



SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL DILEMMAS

PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of this discussion is to explore the relationships between key issues and problems that concern people in your system, preventing them from reaching their aspirations. This is an important step in framing the Wayfinder process. See also related activity sheet about how dilemmas relate to global sustainability.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the main issues and problems that different stakeholder groups find challenging today and prevent you from reaching the aspirations?
- How do these issues influence each other and form social-ecological dilemmas?
- What is the relationship between these dilemmas and the broader functioning and future direction of the social-ecological system? For example, how do they influence system benefits, such as ecosystem services?
- What are important external drivers that influence the dilemmas identified (e.g., climate change, deforestation, international markets, or new consumption patterns)?
- Are there any examples within the system or adjacent system where these dilemmas have been resolved?