

Enhancing resource mobilization effectiveness by actualizing biodiversity mainstreaming through systemic and objective decision-making

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Wgri5 review of the implementation of the strategy for resources mobilization (para 1 draft) requests the CBD Executive Secretary to develop, for consideration at COP12, proposals for concrete and effective actions for implementing the Aichi Biodiversity Target 20 (on resources mobilization)



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- A) while recognizing that there has been an encouraging progress, also underscores that in most cases, this progress will be not sufficient to achieve the Aichi Targets unless further urgent and effective action is taken
- C) it also indicates that such actions should be undertaken in a coherent and coordinated manner;
- D)so as that coherence should be pursued of policies across sectors

..... yet (in para H) it finally points out that substantial increase in the mobilization of financial resources from all sources in accordance with ABT 20 is needed for the implementation of the Strategic Plan of Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Such a lack of coherence and coordination underscores the concept of resources effectiveness when pursuing advances in resources mobilization



Improving the effectiveness of expenditures entails three main sequential steps:

- measure achieved results (that is, changes in the value of the indicators adopted to assess the status of biodiversity and its benefits);
- determine the corresponding levels of expenditure;
- compare the very results and expenditures over time to identify weakness but only against actual sustainability and biodiversity conservation needs.



A possible solution

Move from pursuing the standardization of lists of indicators to the standardization of procedures to select contextualized objective indicators through systemic decision making approaches.

Such a solution stems from a set of experiences accrued by the Italian Development Cooperation environmental funding line in the last decade.

What are South Africa's **Environmental Programmes?**

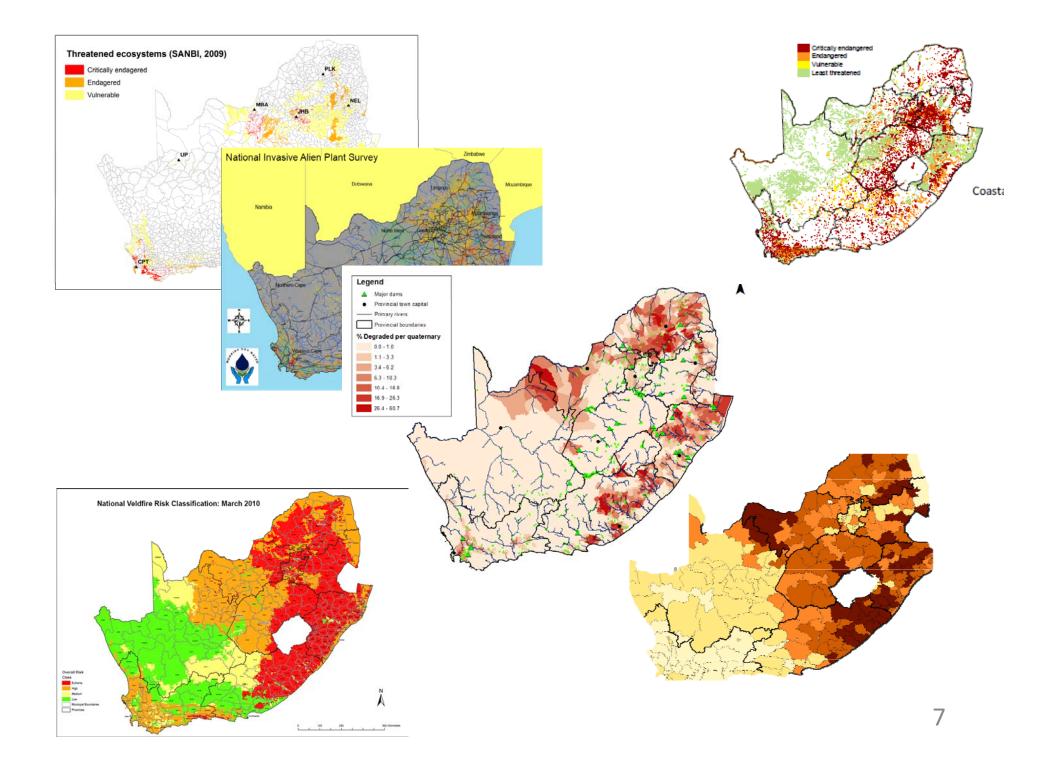
A branch of the Department of Environmental Affairs, consisting of Working for: Water, Wetlands, Forests, on Fire and Land







- → Dual objective of **job-creation** and **environmental management**
- → Arguably the largest conservation project in Africa

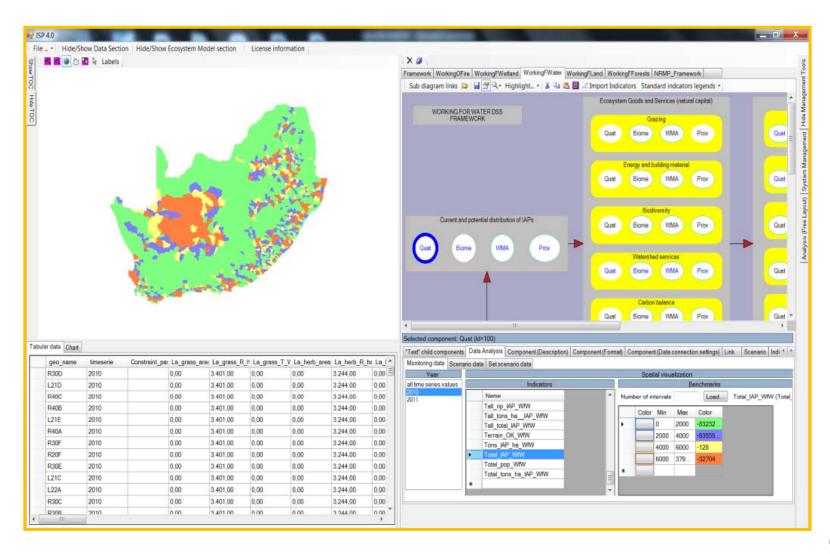


The challenges and needs of the Environmental Programmes:



- 1. Integration of information to assist decision makers to select initiatives consistently with actual sustainability need in respect to ecosystem structure and function.
- 2. Assessing and monitoring the performance of such selection.
- 3. More specifically, it has to defend the decision taken in the use of the mentioned magnitude of funds from the perspective of mainstreaming biodiversity in wide geographic contexts through the implementation of a number of coordinated small scale projects, in diverse environments and highly stressed and dynamically evolving social and economic contexts
- 4. Information for unlocking public and private investment
- 5. Need for better co-ordination between the programmes and optimizing the allocation of resources, so as to identify trade-offs and opportunities
- 6. Need for a user-inspired tool

Objective and systemic methods, tools and technologies to assess thoroughly biodiversity conservation performances so as the contribution of the improved biodiversity to poverty reduction and economic growth





Conclusions

Tools and methods are available that can help a systemic decision making approach to move from pursuing the standardization of lists of indicators to the standardization of procedures to select contextualized objective indicators.

With particular reference to our resources mobilization endeavor, and its consequent link with the quality of expenditure previously illustrated, toward meeting the overall CBD resources mobilization targets, the first application of such tools could focus the earth's main biomes (sensu CBD Technical series n.50).

The consequent coherence in the use of contextualized indicators at biome level will constitute a practical reference base for pursuing practitioners coherence at ecosystem level. A concrete contribution to advancing on Biodiversity Resource Mobilization.