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“GEF-Satoyama Project” aims to achieve societies in harmony with nature, with sustainable primary production sector based on traditional and modern wisdom, and to make significant contributions to global targets for conservation of biological diversity.

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GEF Project Agency: Conservation International

Executive Team: Conservation International Japan (CI Japan) as Executing Agency, with United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

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DR. DEVON DUBLIN MAKING HIS PRESENTATION AT THE SIDE EVENT. ©CI/YOJI NATORI

[Regional Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Asia and the Pacific \(January 29, 2019; Nagoya, Japan\)](#)

This regional consultation workshop marked the beginning of a process for the development of the post-2020 framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). UNU-IAS organized a side event entitled “Multi-stakeholder partnership to enhance landscape and seascape approaches for biodiversity conservation and human livelihoods” focused on the consolidation of best practices and lessons learned for landscape approaches under the IPSI. Through specific examples, Dr. Devon Dublin presented the lessons learned from the GEF-Satoyama Project as it relates to overcoming the barriers that Socioecological Productions Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS) face globally, namely, insufficient recognition of SEPLS values; disappearing traditional knowledge; and weak governance. These include: policies enabling local actions in Seychelles; local champions in India who drive the activities and communicate with stakeholders; working with partners outside of the conservation community in Thailand; and synergizing biodiversity and the productive sectors as was done in the Alto Huayabamba Conservation Concession (AHCC) in Peru.

[The 15th GIS Community Forum \(May 22-24, 2019; Tokyo, Japan\)](#)

Dr. Yoji Natori organized a half-day session on GIS for SDGs and Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework during the 15th GIS Community Forum and presented the results of the global mapping of SEPLS for biodiversity mainstreaming under the GEF-Satoyama Project on May 24, 2019. He pointed out that although SEPLS can be found in many places around the world, the lack of global identification of important SEPLS lead to their low policy priority. He further explained that to give more effective policy guidance, the mapping of SEPLS from synthesis of existing studies and methods would facilitate communication and gain policy attention/recognition for SEPLS. The map shows the areas of potential SEPLS and where it is important to maintain or otherwise introduce sustainable land uses. Following his presentation, he joined other presenters in a panel discussion where he utilized the opportunity to share the lessons learned from the GEF-Satoyama Project on mobilizing local stakeholders including the importance of local champions and making clear the benefits of actions.



DR. YOJI NATORI PARTICIPATING IN THE PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE OF GIS IN SDGS AND BIODIVERSITY POST 2020 GLOBAL FRAMEWORK. ©CI/DEVON DUBLIN



MS. ESTELLE DEJA PRESENTING THE MAURITIUS CASE STUDY AT THE WORKSHOP
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Satoyama Initiative Thematic Review 5 (SITR-5) Workshop (May 28-30, 2019; Tokyo, Japan)

The Secretariat of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI), UNU-IAS and IGES organized the fifth SITR workshop under the theme “Understanding the multiple values associated with sustainable use in SEPLS”. Two representatives from the subgrant projects were invited to present their case studies. Ms. Estelle Deja of Environmental Protection & Conservation Organisation (EPCO) presented on the values of coastal wetlands biodiversity for sustainable economic and livelihood development at Residences La Chaux ‘Barachois’, in Mauritius. Mr. Siddharth Edake of the Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) presented on mainstreaming Community - Conserved Areas (CCAs) for Biodiversity Conservation in SEPLS in Nagaland, India. The case studies will be published in the fifth edition of the SITR by November 2019.

Public event “Satoyama Landscapes and Seascapes from around the World for Sustainable Development” (May 29, 2019; Tokyo, Japan)

Taking advantage of the subgrantees in Tokyo for the SITR workshop, CI Japan organized a mini evening seminar on SEPLS and Sustainable Development. Mr. Siddharth Edake and Ms. Estelle Deja presented their projects to a public audience. Following the presentations, a discussion took place around the lessons learned from these projects. Relevant issues raised in the discussion session were what the important ingredients are for successful project implementation. The speakers reiterated the need for the local people to be involved in the early stages of the project planning and that they should exercise ownership of the project for it to be successful. The need to involve all stakeholders including the private sector was pointed out as a critical ingredient which also contributes to post funding sustainability.



MR. SIDDHARTH EDAKE PRESENTING THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY TERI IN NAGALAND, INDIA
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PARTICIPANTS AT THE INDIA SATOYAMA WORKSHOP ©TERI/MANMOHAN SINGH

INDIA [The Energy and Resources Institute \(TERI\)](#) and Conservation International Japan co-organized the India Satoyama Workshop on 23 April, 2019 at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi, India to generate a country-level momentum on the Satoyama Initiative. A total of 20 participants from nine organizations including, NGOs (Applied Environmental Research Foundation [AERF], Balipara Foundation, CI Japan, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation [MSSRF], TERI), Government (Japan International Cooperation Agency [JICA], State Government of Nagaland and State Government of Odisha) and UNDP were represented. The participating organizations agreed to: a) visit each other's landscapes for new ideas and learning's and initiate effective communication amongst each other; b) work together with businesses through a forum like TERI's Council for Business Sustainability that may lead to leverage funding for Satoyama like initiative; c) see the possibility of creating impact bonds/ certification using specific indicators for various projects; and d) to mitigate gaps by providing specific expertise in form of research knowledge and technical know-how as and when needed.

ECUADOR [Fundación para la Investigación y Desarrollo Social \(FIDES\)](#) organized a public activity at the Portoviejo Museum which saw an attendance of a wide cross section of stakeholders including government, private sector, academia and local communities. The activities of the GEF-Satoyama Project were displayed in a photographic exposition which ran for a week and the creation of a GEF-Satoyama video was aired for the first time. The event started with the shaman invoking a blessing. Mr. Jairo Díaz, the executive director of FIDES gave a presentation on the work of FIDES over the years of its establishment. Dr. Devon Dublin, project coordinator of the GEF-Satoyama Project gave a presentation on the achievements of the project on the global scale while Ms. Maria Dolores, program manager at FIDES reported on the work and accomplishments of the project in Ecuador. There were also presentations from youth representatives, the municipal government and academia who have partnered with FIDES on the ground. The event provided lots of visibility to the project including in the local media, the municipality and potential future collaborators.



PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES AT THE PORTOVIEJO MUSEUM

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MAURITIUS [Environmental Protection and Conservation Organization \(EPCO\)](#) concluded their project on March 31, 2019. During the period of January to March, 2019 they conducted a series of community-based meetings organized by the Ensam pou Barachois Cooperative Society Limited. The aim of the meetings was to collaborate with the relevant stakeholders in the development of a Project Management Plan to ensure the long term sustainability of the Project site. A report on the project was submitted to the Prime Minister of Mauritius. Press releases were done to increase awareness and garner support of the project at the national level. A new logo was also designed and registered for the cooperative. This cooperative is tasked with assuring the sustainability of the interventions of the project, seek further funding and continuously work towards sustainable development of the residents of the Barachois community. The stakeholders of the seascape held their second evaluation of the SEPLS using the Indicators of Resilience.



NEW LOGO OF THE LOCAL COOPERATIVE @ EPCO



MEETING WITH A DELEGATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE
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SEYCHELLES [Green Islands Foundation \(GIF\)](#) presented the signed agreement by fisher representatives on the 18th of January 2019 to the SFA. This agreement was as a result of a series of literature reviews, fishers' interviews, workshops and consultations, and an intensive 12-month survey of artisanal catch to identify pragmatic measures to reduce the impact of artisanal fishery on threatened species. The SFA is now geared to formulate the measures under the 2014 Fisheries Act. In February 2019, a committee was set up to oversee the implementation of the co-management plan for the demersal trap and line fishery of the Mahe Plateau to provide regular and ongoing recommendations to the Minister responsible for fisheries, with the goal of a sustainable demersal fishery that delivers the best possible ecological, economic and social benefits for the Seychelles through effective, transparent and participatory management. GIF is a member of this committee.



GROUP TRAINING ON PROJECT'S FORMULATION, TOURISTIC PROJECT IN LA GERMANIA
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COLOMBIA [Universidad Industrial de Santander \(UIS\)](#) concluded their project on March 31, 2019. During the period of January to March, 2019 they completed a study on women's role in the landscape and published the results. Training on project management was given to participants of the La Germania touristic project to ensure better stewardship of the initiative. On March 9th, 2019 stakeholders of the seascape held their second evaluation using the Indicators of Resilience in the micro-basin of Las Cruces while on March 19th, 2019 a workshop entitled "Rethinking our territory" was held at the Colegio Nuestra Señora de la Paz (CONULPAZ) in San Vicente de Chucurí also using the Indicators of Resilience. On March 23rd, 2019 an open presentation of the project results was organized at COLNUPAZ where Dr. Devon Dublin (Project Coordinator, GEF-Satoyama Project) attended. Products such as handcraft, coffee, honey and chocolate were displayed and sold. Project results were shown in the form of posters, videos and printed material.

[IPSI Collaborative Activities under the GEF-Satoyama Project](#)

The two IPSI collaborative activities under the GEF-Satoyama Project were completed. Inter Mountain Peoples' Education and Culture in Thailand Association (IMPECT) conducted the activity entitled "Promoting and Enhancing the Karen Indigenous Sustainable Socio-ecological Production System in Northern Thailand" in collaboration with Indigenous Knowledge and Peoples Foundation (IKAP), Forest People Program (FPP) and CI. FIDES conducted the activity entitled "Improvement of the livelihoods of the communities through the sustainable management of productive landscapes and biodiversity conservation in mangrove (Estuaries Chone and Portoviejo), the dry forest (Cordillera del Balsamo) and rainforest (Comune Playa de Oro)" in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and CI. Both reports were submitted to the IPSI Secretariat and can be found at <https://satoyama-initiative.org/partnership/ctivities/>.



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MR. HENRIE BALLARON, FISHER INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT, GIVING INTERVIEW TO SEYCHELLES BROADCASTING CORPORATION AND TELESEEL ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FISHERY COMANAGEMENT PLAN @GIF/MARILIANA LEOTTA.



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