FILTERING YOUR ACTIONS: FEASIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS

PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of this discussion is to make sure that the actions that you have designed are both feasible (from an social, economic and environmental perspective), and effective in bringing about the envisioned change.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Are the actions you have identified socially acceptable? What may be cultural or religious barriers preventing the interventions achieving their intended outcome?

- Are the actions technically feasible? Will they really work in this context, under existing conditions, and at the intended scale? Is the technical know-how in place?

- Are the actions economically feasible, in the sense that they will start to pay off within an acceptable time frame? How will they pay off, for whom, and when?

- Are the actions environmentally feasible? Do they consider existing ecological conditions, and make sense from an environmental aspect?

- Refer back to your discussion on leverage points at different depths and try to rank the actions you have identified by their potential for change (see activity sheet work card 27). Are you targeting some of the more

powerful leverage points? Of course, actions that address changing "flows" could be important to prevent an immediate negative impact, but they are unlikely to influence the long-term development trajectory of the system in any more fundamental way unless some leverage points relating to "contexts" and "values" also are targeted.

- Will the action work by itself, or does it require additional actions to be effective? At what scales are the associated actions needed?

- Do the range of actions that you have proposed support each other? Or could one action undermine another action?