



SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL DILEMMAS AND THE SDGs

PURPOSE OF ACTIVITY

This activity will help you to understand the relationship between the dilemmas that you have identified and the broader functioning and future direction of the social-ecological system. The dilemmas often arise because choices need to be made around what people want, how benefits are distributed, and the impact of these decisions on other ecosystem services and beneficiaries. Understanding how important dilemmas in your system relate to global sustainable development goals (SDGs) can help with unpacking the dilemmas and seeing important links across sectors and scales. See also related discussion guide.

RESOURCES NEEDED

Required skills: basic facilitation, broad knowledge of the focal system and the main dilemmas

Time: 1-2hrs

Materials: Recording material

Useful links: <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals.html>

HOW TO DO IT

Briefly state the dilemma in the inner circle of the SDG diagram. Beside the goals most relevant to the dilemma, add a brief note describing its significance or link to the dilemma on the outside of the circle.

Phase 2: Creating a shared understanding of system identity

Module A: Aspirations and sustainability challenges

Work card 11: Defining social-ecological dilemmas

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TIPS

The aim here is not to be explicit or definitive, the purpose is to explore the system, so think broadly and creatively about the connection between the dilemmas of the system and the individual SDG's.

