

The Landscape Journey

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...a collective journey to the well-being of nature, people, and your own self

The essence



Unfolds different perspectives and facilitates multilateral communications and convergence



Provides opportunities to closely observe and understand nature and connect to it



Contributes to collective and comprehensive understanding of a landscape in the context of change and sustainable development



Adopts an multidisciplinary approach and helps build team with shared vision and understanding



Adds value to participatory approaches increasing community interactions and ownership



Serves as an essential planning and monitoring tool that is more holistic and socially relevant



Helps accelerate decision making processes through realization of wider stakeholder's visions



Helps identify avenues for strengthening science-practice-policy connect and also connect with nature and oneself



Strengthens social relationships increasing sense of trust and commitment among different stakeholders

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A step-wise guide



Pre-Journey phase

Select a site

an area with mosaic of landuse and community interactions

Build a multi-disciplinary team

involve stakeholders with diverse interests and expertise including community representatives

Inform the communities and plan the "Journey" with them

make it a low key, informal event using as much local resources as possible; plan out journey routes and logistic needs



The Journey phase I

Have a debriefing session each day

Share your observation and ideas and listen to others' perspectives

Investigate issues of societal relevance

Identify research questions, management opportunities, and policy issues aligning with the community vision; Use "Appreciative Inquiry" approach

Know your team-mates and the roles

Prepare yourself and the team to observe, interact, share, and connect with the landscape elements; give joint orientation



The Journey phase II

Develop a shared vision

Collectively picture the future (vision) for the landscape and identify interfaces for science-practice-policy connect

Identify needed interventions

Identify disciplinary interventions including support functions to strengthen capacity of community institutions

Identify feedback mechanism

Prepare a timeline to consolidate the journey information and share with the landscape communities and wider audience

Share Landscape Journey Report and Integrated Community-based Landscape Action Plan



Post-Journey phase