



Application of the HCV concept outside forests – some topics for discussion

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Many potential benefits...

- Addressing values of grasslands, wetlands etc as well as forests
- Counter increasing threat from land conversion to intensive production
- Better management / conservation of mosaics of different ecosystems
- Better landscape approach to management and conservation



...but also challenges:

- Consistent interpretations and implementation
- Where to draw the line between HCVs and 'Cvs' outside certification?
- Focus on 'people-HCVs' (4,5,6) as well as on 'nature-HCVs' (1,2,3)
- Move on from identification to management and monitoring
- Governance of definitions – links to the FSC origin



Some suggested topics for Friday:

- Extention - to what? Implications of extending the HCV concept beyond forests
- If we want to extend the concept - do we need to change the HCV definitions? If so, how and by what procedures?
- How do we ensure that HCV is used as a tool for management, not just conservation: Values vs. Areas



- How do we consistently distinguish 'high' conservation values from 'other' conservation values?
- How should we handle 'other' conservation values outside certification?
- Should we promote 'clusters' of practitioners for various ecosystems like grasslands etc?