

IPSI Collaborative Activity Proposal Form

The following form is for use when submitting proposed IPSI Collaborative Activities for consideration by the IPSI Steering Committee. See the Collaborative Activity Guidelines on p. 3 for more information.

Please return the completed form to the IPSI Secretariat (isi@unu.edu).

IPSI Collaborative Activities are the activities that shall be undertaken by more than one IPSI member and constitute an important part of IPSI activities with the purpose of fostering collaboration within the IPSI membership and implementing the IPSI Strategy and Plan of Action. The IPSI Collaborative Activities shall be developed and implemented with the endorsement of the Steering Committee in accordance with the Collaborative Activity Guidelines. Resource mobilization for IPSI collaborative activities shall be the responsibility of the implementing members in principle. – IPSI Operational Guidelines, Chapter 5.4

Date of Application:	20 April 2022
Project title:	
Making OECMs Work: Landscape Approaches for Effective Area-Based Conservation	
Collaborating organizations (IPSI members): <i>(*Please underline the leading organization)</i>	
<u>Conservation International Japan</u> , UNU-IAS	
Other contributing organization(s) (including IPSI non-members):	
Expected term (e.g. 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2015):	
1 December 2021 – 31 May 2023	
IPSI strategic objective(s) addressed (tick all that apply; see p. 3 for more details):	
X	1. Increase knowledge and understanding of SEPLS
X	2. Address direct and underlying causes responsible for the decline or loss of SEPLS
X	3. Enhance benefits from SEPLS
X	4. Enhance human, institutional and sustainable financial capacities

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Description of the activity:

Please provide as much information as possible on:

- Background
- Activities (including site locations if applicable)
- Expected outcomes
- Actors and task sharing
- How the activity relates to the *IPSI Strategy* and *IPSI Plan of Action*
- Resources, funding
- Monitoring and reporting

Parties and governing bodies of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) have been involved in an ongoing policy process to explore the identification and designation of “other effective area-based conservation measures” (OECMs), meaning conservation areas other than legally protected areas. A document defining and outlining criteria for identification of OECMs was developed by a team spearheaded by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and was subsequently accepted by the Conference of the Parties to the CBD. UNU-IAS and CI have both been involved in this policy process—particularly in terms of how the concept of “socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes” (SEPLS) as promoted under the Satoyama Initiative relates to and can contribute to OECMs.

Building on this work already begun, the project outlined here aims to further develop understanding of landscape approaches and OECMs and to help Parties with designation and management of OECMs. Ultimately, the project will contribute toward the long-term goals of improving sustainability and resilience in landscapes and seascapes, real-world contributions to the 2050 Vision of the CBD “living in harmony with nature”, and recognition of the importance of productive landscapes for biodiversity and global sustainability policy.

Activities**1. Gathering Information on OECMs and related issues**

The project will gather information on the OECM policy and implementation process meetings of the CBD and other international conferences.

2. Conducting Expert Dialogues and related events

An Expert Dialogue meeting, or series of such meetings, will be held to invite leading experts on OECMs to consider relationships between OECMs and SEPLS, potential for production landscapes and seascapes to be recognized as OECMs, CBD Parties’ needs in terms of knowledge and resources, and related issues. Side events at CBD meetings and other events will also be held to the extent possible

3. Research activities

The project will create research outputs on landscape approaches and OECMs, including policy briefs, academic articles, and a report on the needs for an indicator-based tool to be used in the field for OECM identification and management.

4. Outreach

Project outputs and findings will be disseminated using the leading organizations’ communications channels, including coordination with the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI).

5. Future activities

The project will conclude with an assessment of needs for ongoing and future work.