



KEY SYSTEM COMPONENTS

PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of this discussion is to identify the main components in the system, in the social, economic and environmental domains, and to provisionally settle on a focal scale of analysis. This is an important part in framing the Wayfinder process, and a first step towards a conceptual model of the system.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which social components or factors, including economic and cultural aspects, are most relevant to include in the analysis of the dilemmas and aspirations (e.g. actors, social groups, management practices, cultural habits, policies, markets)?
- Which biophysical / ecological components of the system are most relevant to understand the dilemmas and aspirations (e.g. resources such as forests and crops, other types of ecosystem services, landscape features such as rivers, vegetation types, wildlife habitats, or stocks of soil nutrients).
- What are the approximate boundaries of the focal system that correspond to biophysical features (e.g. landscape, seascape, watershed) and what are relevant socio-economic boundaries (e.g. governance levels or trade networks)?