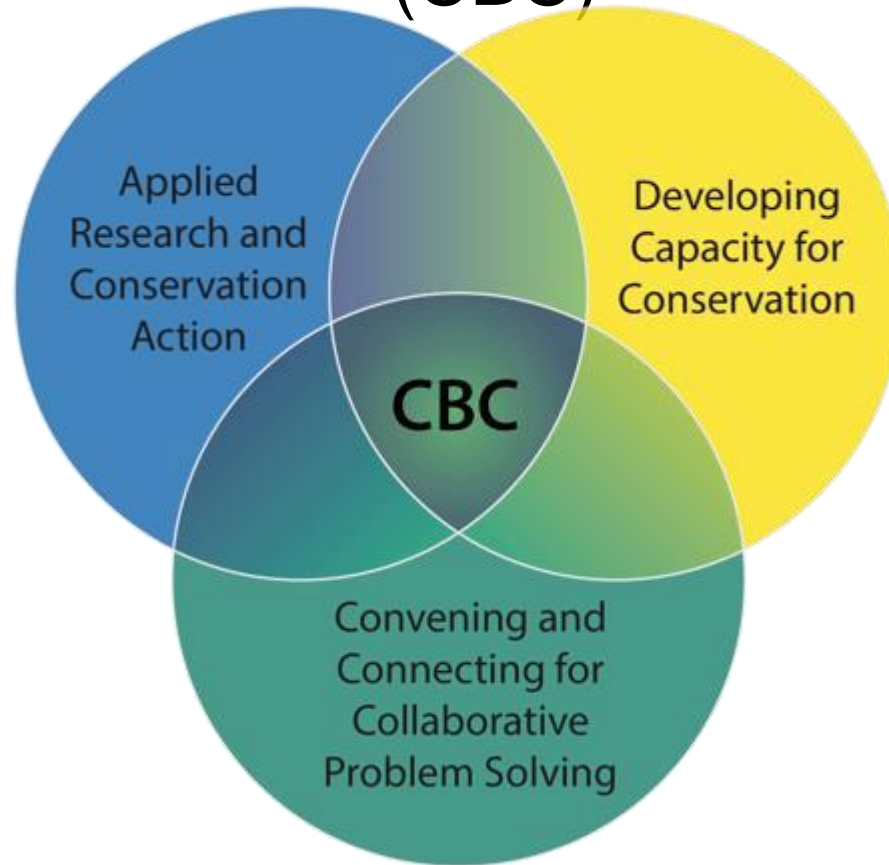
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At the intersection of global goals and local well-being: A lens from the Pacific Islands

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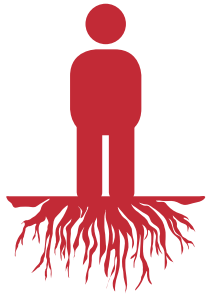
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The CBC transforms knowledge - from diverse sources and perspectives, and spanning areas of scientific research as well as traditional and local knowledge - into conservation action.

A biocultural approach to indicator development



Begins with an understanding of locally grounded questions and institutions



Uses participatory methods to ensure indicators are relevant for local decisions



Explicitly encompasses environmental and cultural elements in a system



What are the benefits of using a biocultural approach?



Project Area



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- **Indigenous and Local Knowledge, Skills, Practice, Values, and Worldviews**
- **Education**
- **Human Health**
- **Access to Infrastructure, Civic Services, and Financial Resources**

Local to Global Exploration: Coding Global Indicators of Sustainable Development



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We reveal additional metrics to monitor progress towards Target 14 including trends in:

- Appropriate access to cultural resources, supported and recognized by local and/or national rules
- Representation of local and traditional values in stakeholder decisions
- Knowledge of socio-ecological connections, interdependence, and feedbacks
- Access to sustained funding or resources for sustainability management

Message to the CBD for post-2020



Suggestions to IPSI for post-2020



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highlighting connections between
people and place



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**Provisioning of opportunities by nature for people to develop a sense of place, belonging, rootedness or connectedness, associated with different entities of the living world
(e.g., cultural, sacred and heritage landscapes, sounds, scents and sights associated with childhood experiences, iconic animals, trees or flowers)**

(IPBES NCP Reporting Categories indicator on "Supporting Identity" as described in Diaz et al. 2018)



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