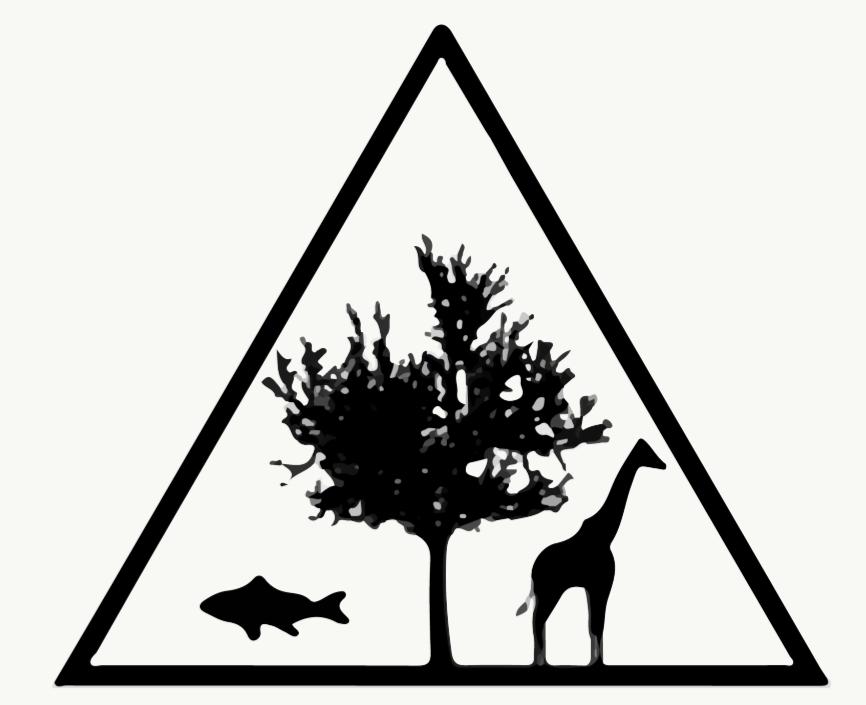


New Partnerships for Sustainability NEPSUS Project



A collaboration between Copenhagen Business School and the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

Research focus

New and more complex partnerships are emerging to address the sustainability of natural resource use in developing countries. These partnerships link donors, governments, community-based organizations, NGOs, business, certification agencies and other intermediaries. Yet, we still do not know whether more complexity, including more sophisticated organizational structures and inclusive processes, has delivered better sustainability outcomes, and if so, in what sectors and under which circumstances.

Objective

NEPSUS assembles a multidisciplinary team to analyze partnerships with kinds and degrees of complexity through structured comparisons in three key natural resource sectors in Tanzania: wildlife, coastal resources and forestry. Tanzania provides an ideal case for researching the impact of new partnerships on sustainability outcomes because policy and program implementation in these three sectors are heavily dependent on their success.



Sectors

While the case studies differ in specific resource types and particular actors involved, the objectives of all the partnerships are similar: attain both environmental and livelihood outcomes, while improving natural resources governance at the local level. In each resource type, we also seek to minimize variability by selecting sites that are comparable in terms of socio-economic, ecological and political factors. This enables us to tease out how differences in complexity may affect sustainability outcomes. At the same time, we collect and analyze data on context, processes, and legitimacy that will allow a nuanced connection between complexity and outcomes.

Team

The NEPSUS project brings together a diverse group of researchers with a wide-range of academic expertise. The NEPSUS core team is designed to cover all the analytical, methodological and sectoral needs of the project and includes: political scientists, political economist, geographers, natural resource management scholars, anthropologists, environmental economists and sociologists.



More about NEPSUS project

Read on NEPSUS blog about our ongoing research and fieldwork experiences, where researchers share stories and reflections about natural resource management in Tanzania.

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