

## 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](mailto: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*

<b>Date of Application:</b>	<b>21 October 2016</b>
<b>Project title:</b>	
Research on development and implementation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) toward realization of societies in harmony with nature	
<b>Collaborating organizations (IPSI members):</b> <i>(*Please underline the leading organization)</i>	
<u>Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S), The University of Tokyo</u> <u>United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)</u>	
<b>Other contributing organization(s) (including IPSI non-members):</b>	
The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)	
<b>Expected term (e.g. 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015):</b>	
31 May 2016 – 31 Mar 2018	
<b>IPSI strategic objective(s) addressed (tick all that apply; see p. 3 for more details):</b>	
X •	1. Increase knowledge and understanding of SEPLS
X •	2. Address direct and underlying causes responsible for the decline or loss of SEPLS
•	3. Enhance benefits from SEPLS
X •	4. Enhance human, institutional and sustainable financial capacities

**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

**Background**

Applying integrated approaches in production landscapes, inclusive of social aspects as well as biodiversity, is expected to contribute to many of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)'s Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including Targets 4, 6 and 7. Integrated landscape approaches like those promoted by IPSI, however, have not yet been sufficiently incorporated into policies in many countries.

**Activities**

This research project will analyze National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), the principal policy instruments for national-level biodiversity policy, focusing on how concepts and measures related to integrated approaches in production landscapes are incorporated and how they are to be implemented.

The project includes the following main elements:

1. Review of concepts related to integrated approaches in production landscapes
2. NBSAP research (text mining and in-depth study, an expert interview)
3. An international workshop
4. Policy recommendations

**Expected outcomes**

By understanding the current situation and causes for incorporation of these integrated approaches, the study will provide useful knowledge on future NBSAP development and implementation. It is expected that the research will identify means for concepts like the Satoyama Initiative and SEPLS to be appropriately included in NBSAPs and ultimately contribute to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through appropriate management of production landscapes, with the aim of societies in harmony with nature.

**Actors and task sharing**

Planning and overall direction is developed by UNU-IAS and IR3S. IR3S will play the main role in implementing the research in collaboration with UNU-IAS. The project will get suggestions and advice from the CBD Secretariat as appropriate in order to maximize its usefulness for the CBD.

**How the activity relates to the IPSI Strategy and IPSI Plan of Action**

The project contributes to Strategic Objective 1 as it provides knowledge related to SEPLS and their relationship with policy. The project is also related to Strategic Objective 2, as incorporation of concepts and measures important for SEPLS is important to address direct and underlying drivers of change in SEPLS. The project will contribute to efforts to feed and implement the SEPLS concept into NBSAPs, relevant for Strategic Objective 4.

**Resources, funding**

The collaborating organizations will provide resources as needed.