

From the ABI Final evaluation document:

It is important to keep this important experiment in landscape management moving forward. Five key processes are identified:

CONVENE – maintain and strengthen stakeholder processes, using ABIOC and similar forums to facilitate integration. But broaden stakeholder forums to include the private sector, and privat-sector-type processes.

COLLATE – greatly improve collection, collation, interpretation and presentation of data as a means of coordinating development and developing a Common Vision for ABI. This possible Vision is: a large, integratively managed landscape creating value to people and environment through sustainable use of biodiversity. Key data is to describe the biodiversity economy, including income and employment multipliers, employment, the value of public goods and services (water, wildlife, scenery), possibilities for economies of scale, monitoring of ecosystem health, etc.

CONCEPTUALISE – use improved data and experience to conceptualize how the system works, build a development hypothesis, build a VISION around this hypothesis, and agree the necessary actions. This may also need some high level technical facilitation and expertise to facilitate cross-scale learning processes.

CROSS-SCALE COMMUNICATION AND LEARNING – link ABI into learning and policy processes at Provincial and National level to develop a supportive enabling environment for ABI, and to enable ABI to contribute its lessons to national development and conservation/.

CAPITALIZE – obtain funding, both to maintain stakeholder processes, to improve data collection (relationship with a university?), and to

provide tangible activities around which to build stakeholder processes. There are opportunities where capital investment would generate large added value in the form of public goods. Two important innovations might include: a discretionary capital fund to encourage stakeholder to identify and develop such opportunities; the development of collective action and fee-collection mechanisms to raise financing to deal strategically with issues of public goods and payment for environmental services. .