

IPSI Collaborative Activity Proposal Form

The following form is for use when submitting proposed IPSI Collaborative Activities for consideration by the IPSI Steering Committee. See the Collaborative Activity Guidelines on p. 3 for more information.

Please return the completed form to the IPSI Secretariat (isi@unu.edu).

IPSI Collaborative Activities are the activities that shall be undertaken by more than one IPSI member and constitute an important part of IPSI activities with the purpose of fostering collaboration within the IPSI membership and implementing the IPSI Strategy and Plan of Action. The IPSI Collaborative Activities shall be developed and implemented with the endorsement of the Steering Committee in accordance with the Collaborative Activity Guidelines. Resource mobilization for IPSI collaborative activities shall be the responsibility of the implementing members in principle. – IPSI Operational Guidelines, Chapter 5.4

Date of Application:	18th July 2024
Project title:	
Back To Nature Agroforestry Lab	
Collaborating organizations (IPSI members): (*Please underline the leading organization)	
Kathmandu Forestry College (KAFCOL)	
Other contributing organization(s) (including IPSI non-members):	
Forest Research and Training center (FRTC), Government of Nepal	
Expected term (e.g. 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2025):	
20 th August 2024- July 2025	
IPSI strategic objective(s) addressed (tick all that apply; see p. 3 for more details):	
	1. Knowledge Co-Production, Management, and Uptake for SEPLS
	2. Institutional Frameworks and Capacity Development for SEPLS
	3. Area-Based Conservation Measures for SEPLS
	4. Ecosystem Restoration for SEPLS
	5. Sustainable Value Chain Development for SEPLS

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Description of the activity:

Please provide as much information as possible on:

- Background
- Activities (including site locations if applicable)
- Expected outcomes
- Actors and task sharing
- How the activity relates to the *IPSI Strategy* and *IPSI Plan of Action*
- Resources, funding
- Monitoring and reporting

Agroforestry in Nepal: "Back to Nature" Initiative

Nepal's "Back to Nature" initiative has been instrumental in promoting agroforestry practices that harmonize agricultural activities with environmental sustainability. This project focuses on integrating trees, crops, and livestock synergistically to enhance biodiversity, improve soil health, and increase agricultural productivity. Activities center around various site locations, including rural farmlands and degraded landscapes that are being restored through agroforestry techniques.

Activities and Site Locations

The initiative encompasses a range of activities such as planting multipurpose trees, developing agroforestry plots, training farmers in sustainable land management practices, and conducting research on native tree species. Key site locations include the mid-hills of Nepal, where pilot projects have shown promising results regarding soil conservation and increased crop yields.

Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of the "Back to Nature" initiative include improved soil fertility, enhanced water retention, increased biodiversity, and higher agricultural productivity. By integrating trees into agricultural landscapes, the project aims to create more resilient farming systems that can withstand climate shocks and provide diversified income sources for farmers.

Actors and Task Sharing

The initiative involves a collaborative effort among various actors, including local farmers, government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and research institutions. Farmers are responsible for implementing agroforestry practices on their lands, while NGOs provide training and technical support. Government agencies facilitate policy support and funding, and research institutions conduct studies to identify the most effective agroforestry techniques.

Relation to IPSI Strategy and Plan of Action

The "Back to Nature" initiative aligns with the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) Strategy and Plan of Action by promoting sustainable land management practices that enhance ecosystem services and biodiversity. It contributes to IPSI's goals of integrating conservation and sustainable use of natural resources while improving the livelihoods of local communities.

Resources and Funding

The project is funded through private sector partners. Resources are allocated towards training programs, seedlings and saplings, research activities, and infrastructure development to support agroforestry practices.

Monitoring and Reporting

Monitoring and reporting are critical components of the initiative to ensure accountability and measure progress. Regular field assessments are conducted to evaluate the health of agroforestry systems and their impact on soil and crop productivity. Reports are generated to document findings, share best practices, and guide future activities. Continuous feedback loops enable adaptive management, ensuring the initiative remains effective and responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities

Please attach additional pages as necessary.

IPSI Secretariat use only

IPSI Collaborative Activity Guidelines

Overview

IPSI Collaborative Activities are activities that are carried out by two or more IPSI member organizations and that contribute to IPSI's strategic objectives. Participants may include contributing IPSI non-members also, but at least two must be IPSI members. Activities may include research, capacity-building, awareness-raising, on-the-ground or any other activities that contribute to IPSI's strategic objectives.

IPSI's strategic objectives, as identified in the *IPSI Strategy*, are:

1. Knowledge Co-Production, Management, and Uptake for SEPLS
2. Institutional Frameworks and Capacity Development for SEPLS
3. Area-Based Conservation Measures for SEPLS
4. Ecosystem Restoration for SEPLS

5. Sustainable Value Chain Development for SEPLS

In order to be recognized as an IPSI Collaborative Activity, an activity must be proposed to and endorsed by the IPSI Steering Committee.

Proposal and endorsement procedure

Activities to be considered for recognition as IPSI Collaborative Activities should be proposed to the IPSI Secretariat using the “IPSI Collaborative Activity Proposal Form” included in this document (p. 1-2). Upon initial verification, the Secretariat will forward proposals to the IPSI Steering Committee for consideration.

Responsibilities and benefits

Participants in IPSI Collaborative Activities are encouraged to use IPSI’s name and the Satoyama Initiative logo in promotional and informational materials related to the activity, and to acknowledge IPSI’s support in all outputs.

Collaborating organizations are strongly encouraged to provide the IPSI Secretariat with updates on the progress of IPSI Collaborative Activities on a regular basis or as new information becomes available, to be disseminated throughout IPSI’s communications network. The form attached as Annex 1 (p. 4) below may be used for this purpose.

At the conclusion of an IPSI Collaborative Activity, collaborating organizations are asked to report on the activity and any outputs and/or outcomes using the form attached as Annex 2 below (p. 5).

It is up to the participants’ discretion which organization will serve as the contact point for the IPSI Secretariat.

Resource mobilization

Organizers of IPSI Collaborative Activities are strongly recommended to secure resources necessary for activities on through their own means. Collaboration with other IPSI partners and use of an IPSI Collaborative Activity’s endorsement to find funding sources are recommended means of mobilizing resources for IPSI Collaborative Activities.

Contact

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Annex 1: Progress report for IPSI Collaborative Activity (ongoing)

The following form is for use when reporting progress of an ongoing Collaborative Activity. Please fill out this form as updates become available and submit to the IPSI Secretariat (isi@unu.edu).

Reporting Date:	August 2024
Project title:	Back To Nature Agroforestry Lab
Please provide any relevant information on the activities and any outputs and/or outcomes below:	

Agroforestry in Nepal: "Back to Nature" Initiative

The "Back to Nature" initiative in Nepal has made significant strides in promoting sustainable agroforestry practices. Phase one of the project has seen the successful planting of 100 coffee plants, a key activity aimed at integrating high-value crops with native tree species. This effort is part of a broader strategy to enhance soil fertility, improve water retention, and increase biodiversity in agricultural landscapes.

Activities and Outputs

The initiative includes planting multipurpose trees, establishing agroforestry plots, and training farmers in sustainable land management practices. The recent planting of 100 coffee plants serves as a pilot to demonstrate the viability of combining coffee cultivation with agroforestry techniques, providing farmers with an additional income source while contributing to environmental conservation.

Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes include improved soil health, increased agricultural productivity, and enhanced resilience to climate change. By integrating coffee plants with native trees, the project aims to create more diverse and sustainable farming systems, benefiting both the environment and local communities.

Please attach additional pages as necessary.

Annex 2: Report of conclusion of IPSI Collaborative Activity

The following form is for use in reporting the conclusion of an IPSI Collaborative Activity. Please fill out this form when the Collaborative Activity is finished and submit to the IPSI Secretariat (isi@unu.edu).

Reporting Date:	August 2024
Project title:	
Back To Nature Agroforestry	
Actual term (e.g. 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015):	
20th August 2024- July 2025	
Please provide a description of the activities and its outputs and/or outcomes below:	
<p>The "Back to Nature" agroforestry initiative has successfully Been doing agroforestry since January 2024. Phase one saw the successful planting of 100 coffee plants, demonstrating the potential for integrating high-value crops with native tree species to enhance biodiversity, improve soil health, and increase agricultural productivity. This collaborative effort involved local farmers, NGOs, government agencies, and research institutions, all contributing to the project's success. The outcomes include improved resilience of farming systems, diversified income sources for farmers, and a model for sustainable land management that aligns with IPSI's goals of conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. This initiative sets a promising precedent for future agroforestry projects in Nepal and beyond.</p>	
Remarks:	