Integrated landscape approach

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1. Understanding the landscape approach
Whose landscapes?
Multi-functionality

- Combination of separate land units with different functions *(spatial segregation)*
- Different functions on the same unit of land but separated in time *(temporal segregation)*
- Different functions on the same unit of land at the same time *(functional integration or real multi-functionality)*
Various components in a landscape
But in reality, segregation is the norm
Landscape assessment for development

• Collecting economic data at various levels, engaging most stakeholders
• Spatial data: administrative boundaries, land cover change and current land uses
• “Governance landscape” including local (traditional) institutions
• Focus on ecosystem services and agricultural productivity and away from protected areas alone
New approaches for integrating agriculture and NRM?

- “Eco-agriculture” (Scherr and McNeely 2006)
- “Agroecology is complimentary to conventional agriculture and needs scaling up” (United Nations 2011)
- “New agriculture needed…” (UNDP 2011)
- “Agro-ecological approach” (World Bank 2011)
- “Integrated management of biodiversity for food and agriculture” (FAO 2011)
New (landscape) approaches

- Since 2008, CIFOR and multiple partners working on defining and refining broad “landscape approaches” building on previous initiatives
- How? Review of published literature, multiple workshops for consensus building, conferences/side events, e.g. Diversitas, IUFRO, CBD Bonn, Nagoya
- Validated by extensive survey of field practitioners
- Based on this on-going work, SBSTTA - Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice - commissioned CIFOR to draft report “sustainable use of biodiversity at the landscape scale” (see http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-15/official/sbstta-15-13-en.pdf)
- Global Landscape Forum was launched during COP in Warsaw (16 November 2013)
2. Ten principles for a landscape approach & AICHI Targets
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Aims to reconcile agriculture, conservation, and other competing land uses.
Key references

Landscape approach: Ten principles to apply at the nexus of agriculture, conservation, and other competing land uses

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“Landscape approaches” seek to provide tools and concepts for allocating and managing land to achieve social, economic, and environmental objectives in areas where agriculture, mining, and other productive land uses compete with environmental and biodiversity goals. Here we synthesize the current consensus on landscape approaches. This is based on published literature and a consensus-building process to define good practice and is validated by a survey of practitioners. We find the landscape approach has been refined in response to increasing societal concerns about environment and development tradeoffs. Notably, there has been a shift from conservation-orientated perspectives toward increasing integration of poverty alleviation goals. We provide 10 summary principles to support implementation of a landscape approach as it is currently interpreted. These principles emphasize adaptive management, stakeholder involvement, and multiple objectives. Various constraints are recognized, with institutional and governance concerns identified as the most severe obstacles to implementation. We discuss how these principles differ from more traditional sectoral and project-based approaches. Although no panacea, we see few alternatives that are likely to address landscape challenges more effectively than an approach circumscribed by the principles outlined here.

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Ten principles for a landscape approach

1. Continual learning and adaptive management
2. Common concern entry point: shared objectives & values
3. Multiple scales: external influences & constraints
4. Multi-functionality: multiple uses by different stakeholders
5. Multi-stakeholders: at various levels
6. Negotiated and transparent change
7. Clarification of rights and principles: negotiated & accepted
8. Participatory and user-friendly monitoring
9. Resilience: recognizing of threats & vulnerabilities
10. Strengthened stakeholder capacity
Strategic goal A:
Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society

1: Adaptive learning and management

2: Common concern entry point

**STRATEGIC GOAL A**

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<td>People are aware of the values of biodiversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably.</td>
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<td>Biodiversity been integrated into development, poverty reduction, planning and accounting processes.</td>
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<td>Incentives harmful to biodiversity are eliminated, phased out or reformed, and positive incentives are developed.</td>
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<td>Stakeholders at all levels have taken steps to achieve sustainable production and consumption.</td>
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Strategic goal B: Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use

3: Multiple scales

4: Multi-functionality

5: Multiple stakeholders

Target 5: The rate of loss of natural habitats is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero. Degradation is reduced.

Target 6: Fish, invertebrates and aquatic plants are managed sustainably. Recovery plans in place for all depleted species.

Target 7: Areas under agriculture, aquaculture and forestry are managed sustainably, ensuring conservation of biodiversity.

Target 8: Pollution has been brought to levels that are not detrimental to ecosystem function and biodiversity.

Target 9: Invasive alien species are identified. Priority species and their pathways are controlled or eradicated.

Target 10: By 2015 anthropogenic pressures on coral reefs and other vulnerable ecosystems are minimized.
Strategic goal C:
To improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity

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<td>Target 11: At least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, are conserved.</td>
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<td>Target 12: The extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status has been improved.</td>
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<td>Target 13: The genetic diversity of cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and of wild relatives, is maintained.</td>
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6: Negotiated, transparent change logic

Strategic goal D:
Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services

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<td>Target 15: Ecosystem resilience and the contribution to carbon stocks enhanced. At least 15% of degraded ecosystems restored.</td>
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<td>Target 16: By 2015, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Sharing of Benefits is in force.</td>
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Strategic goal E: Enhance implementation through participatory planning etc.

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<td>By 2015 each Party has adopted and implemented national biodiversity strategy and action plan.</td>
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<td>Traditional knowledge and customary use of biological resources, are respected and subject to legislation.</td>
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<td>Knowledge, the science base and technologies relating to biodiversity, are improved, widely shared and transferred.</td>
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<td>Financial resources for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 are increased.</td>
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3. Lessons learnt from reviewing forest rehabilitation initiatives (in Asia and Latin America)

country reports can be found at http://www/cifor.cgiar.org
(Funded by Government of Japan, 2004-2007)
Designing & implementing restoration initiatives to ensure local economies are improved

(1) Addressing direct and underlying causes of ecological system & function

(2) Socioeconomically feasible technical interventions

(3) Favourable conditions: creating the right incentives

- Clear land status & full access for a community to manage the areas
- Engaging with markets (Tangible & intangible benefits)

Sustainable initiative & practice

Improvements in ecological conditions

Multiple socioeconomic benefits for local stakeholders involved (tangible & intangible)
(1) Addressing the causes of deforestation and land degradation in line with technical interventions
Framework to identify the causes of deforestation & degraded land condition

The direct & underlying causes: continuing disturbance threatens for sustainable practices

Direct causes
- Natural conditions
- Resulting from human activities

Underlying causes
- Market & policy failures
- Governance weaknesses
- Socioeconomic & political causes

Agents
Concession holders, investors in estate crops, slash-and-burn farmers, smallholders, mining & oil companies
(2) It is crucial to ensure the feasibility & cost-effectiveness of restoration practices from socioeconomic & technical perspectives

- Technical intervention is very expensive (Cost/ha ranges from: USD 115 – 15,221)
- Feasibility: technical intervention is feasible taking into account social, economic & technical costs
- An exit strategy: reinvestment mechanisms as part of the project’s financial plan to ensure funding sustainability
- Cost-effectiveness: there is an optimum level of adoption by local stakeholders, especially community
(3) Designing the right economic & social incentives tailored to local needs, so:

livelihood benefits can be generated to ensure long-term community commitment beyond the project time
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Framework to develop incentives

Direct incentives
(e.g. seedlings, cost-sharing arrangements)

Indirect incentives

Variable incentives

Sectoral
(e.g. harvesting restriction, trade tariffs)

Macro-economic
(e.g. polices on interest rates, income taxes)

Enabling Incentives
(e.g. land tenure and resource security, market development, credit facilities)
Case studies
Protection of water dam (Central Java): soil erosion & sedimentation problems from the surrounding watersheds

- Watershed management
- Land terrace system implemented
- Forest cover increased
- Sedimentation rate decreased
- Land productivity improved
- Agricultural production increased
- Community income increased

Green landscape & belt (+)
Flooding & erosion (-)
Micro climates (+)
Ecotourism (+)
Private farm forestry (Gunungkidul): land & soil fertility problems – important to conserve water for local community

- Forest cover increased
- Water resources & micro climates maintained
- Private farm forestry development (tree planting using teak)
- Forest & land productivity improved
- Product supply improved (timber, fodder, fuel wood)
- Community incomes increased
- Improved financial capacity for primary needs, education & health services, social needs (e.g. weddings)
Key messages from case studies:

1. Multiple benefits have resulted from improved ecological conditions that have subsequently generated economic & social benefits

2. Developed based on local needs/ecological problems (stimulating community participation)

3. Clear engagement with markets (ecotourism, timber)
4. An approach in Forest Landscape Restoration: Forest Management Unit (FMU) - *Kesatuan Pengelolaan Hutan (KPH)*:

Case of Sumbawa, Eastern Indonesia

Kanoppi Project:
Timber & non-timber in an integrated production and marketing system
(ACIAR Project, FST/2012/039, April 2013 – Dec 2016)
Conserving watersheds: upstream forests

Main program of FMU in Sumbawa: **Batulanteh** - 32,776 Ha

(Limited production forest – 55%, production forest – 23%, protected forest – 22%)

**Sumbawa island**

**Main watersheds**

**Downstream area:**
City of Sumbawa

**Upstream forests:**
honey trees (**Boan**: *Tetramales nudiflora*)
Problems & threats
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(1) Managing protected forest while enhancing livelihoods

(2) Forest encroachment

District capital city: Sumbawa Besar

(3) Illegal logging in state-owned company rehabilitated forests

(4) Rehabilitating degraded area while enhancing livelihoods
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Forest Management Unit (Kesatuan Pengelolaan Hutan-KPH)

A landscape-platform of a certain ecological function that allows:

- Conservation, rehabilitation and economic and sociocultural activities can be complementary implemented in addressing ecological problems, as well socioeconomic and tenurial conflicts under an integrated management.

- Interaction between key stakeholders, including local communities, to collaborate in managing the resources and resolve conflicts participatively.

Fits: Forest Landscape Restoration
5. Conclusions
• The landscape approach has been re-defined to include societal concerns related to conservation and development trade-offs and negotiate for them

• Increased integration of poverty alleviation goals

• Increased integration of agricultural production and food security

• Emphasis is on adaptive management, stakeholder involvement and multiple objectives

• Means to achieve AICHI targets

• In line with Forest Landscape Restoration approach and for facilitating successful forest rehabilitation programs
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