



Mapping Social Landscapes

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CATEGORY

Engaging Local Communities

REGION

Developed for global usage

FOREST LEVEL

All

SCALE

Sub-national, Municipality, Project

RESOURCE TYPE

Guidance and Framework

EXPERTISE LEVEL

All

INPUT DATA REQUIRED

Qualitative data collection and analysis

OUTPUTS

Social network analysis map, assessment of stakeholder priorities and values

LANGUAGE

English, Portuguese

COST

Free

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Why Use the Tool

The **Mapping Social Landscapes** takes a new approach to environmental governance by focusing on identifying the social capital of actors within the landscapes. It centers on two main approaches: 1) mapping actors' resource flows and 2) mapping actors' priorities and values. The guidebook focuses primarily on restoration, but the same methodologies can be adapted to broader analysis of natural resource governance. By using this guidebook, environmental practitioners can be more efficient with resources, collaboration, and outreach, and better anticipate potential conflicts and bottlenecks.

Recommended Tool

Cities4Forests recommends Mapping Social Landscapes as it provides a clear description of processes, shows visual examples, and offers sample questionnaires, making the methodology accessible to a wide range of audiences. City officials looking to use the methodology should consider adapting the questionnaires to address their target question.

Past Use Cases

Methodology tested in Brazil, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, and Rwanda.

[Read the case studies in the guide.](#)

