

Lessons Learned from CAPE Corridor and Landscape Initiatives

Objectives

- Capture Learning from last 10 years of CAPE

How is this different from the primer

- Cape focus vs National
- Identify key processes vs tools
- More critical
- 14 pages vs 4

Outline

- Coordination at biome level
- Land use planning and decision-making
- Protected areas and biodiversity stewardship
- Business and biodiversity initiatives and sustainable farming
- Managing catchments effectively
- **Landscape and corridor initiatives**
- Civil society and livelihoods
- Applied research and learning

CAPE Landscape Initiatives

- Have a large variety of mechanisms
- Many have been implemented for substantial period of time

Key Questions

- **What was the most successful impact of your corridor/landscape initiative and how did you achieve it?**
- **What was the most important lesson you learnt?**

Characterised by Collaboration

- Needs to be across institutions
- Preferably across sectors
- Core can be small – two people working together
- Establish everyday working relationships
- Identify strong champions
- Involvement of broader community
- Support government

.....its about working together

Benefits

- Better access to external resources
- Pooling of internal resources
- Provide a forum for learning
- Have started to engage with specific agricultural sectors
- Were established and are still operating 10 years on

Challenges

- Getting balance between local and head office
 - sell upwards
 - needs to be regionally driven but get guidance
- Collaboration involves building relationships– likely to run into conflict
 - Plan to have good facilitation
 - Respect and understand the sector you are working with
- Need range of skills which are difficult to secure in rural areas
- Maintain presence and momentum or you will go backwards

Strategic Direction

- Common vision and strategy can mobilize local and external resources
- Sum is greater than the parts
- Resources do not have to be external
- Develop action plan with clear accountability

Challenges

- BUT: Don't spend all your resources planning – do something concrete you can sell
- Action is more powerful than branding
- Ensure that the strategy remains relevant and appropriate
- External funding can hijack the strategy and demands resources
- Getting a big group moving is slower
 - Plan for realistic lead times
 - Do something small which maintains momentum

Local Coordinators

- Need a huge variety of skills
- Drive the momentum
- Likely to be squeezed between local and head-office demands
- Must also be able to bridge sectors
- Potentially isolated in the local community
- **Its a difficult job** – but you have achieved what few others have

Discussion

- What have you achieved through a landscape level approach which you would not have been able to achieve using a conventional approach?
- How would you differentiate landscape initiatives from local and biome level approaches?