

SUSTAINABLE FINANCING

National and Regional Sustainable Financing discussion

- Sustainable financing should be incorporated up front
- Should seek full endorsement of national government to :
 - Ease operations
 - Ensure a supportive legal framework
 - To scale up the funding if possible
- First step is to set up a STEERING COMMITTEE with a board of trustees made up of representative and eminent people – credible, influential, experts (open doors, bring funds).
- Cooperation required – mechanisms for sharing benefits.
- Set clear objectives with strong economic arguments and in line with national priorities.
- Expertise (independent)
- Potential sources of funding identified – cash or in kind
- Secure environment for fund management
- Information sharing
- Portfolio approach required.

Community Sustainable Financing discussion

Current instruments

Conservation Concessions

Third Party trust

Microfinance loan schemes

Self funding – seeding funds to attract other income

Revolving funds association – with conservation based enterprises

Tax on entry to Pas / commercial levies, concessions

Priority needs to seize opportunities

CBO / community capacity / support to meet donor requirements (legal, report)

Sponsors – specific species / areas

Entry fees

NGO contributions

Internet tools e.g. sponsor a coral

Capacity building for CBOs to go into micro-enterprise

Diversify donor base – e.g. humanitarian aid for community development

- Communities are still waiting for opportunities
- CBOs find it too hard to meet donor requirements
- Association with appropriate constitution for conservation

Recommend

Look at equity

How are boards set up
Build stronger networks for financing
Identify successful communities and sites