

Goods and Services of Tropical Wetland Forests – A landscape approach

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Background

- International forest context:
 - Global Conventions on CBD, Kyoto, MDG, etc.
- Focus on sustainable use of biodiversity in developing world
 - Relief Poverty
 - Save biodiversity
- Some 1 billion people rely on forests for part of their livelihoods
- 60 % of forests is fragmented or degraded (IUCN 2007)
- Improved planning can optimise production of goods and services delivered by forests

Background

- Yogyakarta Statement (“Carbon-Climate-Human Interactions on Tropical Peatlands” Aug 2007)
- International concern:
 - Land-use change
 - Fire (trans-boundary haze)
 - Peat subsidence - Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)
 - Loss of Biodiversity
 - Lively-hoods & health problems local people
- Responsible management through
 - Protection & rehabilitation
 - Improved land-use planning (involving stakeholders)

Tropical Wetland Forests / Peat Swamp Forests

- Occur on peat domes
- Coastal plains (5-10,000 yrs old)
- Good timber (e.g. Ramin)
- Several endemic species
- Easy access

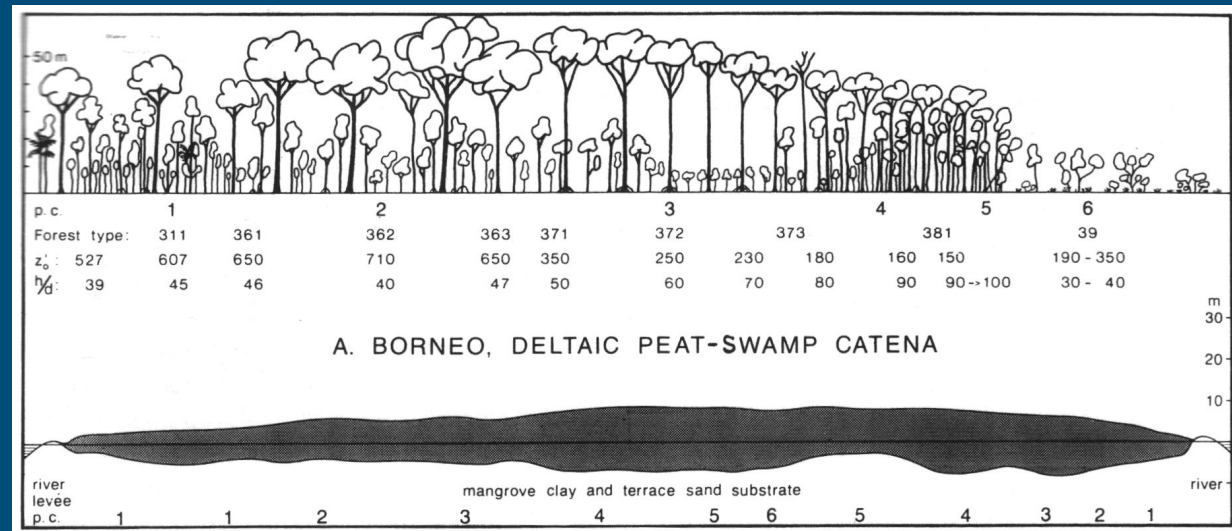
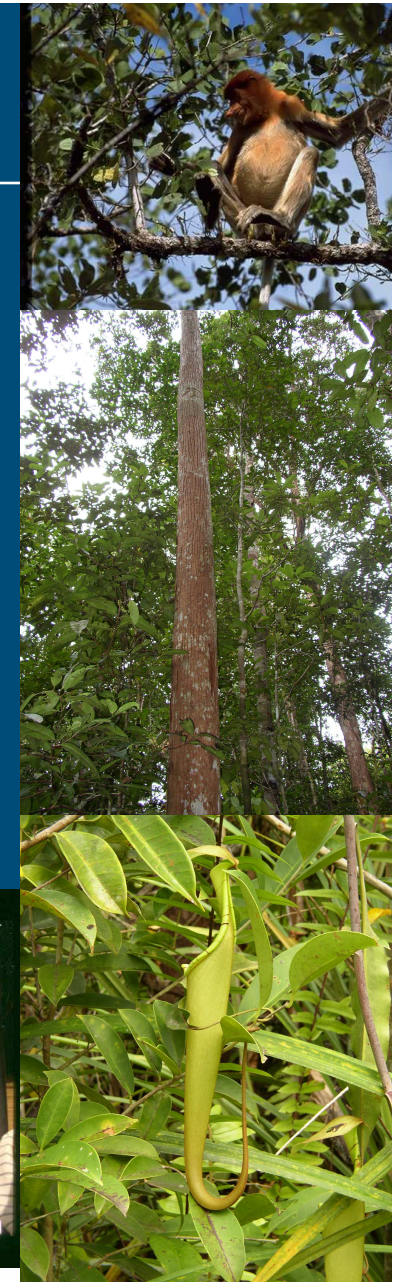


Figure 3 Section through a deltaic peat swamp with complete series of phasic communities p.c. 1 to 6. The corresponding peat (histosol) dome is shown cross-hatched. The numbers of the phasic communities p.c. 1 to 6 are given below the two profiles (Bruenig, 1990).

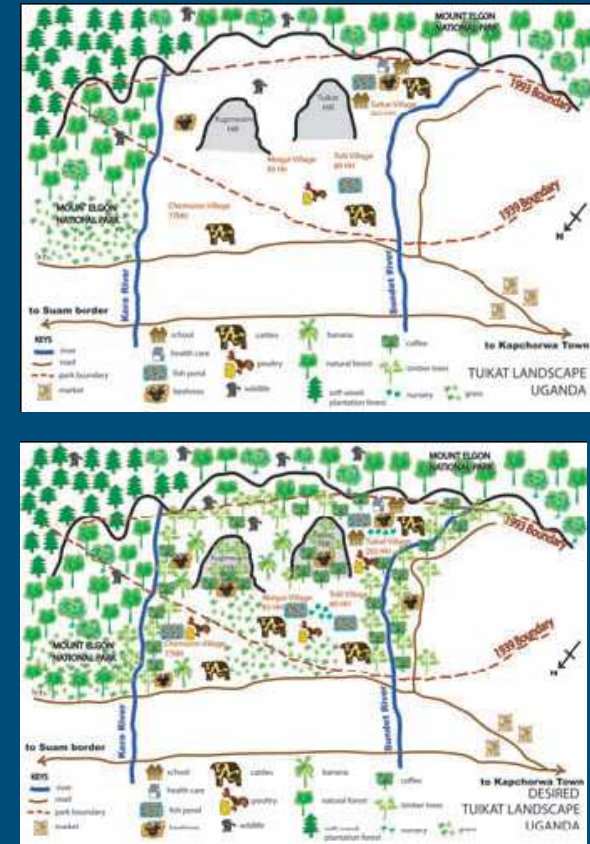
Peat Swamp Forests: “Competing claims”

- Timber
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Village area
- Fishing
- Agricultural plantations
- Others...



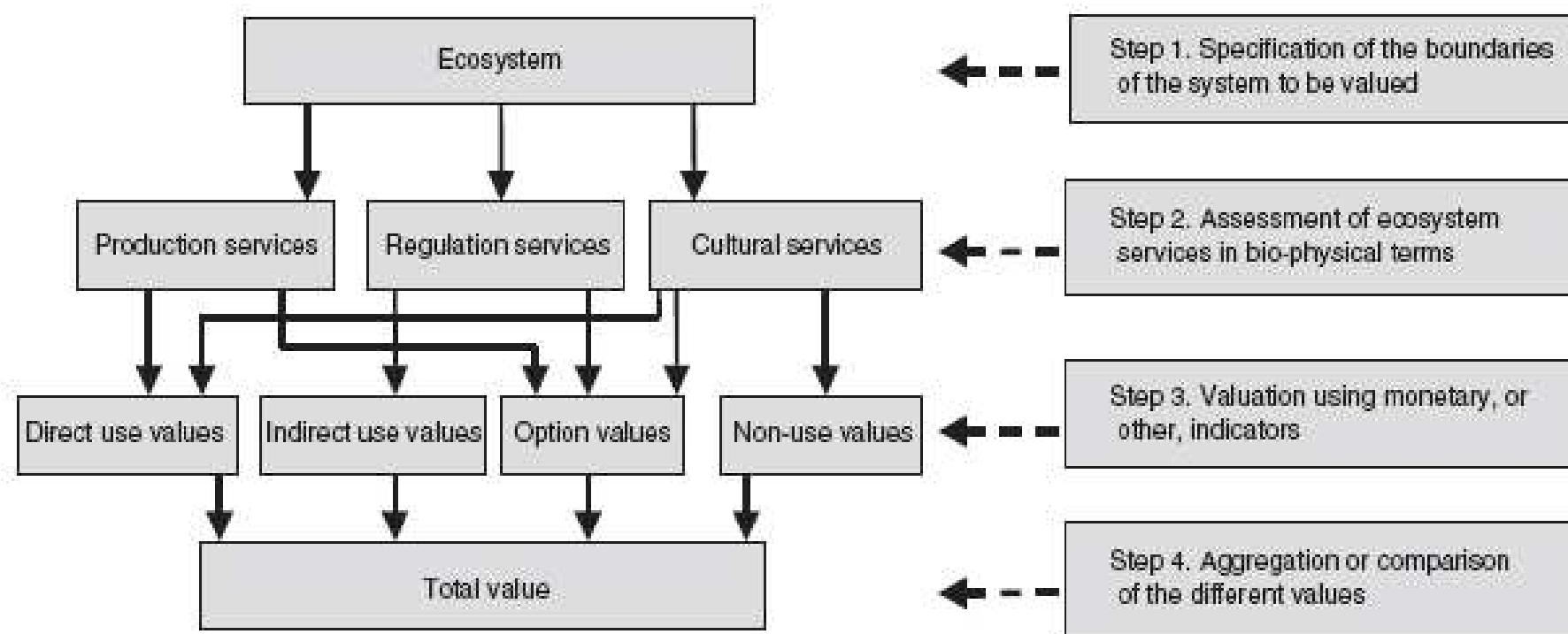
Peat Swamp Forests - Options

- Forests, agriculture and other land uses create 'landscape mosaics' that can provide most goods and services for rural poor
- Improve understanding of multiple perspectives and competing demands at the local level
- More opportunity for balanced, negotiated agreements



Source: IUCN 2007

Assessment of Ecosystem Services



Source: Hein et al 2006

Functions of Peat Swamp Forests....

■ **Regulating functions:**

- Water
- Climate

■ **Habitat functions:**

- Biodiversity (including CITES “/ threatened species)
- Landscapes

■ **Production function:**

- Timber / poles
- Fuel-wood
- Food and medicines (Non-timber forest products)

■ **Information function**

- Cultural / heritage
- Eco-tourism
- Aesthetic experience

...and their goods and services....

Function	Good and/or Service	Quantification
Water regulation	Water supply to local communities	m ³ fresh water / household / year
Climate regulation	CO ₂ sequestration	Tonnes captured / ha /yr
Biodiversity conservation	Habitat for endangered species	Nr species protected
Timber production	High value timber (e.g. Ramin, Meranti etc.)	m ³ timber/ha/yr
Food & Medicines	Ferns, Fruits, palms	Kg material/ha/yr
Cultural/heritage	Use of traditional religious sites	Frequency and number of people using site
Ecotourism	Boat ride / bird watching	Nr tourists / yr

.... and valuation EGS

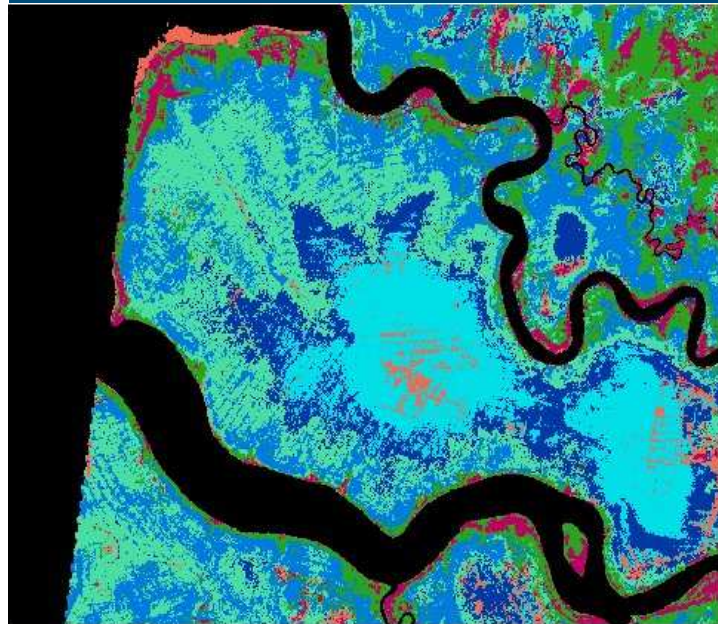
- Economic
 - Money (e.g. Constanza et al 1998)
 - But.... not providing sufficient cash flows (see presentation H. Diemont)
- Ecological
 - E.g. uniqueness/rarity and renew-ability value
- Social
 - E.g. in giving health (therapeutic) and heritage value

Example (from India): Economic valuation

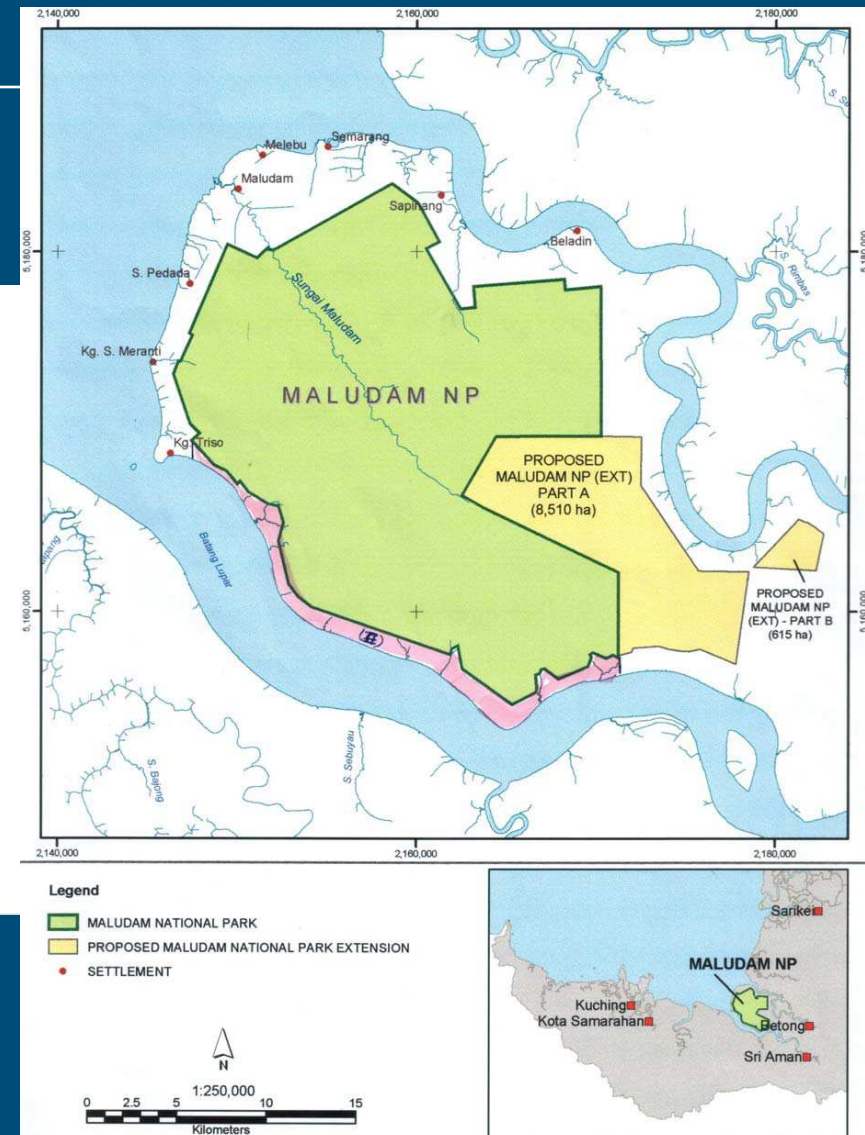
Production functions	Quantities from forest (kg/hh/yr)	Price (€/kg)	Direct market value (€/hh/yr)
Food products	26	0.12 - 1.52	14
Raw materials (timber, fibre, baskets)	53	138-517 / 0.15	15
Energy (Fuelwood)	1,229	0.05	61
Cattle-related products (fodder, cattle-bed)	3,815	0.02 / 0.006	57
Agriculture-related products (manure & others)	4,997	0.006	31
Genetic resources	-	-	-
Medicinal resources	-	-	-
Ornamental resources	-	-	-
Cultivation (grazing)	10,939	0.02	219
Waste (Sanitary facilities)	34% respondents	187 € sanitary Facility	1
TOTAL			399

= 75 % of annual income (€ 532)

Land-use units in PSF area – Maludam area



- forest (rather closed canopy)
- logged over forest
- heavily logged over forest
- brusland, plantation
- mangrove, swamp
- humid logged over forest
- rice fields



Land-use values – fictive ranking: 5 (high) – 1 (low)

Ecosystems/ landuse types	Regulating	Habitat	Production	Information
Conservation Forest	5	5	1	4
Production Forest	3	3	3	3
Plantation	2	3	5	1
Agriculture	2	2	5	3
Settlements	1	3	3	3

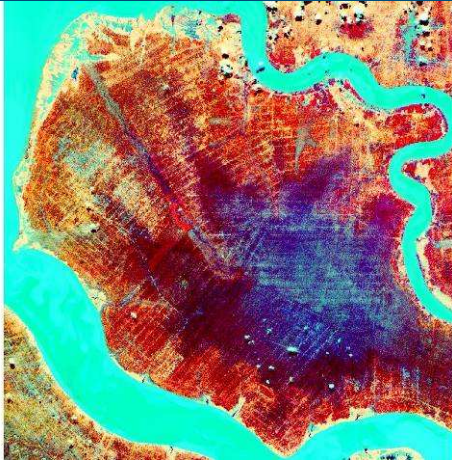
Decision tree / knowledge rules (need checking)

Decision tree for the effect of peat depth, cover, and distance to village on values for three ecosystem functions

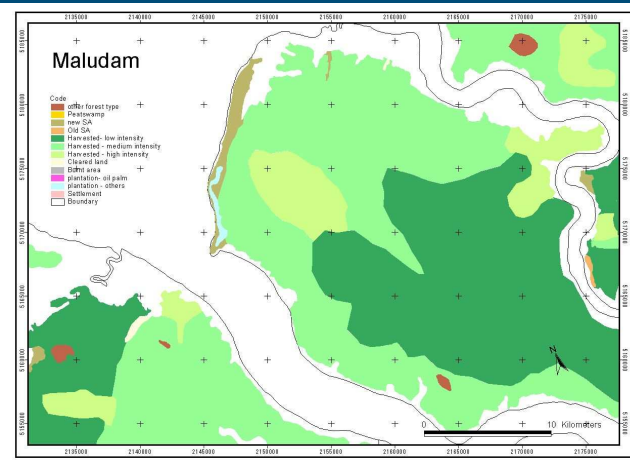
Ecosystem Function	Physical factor	Effect on value
Regulating	Peat depth	$> 10 \text{ m} = +1$ / $> 3 \text{ m} = \text{no effect}$ / $< 3 \text{ m} = -1$
	Cover	$> 80 = +1$ / $50-80 = \text{no effect}$ / $< 50 = -1$
	Distance village	$> 5 \text{ km} = +1$ / $5-1 \text{ km} = \text{no effect}$ / $< 1 \text{ km} = -1$
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Map overlay

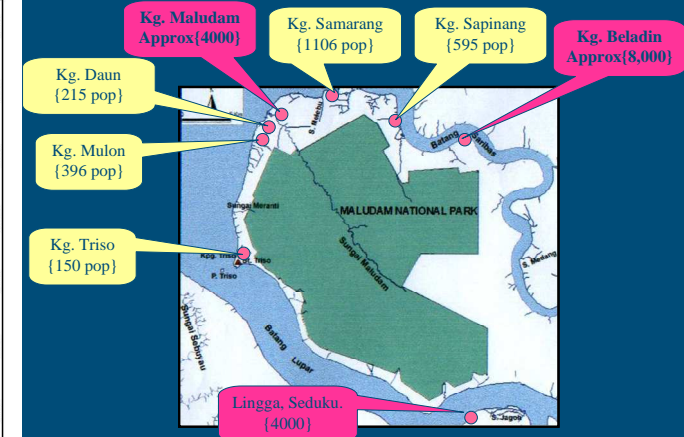
Peat Depth



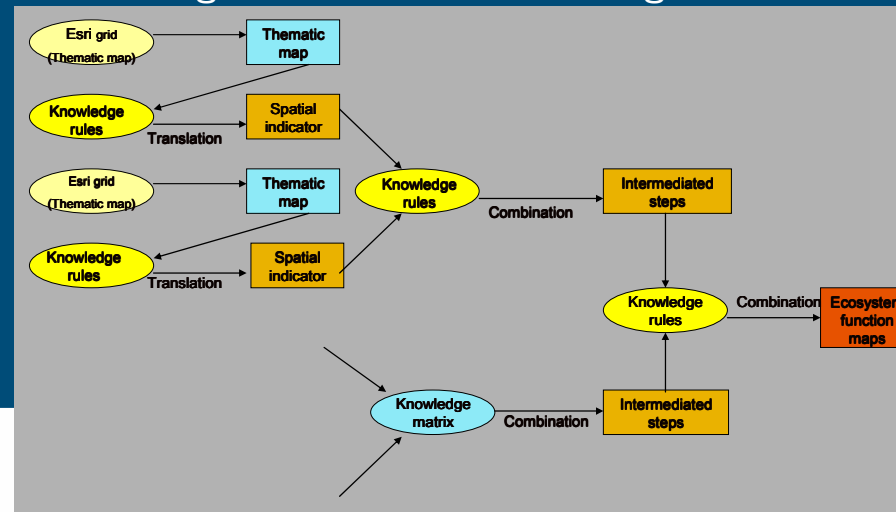
Vegetation cover



Village distribution

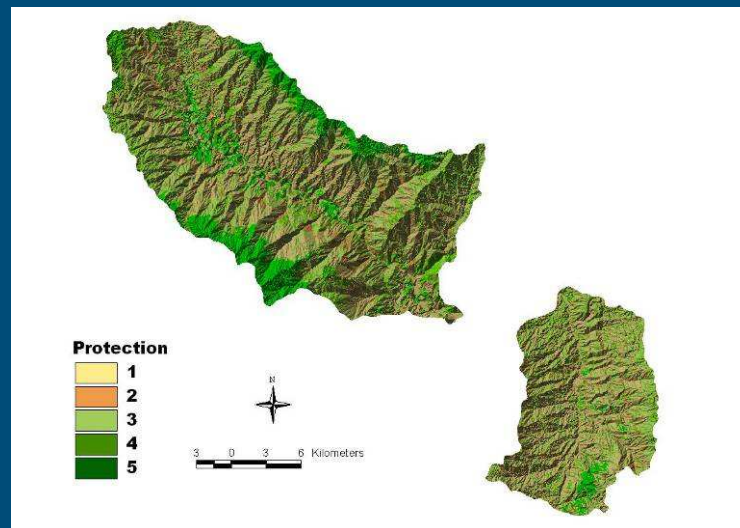


Modelling within the Osiris modelling framework



Ecosystem
function map

Example of Ecosystem Function Map (China)

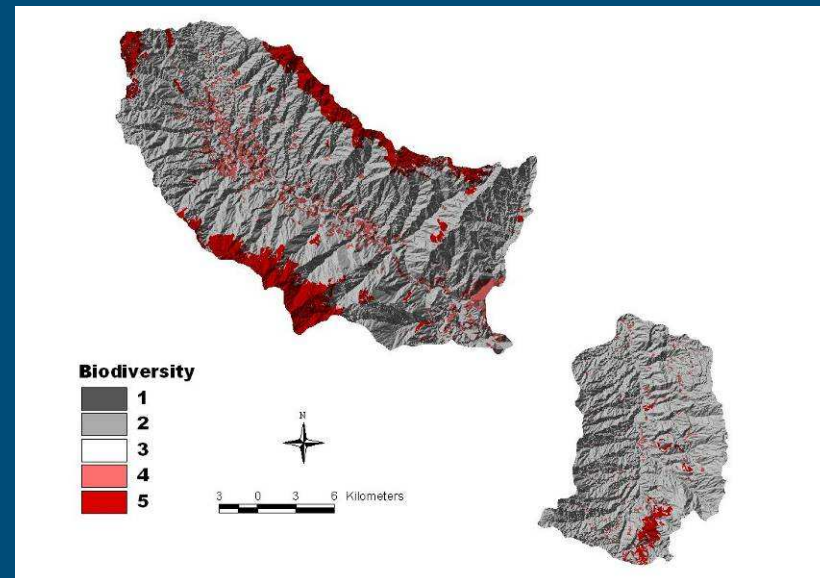


Protection value

- FQ : 2.46
- XJ : 2.01

Biodiversity value

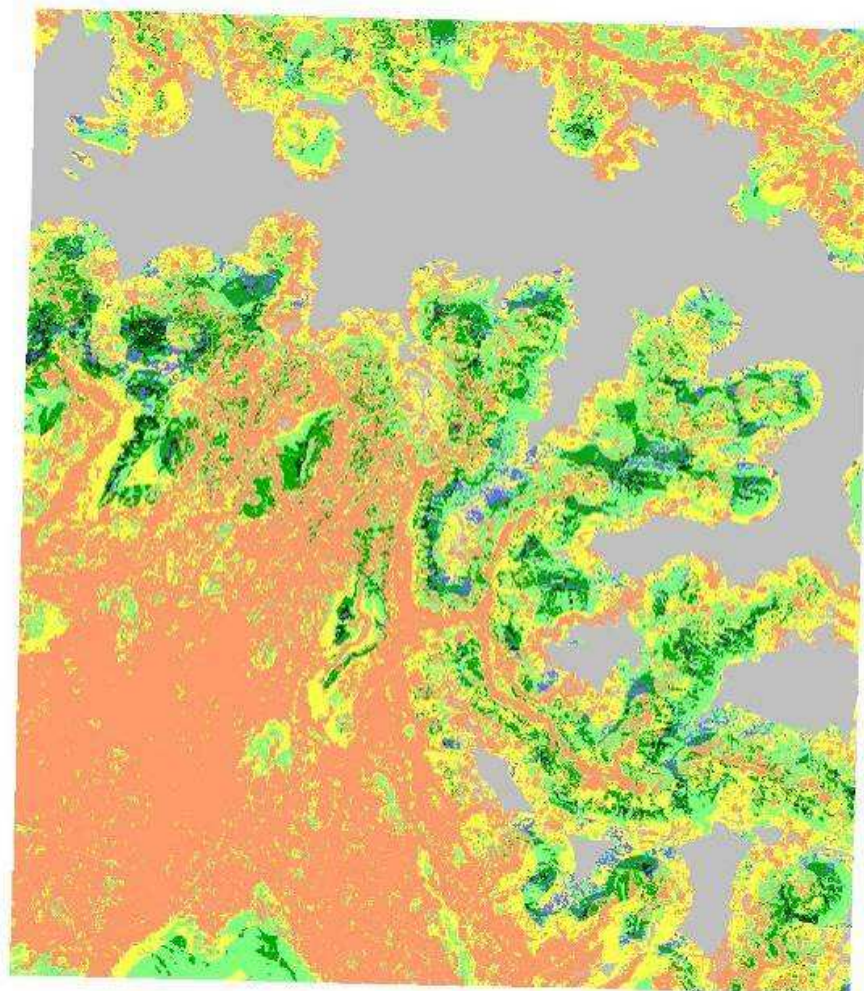
- FQ : 2.38
- XJ : 1.89



Spatial planning - scenarios

- Scenarios can be used:
 - a) to evaluate how development will affect functions of ecosystems
 - b) to optimise land-use (e.g. by connecting land-use types)
- Examples of scenario's:
 - “No measures taken”: baseline scenario
 - “Degrading forest, expanding villages”: population increases with increased pressure on forest
 - “Regenerate forest densities”: pressure on forest decrease by planting more forest
- Scenario development needs involvement local stakeholders (e.g. local communities, planning agencies etc.)

Scenario results India – habitat Sambar deer



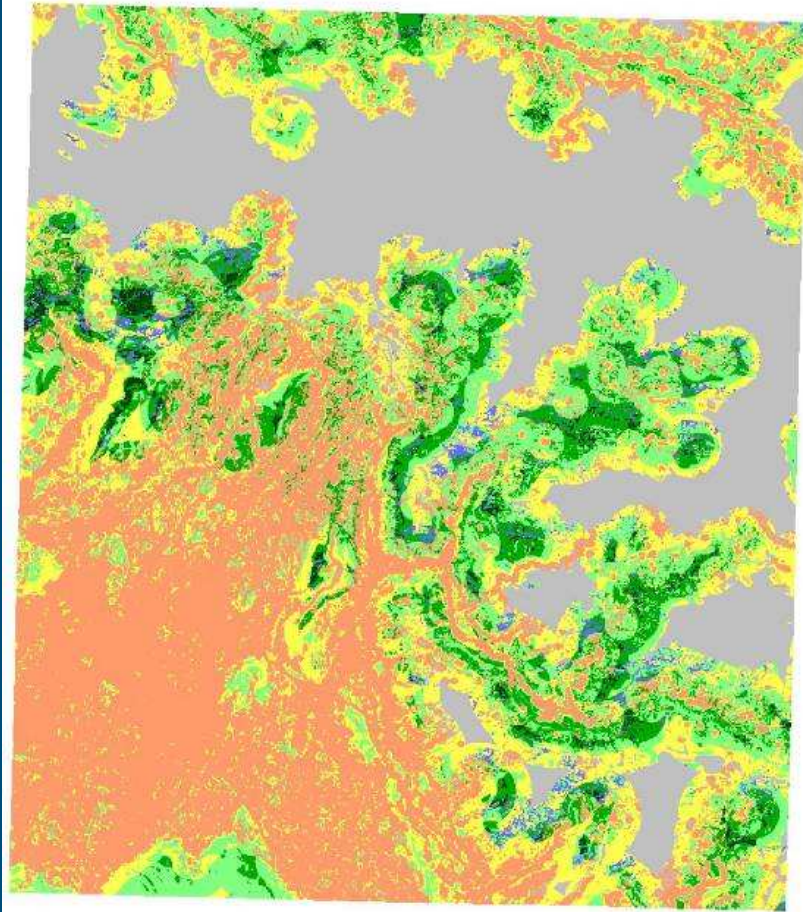
Scenario No Measures

Habitat: SAMBAR final capacity

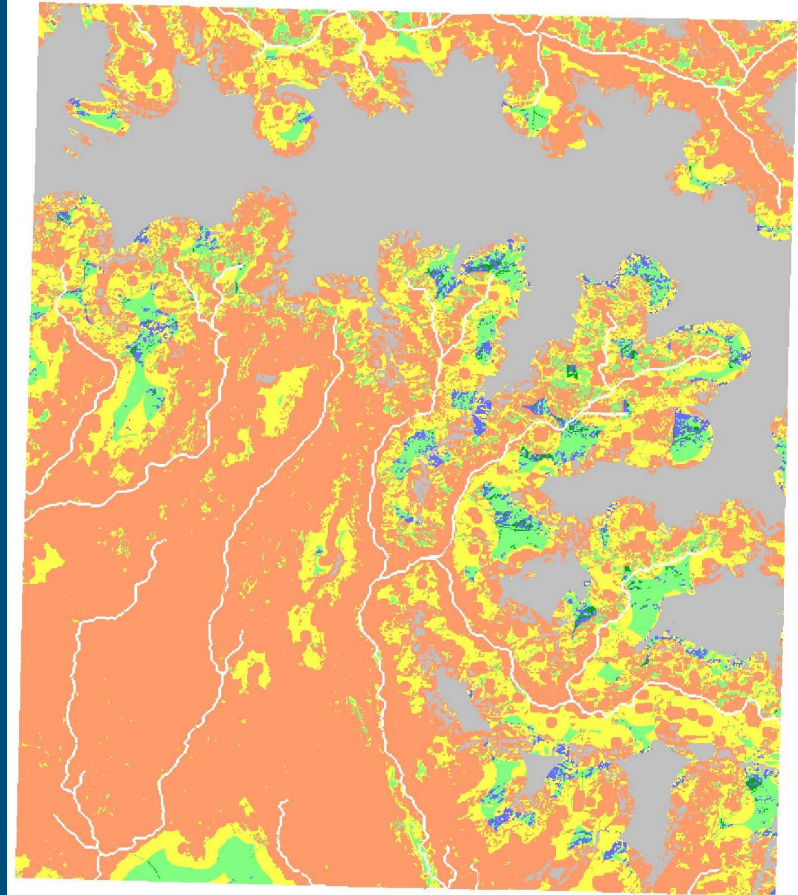
- not suitable
- 1 potential suitable habitat, no suitable ecotopes
- 2 potential suitable habitat, but fragmented
- 10 - marginal habitat (carrying capacity = 0.1)
- 50 - medium quality habitat (carrying capacity = 0.5)
- 75 - good habitat (carrying capacity = 0.75)
- 100 - optimal habitat (carrying capacity = 1)



Scenario results – habitat Sambar deer



Regenerate forest



Degrading forest; expanding villages

Conclusions / Recommendations

- With current high pressure on PSF areas the combined EGS & landscape approach is useful tool to arrive at beneficial partnership;
- Further field testing and development in PSF areas is needed, including:
 - quantification & valuation of EGS (participatory approach)
 - Scenario development with local planning agencies
 - Attention for implementation of results
 - Stakeholder consultation needed to get right priorities
- The accuracy of the outputs depends on quality of the input maps and expert knowledge;
- Application also possible outside PSF areas (e.g. Heart of Borneo; finding balance between conservation & development)

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