

Capacity Building for Nature Conservation

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The Convention on Biological Diversity



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Biological Diversity

Three Objectives

- *Conservation*
- *Sustainable use*
- *Sharing the benefits of use fairly and equitably*



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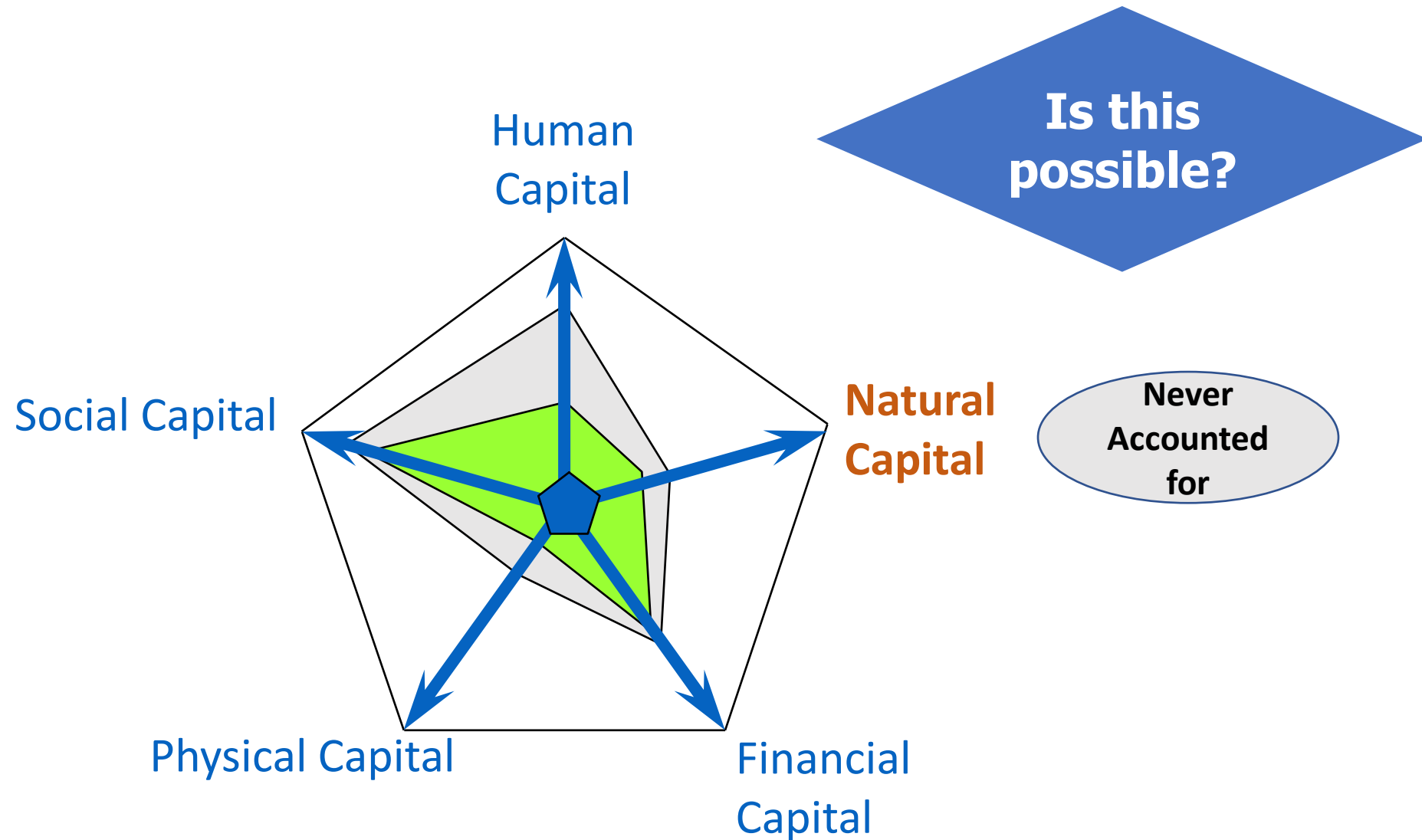


ACP MEAs 3

Our Experiences

- Our Understanding - **Environmental law is ‘soft law’**
- Our Approach - **Sectoral ones work better**
- Our Investments - **Small, short manageable**
- Our Compliance - **The ‘they’ factor**
- Our Experience - **Negatively social proofed**

Pushing the Boundaries



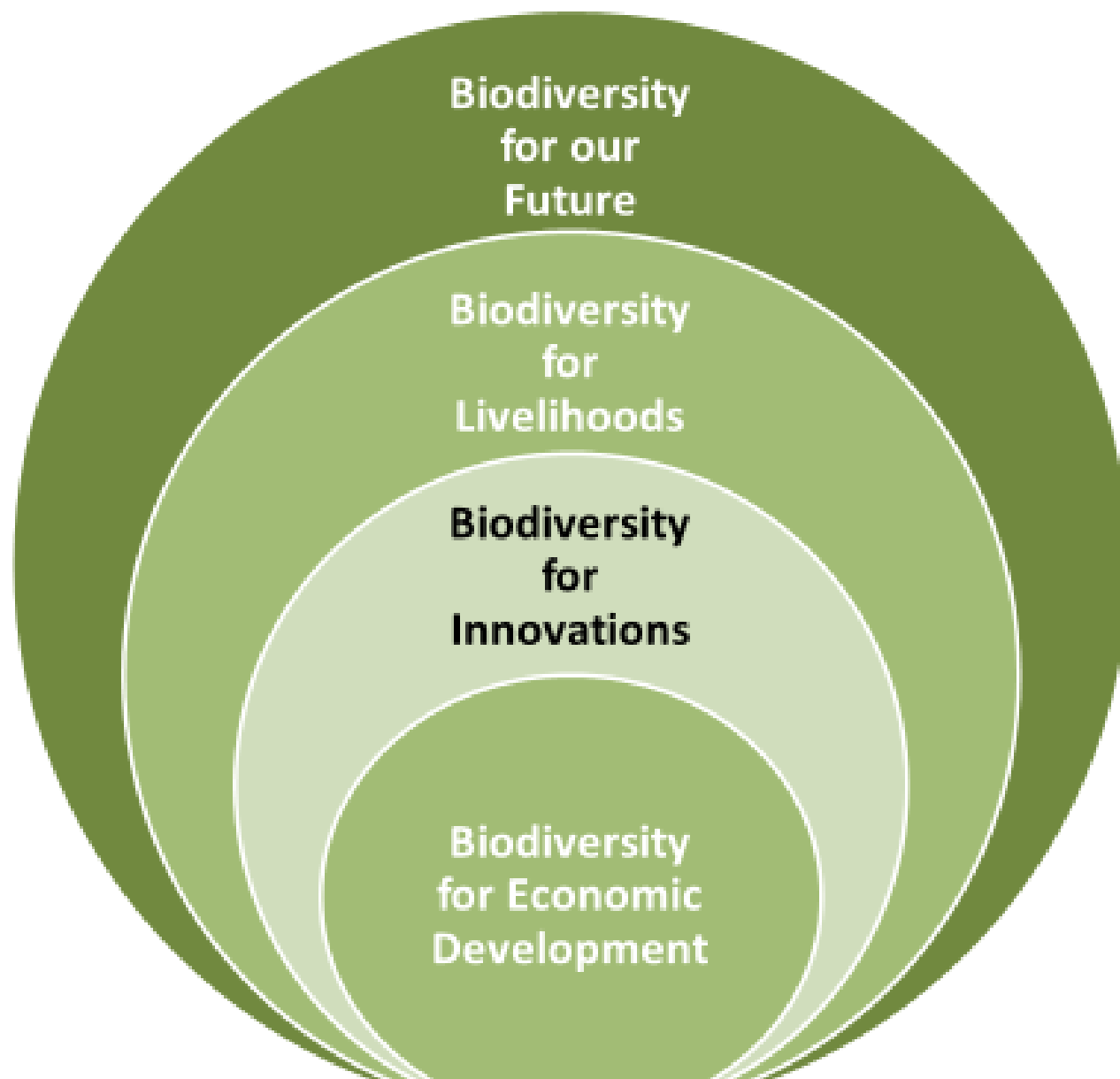
A Vicious Circle?



Brundtland Report 1990 - *poverty as a major **cause** and **effect** of global environmental problems*

Poverty is the worst kind of pollution

Biodiversity for Life !



Accounting for Development

- One hectare of mangrove forests are worth **USD 6,250 per year**
- Trade in medicinal plants is worth **USD 60 Billion per year**, globally
- **42% of anti-cancer** drugs in use are from natural sources
- Coastal capture fisheries is worth **USD 34,000 Millions** annually
- Forests provide employment for **60 Million work years**, 80 % of it in developing countries

So, what???

We need to capture the benefits

We need to secure the future of Nature

We need to collectively act

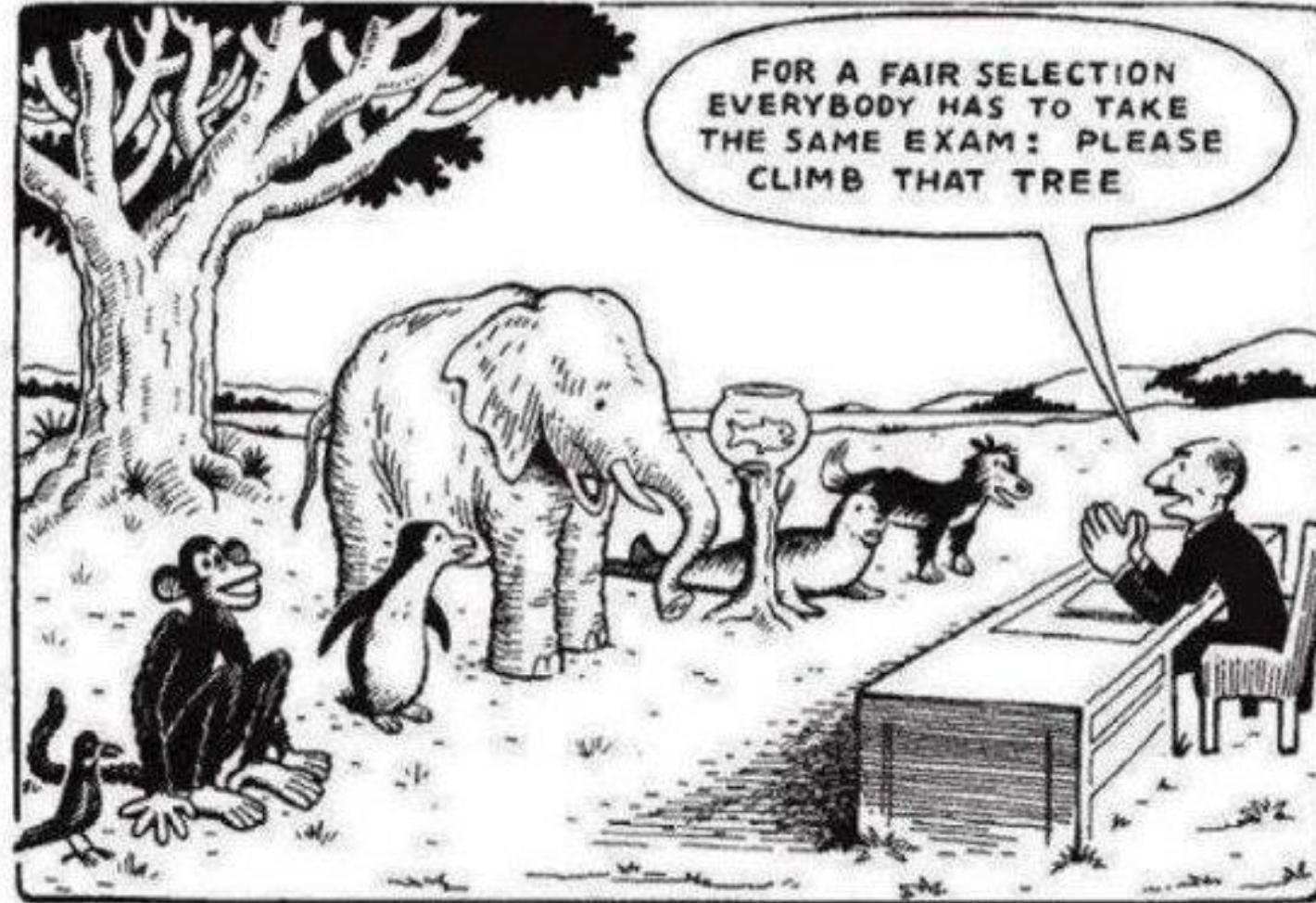
We need capacities to do all the above

What are capacity building and Capacity Development

'Capacity-building' suggests building something new from the ground up, according to a pre-imposed design;

'Capacity development' is believed to **better express an approach that builds on existing skills and knowledge**, driving a dynamic and flexible process of change, borne by local actors.

How we deal with Capacities?



Why we have challenges?

Approach to Capacities (development/building)

Investments

Follow up

Governance

Understand...

***Capacity development is
a bottomless pit***



What should you do?

STEP 2

- ***Define capacity building and development***
- ***Identify the need to focus on capacity development***

What should you do?

STEP 3

- ***Pick no more than 2 targets in the list of 21 targets***
- ***Map out what capacities will be needed to achieve the targets at national and/or local levels***
- ***Identify options on how you will develop the capacities, for who, how to measure the capacities***

What should you do?

STEP 4

- ***Elaborate your ideas in step 3 with some examples, experiences and/or case studies***

What should you do?

Your Report

- *1 report from the group (coordinated by a facilitator)*
- *Report to have sections related to steps 1-4*
- *Use simple language, pictures, cartoons, graphics etc.*
- *Write in a manner you will be able to implement at least some of the recommendations/ideas*