Nature Restoration Law and Wetlands Conservation - REWET Training



Climate-Smart Conservation Strategies. ACCIÓN_RAMSAR case

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This is not climate change information This is not the result of the research These will be methods for conservation under climate change

What about this training session

1. The case: ACCION-RAMSAR Project

2. The approach: **Conservation Standards**

3. The implementation: **Climate-smart** strategies





Adaptation to Climate Change and Nature Conservation in Ramsar sites. ACCION–RAMSAR

Adaptación al Cambio climático y Conservación de la Naturaleza en sitios Ramsar.





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Science – Management connection





Objective and

development phases

Objective

Generate proposals for sustainable adaptation, management, conservation, and restoration based on robust modeling and analysis of future climate impacts on hydrology, biodiversity, and ecosystem services at marine and coastal Ramsar pilot sites through an integrated and participatory process involving managers and local stakeholders.



Phases and specific objectives







Main project results

Evaluation and adaptation workshops:

Workshops have facilitated the collection of **primary data** on current management practices and identified opportunities for climate-change-adaptive improvements. By working collaboratively with local stakeholders and protected area managers, we have gained a better understanding of local climate change impacts and have been able to target management efforts towards the most vulnerable biodiversity components.

Working closely has fostered a deeper understanding of site-specific climate impacts and guided management towards safeguarding vulnerable biodiversity "





Climate and hydrological projections under future climate scenarios :

Local, detailed, scientifically rigorous climate and hydrology models help local managers and stakeholders better understand climate change impacts.

These projections serve as a **detailed and local basis for analyzing the impacts of future climate and hydrology on the biodiversity** of Ramsar sites, expressed through their species, communities, and ecosystems.

The changes projected by the different models (climate, hydrology, biodiversity, ecosystem services, etc.) are severe and should be systematically used in management to adapt to climate change.

Impact analysis and biodiversity modelling:

Methodologies were implemented to analyze the impact of future climate and hydrology on the **main conservation objectives selected by managers** and key stakeholders of the Ramsar sites.

These methodologies included analyzing climate and hydrological variables derived for ecosystem functioning processes; species distribution modeling (SDM) under future climate scenarios to estimate their climatic suitability; and assessing future increases in the risk of processes such as wildfires.

Results from ongoing projects such as **FORESTECCO** (Fundación Biodiversidad) were highly useful for the development of SDMs.



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THE OPEN STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF CONSERVATION

Planning, implementing, monitoring, and learning from projects and programs at all scales



EVIDENCE-BASED & ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT



EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH

- Use evidence to inform decisions about:
 - -Project scope and targets
 - -Target viability
 - -Factors & contributing factors
 - -Causal relationships
 - -Outcomes: goals, threat reduction
 - -Which actions to invest in
- Seek best available evidence
- Expect varying levels of confidence

ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

- Complexity & uncertainty
- Are we doing the right things?
- Are we doing them well?
- Are we achieving an impact?



ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT CYCLES







Design

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Management



ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT CYCLES



$\textbf{SCIENTIFIC METHOD} \approx \textbf{ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT}$









USE OF THE CONSERVATION STANDARDS





ECOSYSTEMS: REEFS

SPECIES: CHIMPANZEES

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THEMATIC: WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

THEMATIC COMMODITY PRODUCTION

THEMATIC: CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY



THEMATIC: HIGH-LEVEL POLICY INFLUENCE



ORGANIZATIONAL- TRUST FOR NATURE

CONSERVATION MEASURES PARTNERSHIP (CMP)





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1. ASSESS

- Purpose & team
- Scope & vision
- Targets & Viability
- Threats
- Conservation situation



SCOPE


SCOPE

- Place-based
- Target-based
- Thematic





SPATIAL INFORMATION

Applicable throughout

- GIS... sketch maps
- MiradiShare

VISION

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VISION

- Relatively general
- Visionary
- Brief

CONSERVATION TARGETS

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- Ecosystems
- Habitats
- Species



HUMAN WELL-BEING TARGETS

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HUMAN WELL-BEING TARGETS

- Livelihoods
- Health
- Social cohesion
- Security
- Governance



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

- Provisioning: clean water, wild foods
- Regulating: pollination, decomposition
- Cultural: nature-inspired creativity, recreation
- Supporting: photosynthesis, nutrient cycling



Conservation scope

Conservation target

Ecosystem Service

Human wellbeing scope

Human wellbeing target

VIABILITY

VIABILITY

- Characteristics
- Measures
- Current status
- Future goals





THREATS

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THREATS

- Primarily human activities
- Degrade target viability
- Altered natural phenomena
- Specify key actors \rightarrow lump or split
- Synonym: pressure
- Clarify nature of the threat
- Focus on present and future threats



CLIMATE CHANGE

- Threat by convention
- Basic understanding
- Deconstruct
- Scenarios
- Integrate



CONSERVATION SITUATION



CONSERVATION SITUATION

- Indirect threats & opportunities
- Stakeholders
- Situation model
- Ground-truth & revise

CONSTRUCT A SITUATION MODEL

Sea turtle bycatch

reduces fishing

efficiency









Eastern Pacific sea turtles



Scope

Sea turtles

Fishers don't want to harm turtles

Traditional fishing methods **Reluctance to** change gear

Fishers using J hooks

Bycatch of sea turtles in longline fisheries

+ OPPORTUNITY

EXAMPLE: CIRCLE HOOK PROJECT





PLAN





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- Goals
- Strategies
- Theory of Change
- Monitoring
- Operational Plan



GOALS



GOALS

- Linked to conservation targets
- Desired future status
- S.M.A.R.T

STRATEGIES

Who do we need to influence?

Where and how to intervene?

Where not to?



STRATEGIES

- Find key intervention points
- Process:
 - Research existing strategies
 - Generate new strategies
 - Select optimal strategies
- Work iteratively!



CURRENT SITUATION

ROTM

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FUTURE GOAL

Strategy

HOW TO BUILD A RESULTS CHAIN (OVERVIEW)

- Select a strategy
- Build it
 - -Convert from situation model, OR
 - -Build from scratch
- Complete the logic
- Apply criteria for good results chain
- Share & refine



SITUATION MODEL \rightarrow THEORY OF CHANGE









INTERVENTION _____POINT

Test and promote circle hooks to reduce bycatch

Reluctance to change gear

Fishers using J hooks Bycatch of sea turtles in longline fisheries

Marine turtles Goal

CONVERT FACTORS TO RESULTS



By July 2008, equal or better target catch and reduced turtle catch using circular hooks.

Test and promote circle hooks to reduce by catch

Collaborate with academia & fishing authorities Develop protocol to test circle hooks

Effectiveness of circle hooks demonstrated

Objective

Evaluate circle hooks in longline fleet

Fishers can get circle hooks for free

Share experimental results

Fishers

recognize

advantages of

circle hooks

Provide a hook exchange program

By January 2009, > 60% fishers using circular hooks.

Fishers accept and use circle

Objective

hooks

Bycatch mortality in hook lines reduced

Threat reduction objective

Marine turtles

Goal

By **2025**, 10% increase from 2005 levels of turtles.

By January 2012, turtle capture rates below 50% of 2005 rates .



OPERATIONAL PLAN

- Define & cost monitoring activities
- Define & cost implementation activities
- Assess human, financial resources
- Determine risk & mitigation
- Develop exit strategy



UNDERSTANDING RISK

- Clarify risk
- Other tools
- Results chains
- Environmental & Social Safeguards







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3. IMPLEMENT

- Work plan, budget
- Implement
- Monitor
- Report

By July 2008, equal or better target catch and reduced turtle catch using circular hooks.

THEORY OF CHANGE to WORK PLAN



	Action	Who	Cost / Source	When	Output
Test and promote circle hooks to reduce bycatch Collaborate with academia & fishing authorities	Identify academics	project manager	10 days	04/06	Broad agreement
	Develop agreement	project manager	5 days	06/06	Signed agreement
	Secure funding	project manager	\$15,000 WWF	12/06	Grant secured

IMPLEMENT, MONITOR AND REPORT



IMPLEMENT

- Use the plan
- Monitor
- Report





ANALYZE & ADAPT

Conservation Standards







4. ANALYZE & ADAPT

- Prepare
- Analyze
- Adapt







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5. SHARE

- Document
- Share
- Foster learning



LEARN & SHARE

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TOOLS AND SUPPORT



RESOURCES

- Coaches network
- Training & guidance
- Miradi software
- Teaching network
- Standard classifications





COACHES NETWORK



Conservation Coaches Network

Strengthening conservation strategies and practice through coaching

Climate-smart conservation



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Implementation

CLIMATE-SMART CONSERVATION Using the CS to Address Climate Adaptation RAMSAR example



WHERE DOES CLIMATE FIT IN?



ASSESS

- Scenario planning within threat
 assessment
- Add climate threats to situation model
- Rate conventional & climate threats
- Revisit targets & goals, based
 on projected CC impacts

WHERE DOES CLIMATE FIT IN?



PLAN

- Identify climate-smart strategies
- Include climate impacts in theories of change



What about climate change?





CLIMATE CHANGE CONTEXT

- Challenging to fit with other threats
- Teams need a basic understanding
- Fully integrate from beginning*
- Deconstruct impacts
- Use scenarios to explore uncertainty
- Detailed guidance available



LEVEL OF ANALYSIS OPTIONS

- A. Don't address climate change
- B. Work with existing climate change
- C. One future scenario
- D. Two or more scenarios





HUMAN RESPONSES

- Understand potential effects on humans
- Try to predict human reactions
- Avoid mal-adaptation



CLIMATE PROJECTIONS

- Many climate models
- Recognize uncertainty
- Look for agreement or lack of it
- Scenario planning helps address uncertainty



SCENARIO PLANNING

SOURCES OF UNCERTAINTY

- GHG emissions
- Model accuracy
- Trend direction & magnitude of change
- Randomness
- Natural responses
- Human responses





RESPONSES TO UNCERTAINTY

- Focus on better understood problems
- Wait for more certainty
- Proceed as if no uncertainty
- Work with uncertainty \checkmark

SCENARIO PLANNING

- Decision support tool
- Used extensively in military & business
- For high uncertainty, low control
- Helps imagine a very different future
- Consists of stories/hypotheses
- Both science and art





WHY SCENARIO PLANNING?

- Explore a range of futures
 - -Understand potential impacts
 - -Eventually develop solutions



HOW MANY SCENARIOS?

- How much time & effort to devote?
- Start with basic investigation
- Understand climate trends and level of uncertainty
 - -1 scenario: low uncertainty
 - -2+ scenarios: recommended





HOW TO DEFINE SCENARIOS

- Purpose: explore consequences when uncertainty is high
- Generate scenarios by using:
 - -Multiple GHG emission scenarios
 - -Multiple models
 - -Different time horizons
- Can combine the above
- Can add other dimensions: political, economic, etc.
- Seek out uncertainty



EMISSIONS SCENARIOS

a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900



CLIMATE MODEL SCENARIOS

Scenario SSP1 2.6. Period 2021-2050. 10 Climate models for bioclimate variables BIO17 y BIO06

CMCC-ESM2 ACCESS-CM2 BCC-CSM2-MR CanESM5 CNRM-ESM2-1 EC-EARTH3 MPI-ESM1-2-HR MRI-ESM2-O NorESM2-MM UKESM1-0-LL CMCC-ESM2 ACCESS-CM2 BCC-CSM2-MR CanESM5 CNRM-ESM2-1 EC-EARTH3 MPI-ESM1-2-HR MRI-ESM2-O NorESM2-MM UKESM1-0-LL

BIO17 Precipitación Trimestre más

seco

BIO06

Temperatura promedio mes más frío (°C)

8.00

6.25

4.50

10.5

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Modelos Climáticos

Modelos Climáticos



CLIMATE MODEL SCENARIOS

- Examine multiple model outputs
- Seek assistance (academia, government)
- Tools:
 - -<u>SICMA Andalucía</u>


EXAMPLE: 4 SCENARIOS FROM 2 VARIABLES

PRECIEVENTATION

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EXAMPLE: 4 SCENARIOS FROM 2 VARIABLES

Wave

heat

extreme

much hotter and drier "Dry Roasted" much hotter and wetter "A Wet Hot Mess"

less precipitation

slight warming and drier "Hotel California" gradual warming

slight warming and wet "Tropicana"

more precipitation

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ACCION-RAMSAR 1st stage



Climate modeling.



Climate simulation: day scale for 40 projections (10 models x 4 SSPs)



Hydrological modeling.

Se ha realizado una simulación hidrológica a escala diaria para 40 proyecciones climáticas futuras (10 modelos x 4 SSPs) aplicando el modelo hidrológico VISUAL BALAN. Variables simuladas: precipitación, evapotranspiración potencial, evapotranspiración real, recarga, nivel piezométrico, descarga e infiltración.



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SSP1-2.6	1,9	1,8	8,1	111	11,5	13,3	11,5	2,1	0,1
SSP2-4.5	2,9	2,7	- 9,7	192	7	8,9	7	-3,5	0,1
SSP3-7.0	4,1	3,7	-47	286	-9,5	-8	-9,5	-14,2	0
SSP5-8.5	5,2	4,6	-97,5	424	-33,6	-29,6	-33,6	-29,4	-0,1





VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

- Document scenario climate impacts on:
 - -Conservation targets
 - -Humans
 - -Conservation targets due to human reactions





VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT <u>- ECOLOGICAL DRAWING</u>



VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

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Climate Threats

Less precipitation in upper catchment

Increasing average temperature

More frequent & severe floods & droughts



EXAMPLE SUMMARY OF IMPACTS

waves

heat

extreme

gradual warming

much hotter and dr

frequent forest fires rivers become ephemeral decreased human population

much hotter and wetter "A Wet Hot Mess"

increased soil erosion new diseases and pests increased agricultural runoff

less precipitation

more precipitation

slight warming and drier "Hotel California"

reduced water flows forests become grasslands increased conflict over water

'Tropicana'

better agricultural yields grasslands become forests increased human population

Objective 1: Conservation state and biodiversity threats.





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ос	Enfoque metodológico	Requerimientos			
Lago	Análisis de la situación hidrológica en escenario de cambio climático.	 a) Fuentes de datos de hidrología actua b) Proyecciones de escenarios de clima futuro c) Análisis hidrológico en escenarios futuros de clima 			
Devesa	Modelización del riesgo de fuego en escenarios de clima futuro	a) Uso de Proyecciones de índices de riesgo de incendios por ejemplo FWI			
Chorlitejo patinegro	Modelo de Idoneidad climática. MDE animales.	 a) Variables bioclimáticas b) Base de datos de distribución o presencia de la especie c) Proyecciones de escenarios de clima futuro d) Búsqueda bibliográfica de los límites ecofisiológicos de supervivencia 			

Objetivo 5: Biodiversity modeling.

Objetos de Conservación Lago Devesa Chorlitejo patinegro Bosque Arrozal Samaruc Complejo de acuíferos Anfibios Sistemas de marismas Ecosistemas de Bosques y cotos Ecosistemas de Bosques y cotos Conejo Alcornoque y otras leñosas

Sistema Lagunar

Caballito de mar

Arenales, dunas y playas

Desembocaduras de ramblas

Saladares y estepas salinas

Salinas

Analysis of the impact of future climate and hydrology and derived variables on ecosystem processes

Suitability–climate modeling for Spp

Modeling of diseases and pathogens for Spp

Risk of fire







Mapa de distribución de la idoneidad de hábitat actual

Grupos genéticos de Pinus halepensis



FIRE WEATHER INDEX (FWI) Calculado en el Proyecto Europeo FIREURISK (*Developing a holistic, risk-wise strategy for European wildfire management,* <u>https://fireurisk.eu/</u>)

Extensión del periodo de riesgo alto

Variabilidad interanual del índice FWI medio a finales de



Ene Feb Mar Abr May Jun Jul Ago Sep Oct Nov Dic

SITUATION MODELS

SITUATION MODEL

Question mark can indicate uncertainty about presence of a factor

OPPORTUNITY+

+ sign signals

opportunity

INDIRECT THREAT**?**

INDIRECT THREAT

Factors include:

direct threats, indirect

threats, opportunities

DIRECT THREAT

OPPORTUNITY+

DIRECT THREAT

Each factor has 1 or more stakeholders associated with it

Dotted lines could indicate uncertainty in relationships

DIRECT THREAT

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Scope

CONSERVATION TARGET

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IDENTIFY TARGETS, CONVENTIONAL THREATS & ASSOCIATED STRESSES



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ADD CLIMATE THREATS



TREAT CLIMATE STRESSES AS DIRECT THREATS



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REEVALUATE SCOPE & TARGETS

- Reconsider
 - -Scope of project
 - -Conservation targets
 - -Key attributes of targets



STRATEGY SELECTION

TYPES OF CLIMATE SMART STRATEGIES



CLIMATE SMART RESULTS CHAINS



CLIMATE MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Threat reduction strategy -- to avoid GHG emissions:



Restoration strategy -- to increase carbon sequestration:





TOOLS & SUPPORT

SEASONAL CALENDAR



PUBLISHED GUIDANCE



CLIMATE-SMART CONSERVATION PRACTICE: USING THE CONSERVATION STANDARDS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

In cooperation with:



Published by:

On behalf of: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

of the Federal Republic of Germany



Conservation Standards Applied to Ecosystem-based Adaptation



In cooperation with:



Conservation Measures Partnership

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

On behalf of:

Objective 5: Planning strategies for conservation, adaptation and restoration SP-R in future climate scenarios





Servicios ecosistémicos y cambio climático







Objective 6: Classification of strategies

Climate-Smart Strategies (CSS)

- RED 1. Reducing climate vulnerability: Decreasing the susceptibility of a conservation target to the impacts of climate change by addressing conventional threats that exacerbate them.

- RED 2. Protecting climate refugia: Protecting areas that offer stable climate conditions for the presence of the conservation target, even in the face of climate change.

- RES 1. Improving the health of the target: Strengthening the overall condition of the conservation target, increasing its ability to withstand the impacts of climate change. This may include actions such as habitat restoration, population management, and invasive species control.

- ADA 1 Creating artificial conditions: Artificially creating or maintaining specific habitats or climate conditions that are necessary for the survival of the conservation target.

- ADA 2 Selecting ecologically equivalent species or genetic varieties that have better habitat suitability under future climate scenarios.

- ADA 3. Prevention of human maladaptation: Mitigate the negative impacts of inappropriate human adaptation actions to climate change on ecosystems and biodiversity.



Interest of the Andalusian Government in implementing forest management strategies, considering species distribution models, in accordance with their behaviour in future climate scenarios. Specifically with cork oak repopulation activities.

Awareness raising among approximately 30 participants on the need to take into account future climate and hydrology scenarios in order to propose wetland management strategies.




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What is a climatesmart strategy for biodiversity conservation?