BRIDGING GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATION

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1. Identifying Conservation Priorities

2. Promotion and adoption of best practices

3. Conservation Financing

4. MEAs

5. Recent experience of IUCN

6. Suggestions for MRC EP
Whose priority is it anyway?

- CI Biodiversity Hotspots
- WWF Priority Places
- TNC the Coral Triangle
- Birdlife Important Bird Areas
- IUCN?
Who knows what’s best and how do they know?

- Vertical flow: reports, M&E, case studies,
- Communications, advocacy, campaigns
- Horizontal flow: fisher to fisher; study visits; workshops

**BUT:**

- Do we really know what works?
- Lack of rigorous (counterfactual) evaluation
Show me the Money!

- More budget support/ government go-it-alone
- Regional institutions and projects attract $$$$$$
- Some windows for local NGOs/CBOs
- International NGO intermediary role
- IUCN Membership organisation
MEAs

- COPs and PoW
- Civil Society influence on national positions
- International organisation position statements
IUCN Recent Experience

- MFF: supports local initiatives linked to national and regional structures
- MWD: multi-sector national working groups lead process of dialogues on key topics
- LLS: stakeholder negotiation for productive landscapes, focus on markets and fair trade
- GFP: Growing Forest Partnerships
A Common Vision for a more healthy, prosperous and secure future for all coastal populations in Indian Ocean countries, where ecosystems are conserved and managed sustainably.
MFF in summary…

- **People centered** – assisting coastal populations
- **Policy relevant** – supporting national legal and policy frameworks
- **Partnership based** – working to meet the needs of all partners
Dialogue Structure

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Dialogue Structure Diagram:

- **RWWP Coordination**
  - Cambodia
    - National Water Dialogue
  - Lao PDR
    - National Water Dialogue
  - Vietnam
    - National Water Dialogue
  - Thailand
    - National Water Dialogue

- **Regional Water Dialogue Meetings**
  - National Issues Papers
  - National Issues Papers
  - Regional Issues Papers and case studies
  - Regional briefing and Communications
Growing Forest Partnerships

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature
World Bank
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
Stakeholder Voices – what people said they needed: 600 survey respondents and focal groups in 8 countries (2007)

“Partnerships that put real forest-dependent groups at the centre”

“Partnerships that bridge gaps between local and international concerns”

“Partnerships for action and investment”

“Partnerships that ‘mainstream’ forest needs into other sectors”
Suggestions for MRC EP

- Support governments to meet relevant MEA commitments
- CBD & Mekong aquatic biodiversity
- CITES listed species
- Consider Ramsar regional platform
- Join existing climate change adaptation platforms
Thank you!