

The Process of Local-Level Criteria and Indicators Development

Criteria and Indicators of Joint Forest Management

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In contrast to previous *ad hoc* or expert-driven processes, which largely excluded community-specific needs and sustainability concerns, the methods developed in this research attempt to democratize the process of criteria and indicators (C&I) development. We set out to design and apply methods to identify local-level C&I of successful co-management. The diagram below illustrates the C&I development process undertaken during research phases 1 and 2. While these steps have a distinct order, the process is reflective and can be revised based on new knowledge. Work during the next 3 years will focus on verifying, prioritizing, and elaborating this framework. The goal is to create a management and monitoring process that is responsive to the values, expectations, and changing needs of co-management partners and stakeholders.

