

Glossary of terms

Advocacy	Activities carried out by individuals or groups to influence decisions within political, economic, and social systems
Biodiversity	The variety of plant and animal life found in an area and the variation in their genetic makeup.
Civil society organisations	Non-profit, non-governmental organisations
Data	Information, facts and statistics
Ecosystem	An area where a community of living (plants and animals) and non-living things interact together and affect each other.
Ecosystem services	The benefits that humans freely gain from the natural environment and from properly-functioning ecosystems
Ecosystem valuation	An economic process which assigns a value (either monetary, biophysical, or other) to an ecosystem and/or its ecosystem services
Livelihood	The capabilities, assets and activities required for having a means of living. This includes the concept of well-being and quality of life.
Participatory approach	Process which seeks to achieve equity, justice, sustainability encouraging communities to manage resources, using popular knowledge and skills.
Policy	Formal policy, laws and regulations and also includes informal policy which may be unwritten rules, guidelines or common practice.
Stakeholders	Individuals, groups and organisations that are involved in or may be affected by a change in the conditions governing the management and use of a resource, space or sector.

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