

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:	2025.09.08		
Project title:			
Symposium on the Satoyama Initiative and Presentation of IPLCs Community Achievements			
Collaborating organizations (IPSI members): (*Please underline the leading organization)			
<u>Forestry and Nature Conservation Agency (FANCA)</u> 、 <u>National Pingtung University of Science and Technology</u> 、 <u>National Dong-Hwa University</u> 、 <u>Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts</u>			
Other contributing organization(s) (including IPSI non-members):			
community forestry partners, TPSI members, resilience assessment communities, universities, research institutions, government bodies, NGOs, local farmers, enterprises, and the general public			
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Expected term (e.g. 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2025):			
1 September 2025-31 December 2025			
IPSI strategic objective(s) addressed (tick all that apply; see p. 3 for more details):			
V	1. Knowledge Co-Production, Management, and Uptake for SEPLS		
V	2. Institutional Frameworks and Capacity Development for SEPLS		
V	3. Area-Based Conservation Measures for SEPLS		
V	4. Ecosystem Restoration for SEPLS		
V	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

Background

Since 2002, Taiwan's Community Forestry Program has empowered communities to participate in biodiversity conservation and sustainable forest management. Building on this foundation, the Green Economy of Mountain Village Program (2017) further developed green industries, reduced rural outmigration, and reinforced ties between communities and nature. Together, these initiatives underpin Taiwan's implementation of the Satoyama Initiative and the Taiwan Ecological Network (TEN) Construction Project (2018), highlighting the central role of IPLCs in conservation policy.

In response to the Satoyama Initiative's progress from 2010 to 2025, this symposium will bring together government, civil society, communities, academia, and the private sector under the Taiwan Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (TPSI). Through thematic panel discussions and an IPLCs Achievement Exhibition, the event will showcase Taiwan's long-term efforts in community forestry, green economy, and biodiversity conservation, while contributing to global action for a sustainable future.

Activities (including site locations if applicable)

- Date: 3 December 2025 (Wednesday)
- Venue: International Conference Hall, Forestry and Nature Conservation Agency, MOA
- Participants: FANCA staff, community forestry partners, TPSI members, resilience assessment communities, universities, research institutions, government bodies, NGOs, local farmers, enterprises, and the general public
- Expected Attendance: ~200 participants

Expected outcomes

- Consolidate Taiwan's Satoyama Initiative achievements, strengthening links with the Taiwan Ecological Network (TEN), Green Economy of Mountain Village Program, Community Forestry Program and OECM certification.
- Showcase Taiwan's community-based conservation and ecological management practices through the TPSI regional network.
- Strengthen dialogue and collaboration with CBD, IPBES, and the international Satoyama Initiative network, enhancing Taiwan's visibility in global biodiversity actions.
- Facilitate experience exchange among Community Forestry and Satoyama communities, fostering generational succession and youth engagement for long-term sustainability.
- Through exhibitions and citizen science cases, raise public awareness and support for community conservation, reinforcing the vision of "societies in harmony with nature."
- Promote mountain village green economy models to stimulate local industries, cultural innovation, and reduce rural population outflow.

- Enhance public understanding of biodiversity conservation and the role of IPLCs through symposium discussions and achievement exhibitions.

Actors and task sharing

The main organizers of this collaborative project are the Forestry and Nature Conservation Agency (FANCA) together with National Pingtung University of Science and Technology.

The co-organizers are the four regional bases of TPSI (National Dong Hwa University, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Biodiversity Research Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture, and Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts).

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

1. Knowledge Co-Production, Management, and Uptake for SEPLS

- Reviving traditional ecological farming practices of Indigenous Peoples to restore agricultural culture and attract young people to return to their communities.
- Emphasizing the role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) as stewards of biocultural diversity.
- Establishing the Taiwan Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (TPSI) to promote the exchange of local knowledge and practical experiences.
- Organizing thematic symposiums to facilitate dialogue and knowledge-sharing among government agencies, civil society, academia, and communities.
- Showcasing IPLC case studies and achievements to enhance public awareness of biodiversity and cultural conservation.

2. Institutional Frameworks and Capacity Development for SEPLS

- Launching the Community Forestry Program in 2002 to shift from top-down forest governance to inclusive, participatory models.
- Revising and relaxing regulations to allow communities to sustainably utilize forest resources under ecological safeguards.
- Establishing co-management and partnership mechanisms between communities and government to share responsibilities and benefits.
- TPSI's four regional bases jointly plan thematic initiatives, demonstrating effective governance through local-institutional collaboration.

3. Area-Based Conservation Measures for SEPLS

- Promoting community-based biodiversity conservation, emphasizing local leadership and participation.
- Ensuring forest management balances conservation and local livelihood needs, preserving connections between people and landscapes.
- Integrating Indigenous-led ecotourism and cultural interpretation to broaden support and engagement in conservation.
- Strengthening ecological connectivity in lowland and upland areas through linkage with Taiwan Ecological Network (TEN).

4. Ecosystem Restoration for SEPLS

- Enabling communities to sustainably use forest resources while maintaining ecosystem functionality.
- Engaging communities in habitat restoration, watershed protection, and ecological service practices.
- Combining traditional knowledge with modern techniques to rehabilitate degraded landscapes and ecosystems.
- Supporting national ecological restoration through community-based actions within Taiwan's Green Network Initiative.

5. Sustainable Value Chain Development for SEPLS

- Promoting the “Green Economy of Mountain Village Program” to build viable green economic models.
- Supporting Indigenous and local communities in developing Under-forest economy and culturally rooted industries.
- Encouraging diversified and rational use of wood and bamboo resources to stimulate local economies and job creation.
- Developing local brands and green-certified products to enhance competitiveness and long-term sustainability.

Resources, funding

The financial resources for this collaborative project are mainly from the Forestry and Nature Conservation Agency(FANCA), with a total budget of approximately USD 10,000.

Please attach additional pages as necessary.

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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.

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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:	
Project title:	
Please provide any relevant information on the activities and any outputs and/or outcomes below:	

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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).

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