

## GMS Core Environment Program: Technical Working Session



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CORE ENVIRONMENT  
PROGRAM



# GMS CEP: Conceptual Framework and Institutional Development

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## Context



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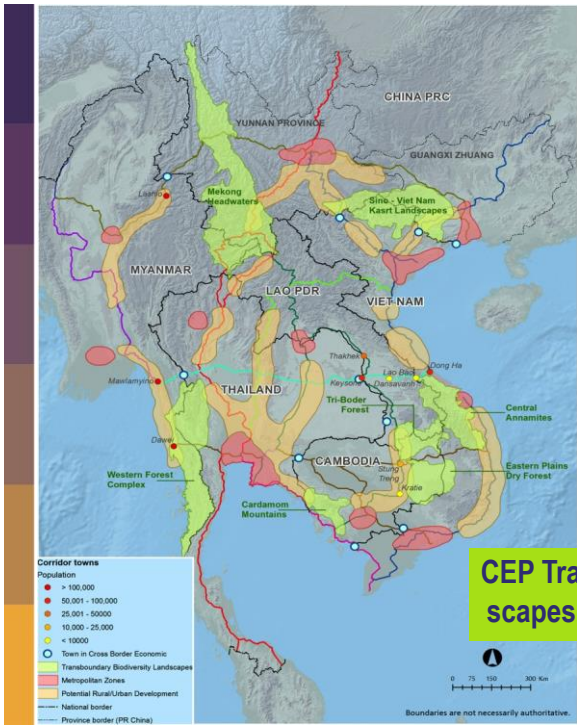
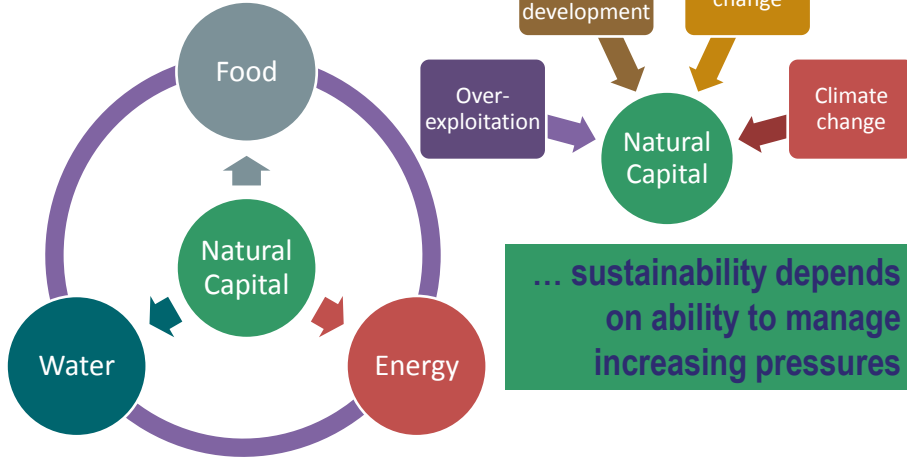
### A Poverty-Free, Ecologically Rich GMS

#### Unique Features

- Regional cooperation: 6-nation program
- Holistic geographic focus: Transboundary biodiversity landscapes (TBLs)
- ADB / GMS governments interface
- Holistic: top down, bottom up
- Innovation: e.g. Phase I BCI → Phase II BCC

# Natural Capital & Development

GMS growth depends hugely on subregion's natural capital ...

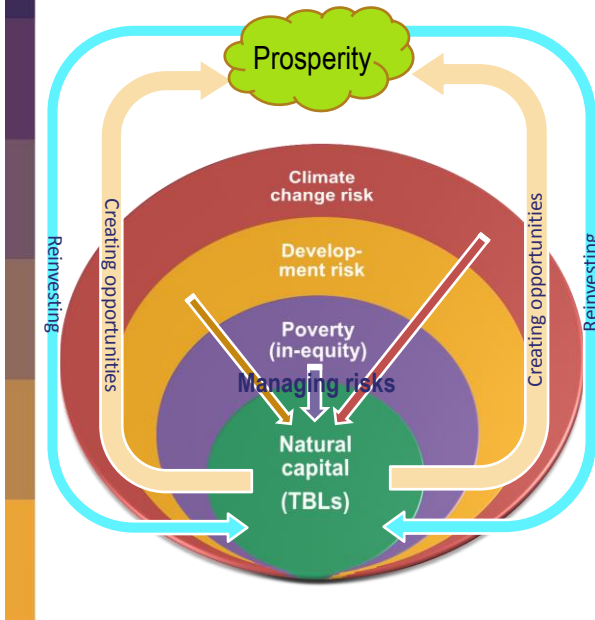


## GMS CEP Landscape

GMS = 1,790 m ha  
 TBLs = 32,714 m ha  
 = 13% GMS  
 [8.5 m ha forest lost in 1990-2005]

CEP Transboundary biodiversity landscapes and GMS economic corridors

## CEP at its heart . . .



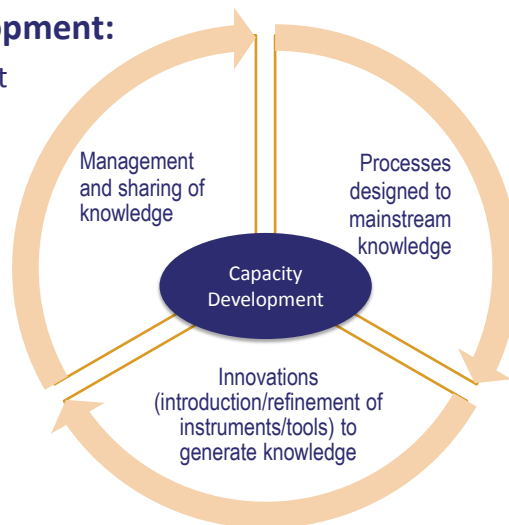
- Secure natural capital (ecosystem assets and services)
- Optimize allocation of scarce resources and manage competition
- Enhance efficiency of supply chains based on scarce resources
- Improve inclusiveness and equitable benefit-sharing
- Promote integrated management of resources across international borders

## CEP's conceptual approach...

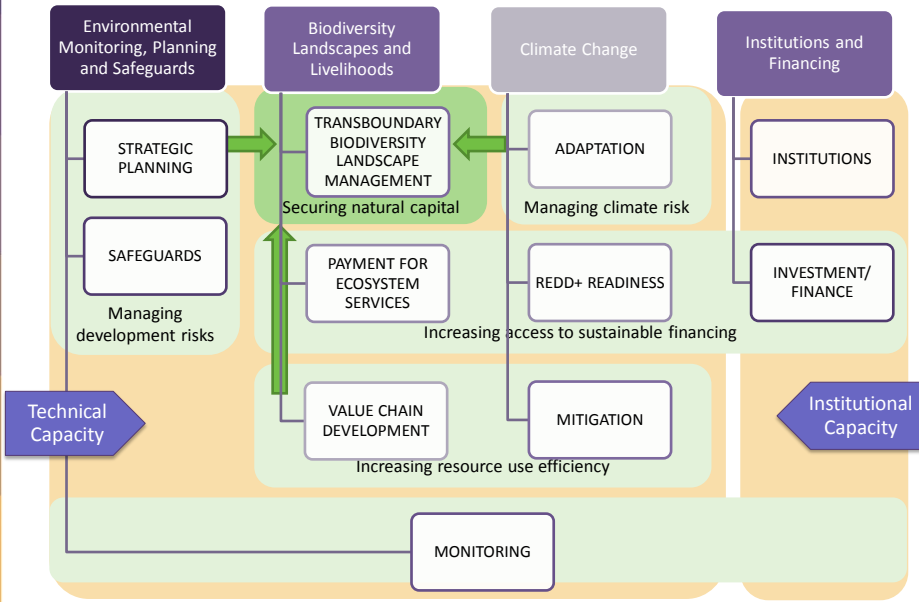


... to capacity development:

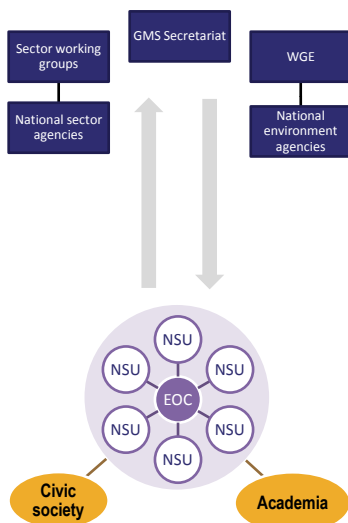
- enabling environment
- institutional
- human resource
- financial resource



# CEP structure

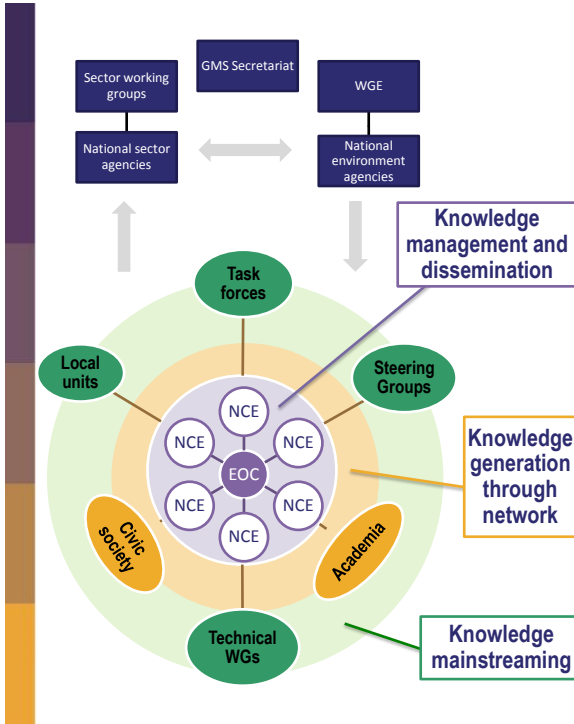


# EOC and NSU vision



## Present . . .

- EOC linked to NSUs
- Direct engagement with NGOs and academia on activity basis
- Linear engagement with government ministries (direct through EOC, NSUs)
- Linear engagement with GMS Sec., WGs through WGE



### Future . . . EON

- NSUs become National Centres of Excellence
- EOC and NCEs comprise Environmental Operations Network that manages and disseminates knowledge
- Knowledge generated through network of institutions
- Knowledge mainstreamed through collaborative institutional mechanisms

## Environmental Operations Network

**Knowledge mainstream**

- Regional collaboration
- Cross-sectoral coordination
- Foster policy-science linkages

**Knowledge management and dissemination**

- Online library
- Online indicator portal and interactive maps
- Knowledge exchange events

**Knowledge generation through network**

- Mainstreaming tools and approaches
- Incubation of innovations (feasibility studies, pilots)
- Network of academic/ research institutions, practitioners, civic societies and EOC–NCE in-house experts



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# Establishment of a Technical Working Group



## WGE Technical Working Group (cont.)

### Technical Advisory Role (ToR)

- Chaired by WGE, facilitated by EOC
- 2-year membership, renewable once
- Scope:
  - ✓ CEP TBLs
  - ✓ WGE, civil society and academic institutional partners
- Advises on:
  - ✓ biodiversity assessments
  - ✓ natural capital valuation
  - ✓ ecosystem services assessment
  - ✓ socio-economics of local communities
  - ✓ monitoring framework based on common indicators



## WGE Technical Working Group (cont.)

### Composition of Working Group

- Maximum size of 15 members, for example:
  - ✓ 6 WGE nominees (technically competent from relevant government agencies)
  - ✓ 4 civil society and academia representatives
  - ✓ 2 socio-economic / local community representatives
  - ✓ 1 ex-national planning official (e.g. recently retired)
  - ✓ 1 ex-finance ministry official (e.g. recently retired)
  - ✓ 1 legal expert (transboundary cooperation)

### Meetings

- 2-4 times per year
- Other experts co-opted to participate as necessary
- Task forces may be established as necessary
- Reports to WGE