Multi-actor Dialogue Leaving no one behind
Community rights and biodiversity conservation post-2020

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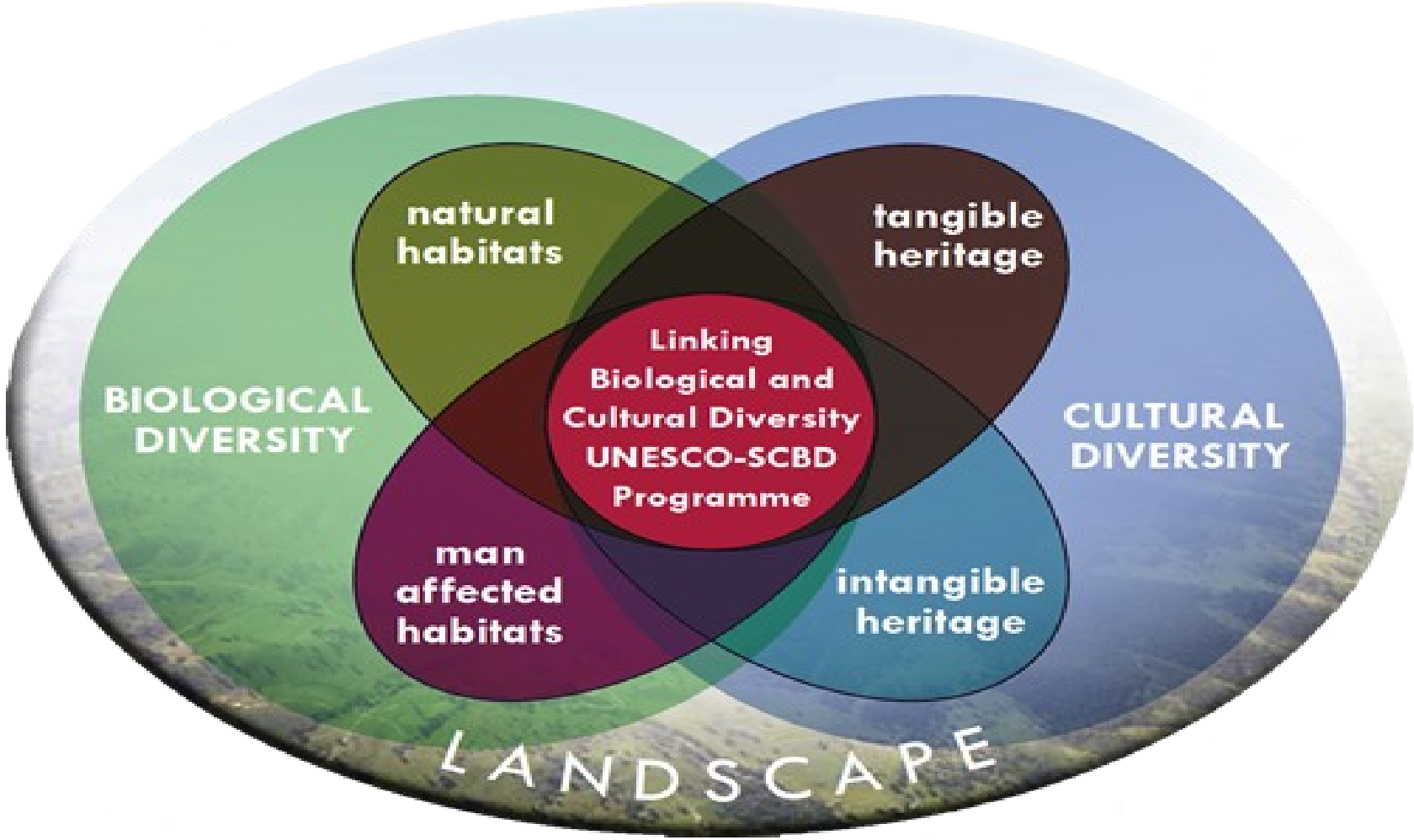
Linking Biological and Cultural Diversity

UNESCO-SCBD Programme

A global knowledge platform linking local, regional, national and international practices and experiences



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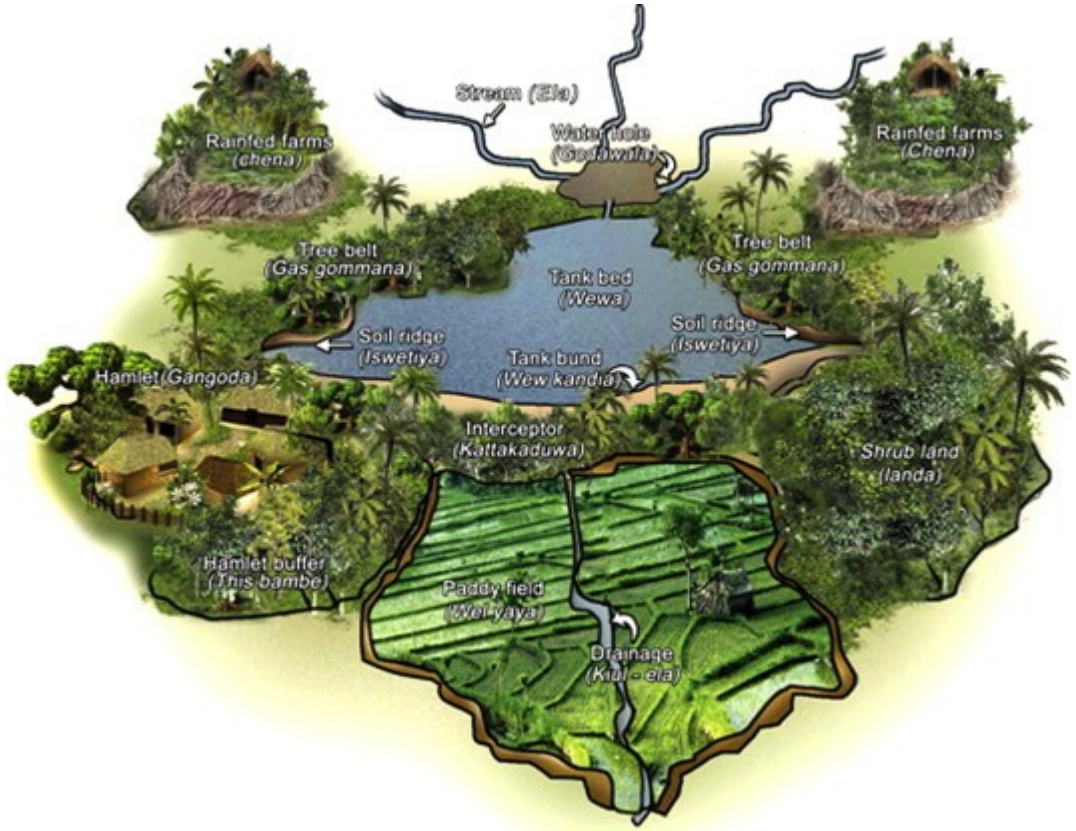

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- Sri Lanka IPLC Organization
- Biocultural Community Protocols
  - Traditional Snake bite Healers
  - Traditional Rice Growing Community
  - Kithul (Sugar Palm) Tapping Community

- Participated and contributed NBSAP preparation and implementation
- Community Conservation Resilience Initiative of GFC

Collaboration of NFP with IPLCs for NBSAP Implementation

- Community Conservation Resilience Initiative of GFC activities in Sri Lanka
- BCP Preparation
- Collaboration for Education, awareness creation and capacity building
- Bio cultural Products and Services

Snake bite healing Stone

Relationship between Community Rights and Biodiversity Conservation

- Indigenous Inhabitants in Sri Lanka
  - Four Sun and Nature worshipping communities
  - Practiced Sun and nature spirits worshipping rituals
  - Traditions and spiritual values, folk festivals etc.
  - Lot of Indigenous Knowledge and Practices
    - Knowledge and communities scattered
    - Not often documented, orally transmitted
    - Subjected to degrade, Younger generations are not interested
    - Marginalized due to western biased education
  - Isolated, Neglected/ ignored communities under present capitalist economic system

Traditional Livelihoods

Traditional Snake-bite Healers

Traditional Kithul Tappers

Traditional Rice Farming Communities

External Threats & Internal Threats

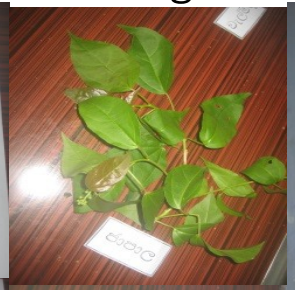
- Indigenous Rights need to be recognized in Regulatory framework
  - Kithul Tappers are fined now.
- Market Barriers need to be removed
  - Adulterated Kithul products
- Younger Generations need to made aware and promoted
  - Indigenous knowledge flow to future generations
- Registration of Snake Bite healers need to be revisited.
- Traditional rice farmers suggested equal promotion package given to chemical farmers

Traditional Snake-bite Healers

Traditional Rice Growing Communities

Thanks giving to ancestral deities

Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Wealth



Traditional Snake-bite Healers: Collective Action & Discourse

Kithul Tapping is a Very Difficult Job!!!

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NBSAP 2016-2022Preparatory Meetings

Snake bite healing Stone

The Need !!!

- Rights & Interests based approach is essential !

- but not sufficient, we need to win the hearts of the IPLCs and bring them to the discourse!!!!

- Touch their sentiments / Education and capacity building Hence Empowerment

CCCAs / Sacred Groves!!!

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Biocultural Approach

Thanks giving to Biodiversity , celebration and Ceremonial ritualistic relations
Sharing the happiness with each other.

Reciprocal Economy

2011-2020
United Nations Decade on Biodiversity