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The International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) is a partnership working together to realise societies in harmony with nature through conservation and management of Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS). IPSI member organisations include academia, government, indigenous peoples' organisations, civil society, and corporates.

Satoyama Initiative Thematic Review (SITR) is a key research publication of IPSI published annually since 2015 to share the knowledge from on-the-ground implementation activities in SEPLS by IPSI members around the world. Peer-reviewed amongst contributing authors, every issue addresses a topical theme relating to conservation/sustainable use of biodiversity in the context of SEPLS management, including current and future IPBES assessments focusing on values, transformative change, and the biodiversity-health nexus.

LINKED TO IPBES VALUES ASSESSMENT

SITR5 (2019): Understanding the Multiple Values associated with Sustainable Use in SEPLS

This volume brings forth the multiple values associated with SEPLS as perceived by different actors. Policy recommendations include:

- Recognise and respect the multiple values associated with SEPLS.
- Ensure uptake of pluralistic approaches to managing SEPLS.
- Apply participatory, consultative, and intersectoral approaches to bring multiple values to decision-making on SEPLS.



https://satoyama-initiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SITR-vol5-FINAL-web.pdf

LINKED TO IPBES TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE ASSESSMENT

SITR6 (2021): Fostering Transformative Change for Sustainability

This volume shows that transformative change builds on local innovations and can be achieved through a systemic approach, focusing on local needs. Policy recommendations include:

- Ensure that actions are endogenously driven by local communities.
- Apply systemic and transdisciplinary approaches to foster "niche innovations".
- Facilitate multi-level networking grounded on local initiatives and promote peer learning.
- Ensure equitable authority over multiple resources within SEPLS.
- Conduct integrative, participatory, and inclusive assessments on social-ecological well-being.



https://www.springerprofessional.de/en/fostering-transformative-change-for-sustainability-in-the-contex/19096366

LINKED TO IPBES NEXUS ASSESSMENT

SITR7 Upcoming volume: Nexus among biodiversity, health, and sustainable development

This volume would specifically focus on human and ecosystem well-being, promoting good health through biodiversity management, and the achievement of SDGs.

RELEVANCE OF SITRS

- Present on-the-ground experiences of a diverse set of stakeholders working closely with the local and indigenous communities.
- Potentially contribute to the IPBES assessments by providing relevant knowledge to enhance the IPBES knowledge base with case examples, evidence, and recommendations.
- Clarifies concepts relating to biodiversity and sustainability as highlighted by the IPBES Assessments at the level
 of implementation, ensuring a degree of ground-truthing and stronger policy-practice linkages.

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