NNL Summit Session 2

Establishing a NNL system - the scoping and design stages, including landscape level planning

Introduction

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EIA, conservation law and policy (incl. on protected areas) planning regulations, sectoral policies (eg oil and gas, mining, agriculture), fiscal policies, liability regimes, land tenure, indigenous peoples' rights, strategic environmental assessments, land use plans, etc

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and species' populations and conservation status.

- \rightarrow For 'like-for-like-or-better' approach.
- → To establish baselines and trajectories against which losses and gains are measured.
 - \rightarrow To determine the significance of impacts.
 - \rightarrow For selection of offset sites and activities.
- → For designation of credit types, if aggregated offsets or conservation banking is being used.

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In government and the private sector (especially impact assessment and conservation):

- Biodiversity policy and land use and marine planning; EIA and SEA
- Biodiversity science (including spatial information, modelling and baseline data)
- Coordination within government; administration of NNL/NG systems; monitoring and enforcement; dealing with conflict of interest
- Info technology: databases, modelling and mapping for science and registries
- Field assessments & applying the exchange rules and metrics

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- Environmental and economic benefits of sectors that might expand, such as tourism and conservation restoration,
- Costs and benefits to those sectors (eg infrastructure developers and extractives industries) with footprints.
- Effects on jobs etc.

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Policy options and design

- Policy options
 - Voluntary or regulated
 - Scope: major projects or multiple impact systems
 - Delivery: Protected areas, conservation banks, credit systems?
 - Landscape-level planning, cumulative impacts, aggregated offsets
- System design
 - Policies including mitigation hierarchy, like-for-like, No Net Loss or a Net Gain
 - Legal instruments including regulation, covenants, agreements, trust funds
 - Metrics (quantifying losses and gains)
 - Guidelines and standards
 - Monitoring and enforcement
 - Capacity building
 - Implementation plans
- Consultation with stakeholders

Implementing and refining policy

• Come along to Session 5 after tea!

These issues are covered in:

ten Kate and Crowe. (*In press*). ten Kate, K. and Crowe, MLA. (2014) Biodiversity Offsets: Policy options for governments. An input paper for the IUCN Technical Study Group on Biodiversity Offsets. IUCN, Gland.