Information Paper
UNU-IAS Proposal of Activities under Cluster 1: Knowledge Facilitation

Background
This paper is a proposal from UNU-IAS and illustrates some activities envisaged for Activity Cluster 1 (Knowledge Facilitation). All activities described herein are subject to endorsement at the Inception meeting or the Steering Committee of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI).

Activities under Cluster 1:
To attain the following goal with activities under other clusters, "Enhance understanding and raise awareness of the importance of socio-ecological production landscapes for livelihoods and the three objectives of the Convention", activities under Cluster 1 will include collecting, analysing, synthesising and comparing case-studies, and distilling lessons learned for dissemination through a searchable online database and other means, and for use in capacity-building activities.

Proposed Activities
(i) Collecting and showcasing case studies from each member

As described in Operational Framework (article 2.2), all members are expected to submit at least one case study which they themselves have completed. Learning from numerous case studies adds valuable dimensions, thus various case studies from different specialised member organisations all play a significant role in ensuring knowledge facilitation. All received case studies will be showcased on the Satoyama Initiative portal site which includes a searchable database. The Satoyama Initiative portal site allows users to search for case studies based on geography and themes such as forests, agricultural fields, grasslands, inland water systems, coastal and urban fringes.

The Secretariat of the IPSI is expected to be capable of and best suited to lead this activity for the following two reasons: (1) the Secretariat of the IPSI is to receive case studies based on the proposed Operational Framework (article 2.2), which could demonstrate each member’s relatedness to the socio-ecological production landscapes from all members of the IPSI; and (2) the Secretariat of the IPSI shall host the Satoyama Initiative portal site.

(ii) Analysis of case studies and dissemination of the results:
Collected case studies will also become a source of information to analyse, synthesise and compare the various socio-ecological production landscapes and practices as well as to distil lessons learned. UNU-IAS is willing to lead this work with active involvement of other member organisations. UNU-IAS will also establish an electronic forum in the Satoyama Initiative portal site to facilitate communication and information sharing among members. The electronic forum will provide a discussion place for members to better understand the differences, similarities and synergies among the different studies. The enhancement of communications will assist the close cooperation between the focal-member and other members.

The result of the work will be presented in the IPSI case study report or other documents, and will be displayed to the general public via the Satoyama Initiative portal. A well-illustrated case study report will include valuable information for building capacity and for replication of successes.

In accordance with the Satoyama Initiative portal, case studies and results of analyses will also be widely disseminated in various ways such as presenting at the Public Forum of the IPSI Annual Meeting, side events at relevant meetings, and other events.

Diagram: Proposed activity (i) and (ii) under the Cluster 1
Information Paper Annex: Satoyama Initiative Portal Web-site

Background
In line with the proposal of Activity Cluster 1 above, UNU-IAS commits to upgrading the design and functions of the Satoyama Initiative portal site in accordance with the establishment of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI). The main objective of the development of the portal site is (i) to increase international awareness of the Initiative, (ii) to enhance understanding and raise awareness of the importance of socio-ecological production landscapes for livelihoods and biological diversity, as well as support capacity building and on the ground activities and project to maintain, rebuild and revitalise socio-ecological production landscapes by information dissemination, (iii) to assist IPSI activities such as preparation for Annual Meetings through posting announcements and registration forms as well as support the collaborative activities of partners through providing forum spaces for each activity cluster, and (iv) to provide opportunities for partnership engagement and strengthening synergies with other initiatives and programmes dealing with socio-ecological production landscapes. The re-designed images of the portal site graphics are attached to this paper.

Proposed Site Structure
In response to the portal site objectives, the renewed Satoyama Initiative portal site shall consist of seven sections as follows:

(1) Home Page: Some different photo images of socio-ecological production landscape from other parts of the World displayed in sequence. News display functions include the Satoyama Initiative’s highlights and Partners’ news highlights. Clicking on the news titles link to detailed news pages or directs the user to partner websites.

(2) About Page: Introduction and general information about the Satoyama Initiative and IPSI including download functionality for the Paris Declaration on the Satoyama Initiative and its leaflets and posters.

(3-a) Event Page: Up to three upcoming events and 10 previous events are listed on the page with a title; date and brief description. Also included in this section are the Satoyama Initiative’s event highlights.

(3-b) A detailed Event Page: Click on an Event title at the Event page to go to a corresponding
event page detail with download function for related documents.

(4-a) Case Study Page: An interactive Google Map containing different icons and categories which enable users to navigate the content and see results appear both on the map and in a list below the Map in real time. This page also has a case study specific search function.

(4-b) A detailed Case Study Page: All submitted case studies will be show-cased on these pages

(5) Video Page: Categorised videos with regard to Satoyama Initiative and IPSI.

(6) Partnership Page: A page to introduce IPSI members with their organisations’ logos, names and description of their mandate. Click on the name or logo to link to a partner’s website. This page will be the portal of an electronic forum to facilitate communication and information sharing among members which will require ID and password in order to have access to the forum.

(7-a) Activities Page: All collaborative activities are displayed on this page with brief summaries of the five different cluster activities. When one of the activities is clicked upon the user is directed to that corresponding activity page. New information for each activity will be posted on this page.

(7-b) A detailed Activities Page: A page of information about activity summaries, issues, happenings and news regarding each cluster. The electronic forum will provide a discussion place for each cluster as described above. All results of works, publications, annual progress reports, and other relevant documents in regards to collaborative activities will be uploaded to this page. This page also includes a list of engaged members and links to related web-sites.
Image Sample of the re-designed portal site: Information
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Image Sample: (1) Home Page

Image Sample: (2) About Page
Case Studies > Agriculture lead

Case study search

Case study categories

The rain in Spain fell mainly on the Plane and this thing was as close to making it the rain

The Aylla Systems of the Potato Park, Cusco, Peru

Living by Utilizing Various Modified Natural Resources in the Solomon Islands

Image Sample: (4-a) Case Study Page

Image Sample: (4-b) Detailed Case Study Page

The Aylla Systems of the Potato Park

Implementation Organization: U.S. G.I.

Location:

Cusco, Peru

Mission:

To work with local farmers to develop sustainable agriculture practices and improve livelihoods.

The Potato Park is a case study of sustainable agriculture and community development. It combines traditional farming techniques with modern approaches to create a model for sustainable food production. The project focuses on promoting biodiversity, improving soil health, and enhancing community involvement in decision-making processes.

Image Sample:

Recommended Readings

- "Sustainable Agriculture in the South Pacific" by M. K. Mahapatra and C. R. Prasad
- "Eco-forestry and Agroforestry Systems" by A. K. Das
- "Community-based Natural Resource Management" by H. K. Patra and A. K. Das

Image Sample:

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Image Sample:

Download the case study

Image Sample: (4-b) Detailed Case Study Page