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Workshop 1 on Social Learning Strategy in Practice to Unlock Investment in Ecological Infrastructure: a tool for monitoring value-creation in networks

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Living Catchments project in 4 catchments

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Support post graduate students (7) to support generation of knowledge and evidence in the 4 catchments

Cluster 1

To enable collaboration and co-learning informed by research, innovation and best practice



Why is the VCF important?

- The VCF is important to assist in monitoring and evaluating social learning
- VCF is beneficial to research because it provides lenses on value being created for people out of a social learning process
- The VCF tool expresses that there are different types of value and there are associated indicators of value

Why use the VCF?

- To review and evaluate any existing learning in the different activity systems found in the Living Catchments Project in the Tugela catchment
- The VCF can assist with monitoring the co-learning and co-creation objectives of the Living Catchments Project, because it is designed to evaluate social learning processes
- The VCF lenses will aid me as a researcher to perceive if the Living Catchment Project is creating any value for the stakeholders involved, and it will also assist in identifying any gaps (in learning and management) which are present and need attention.

Participants filling in the VCF forms in the Tugela catchment



Questions

- 1. Describe a meaningful activity you participated in which relates to water management or water security and your experience of it (e.g., a conversation, a working session, a project, etc.)
- 2. Describe a specific resource this activity produced (e.g., an idea or a document) or what new insights it brought for you.
- 3. Explain how you used this resource in your practice or how did you apply it
- 4. a. Personal: Explain how it affected your success (e.g., being a better professional, job satisfaction, etc)
b. Organizational: Explain how it affected or contributed to the success of your organization or community (e.g., metrics they use)
- 5. Describe how this experience change your understanding of what success is and how it changed the way you do things

Who participated in the VCF session?

- INkosi of AmaSwazi Traditional Authority
- Izinduna from Amazizi Traditional Authority
- Izinduna from Amangwane Traditional Authority
- Ward Councillor
- Dip tanks committee members from AmaSwazi and Amangwane
- AmaZizi Development Forum
- Insika-Yokhombe Committee
- Environmental monitors
- SANBI Eco-champs
- Maloti Drakensberg Transfrontier Programme

Sources of immediate value

- Community forum/training
- Stakeholder meeting
- National and Catchment -based Indaba on Ecological Infrastructure for water security
- SANBI Eco Champs training
- Conversation with stakeholders
- LCP meeting to launch stakeholder engagement
- Workshop
- Courses

Sources of potential Value

- Stakeholder meeting– Helped with understanding the various types of knowledges, and to value local ecological knowledge
- Workshop– Brought about awareness of no littering and throwing stuff in rivers, because it kills biodiversity in water
- Indaba on Ecological Infrastructure - Helped with awareness of collaborative efforts and not working in silos.
- Stakeholder meeting– Helped with understanding the various types of knowledges, and to value local ecological knowledge

Sources of applied Value

- Courses– Helped to start a creche, which is also a Centre for learning and grooming kids for nature preservation projects
- Indaba on Ecological Infrastructure- Implemented the knowledge received on this platform and applied it by working with communities on biodiversity projects



Immediate value

Diverse actors involved in the conversation during the LCP inception workshop

Attending and participating in the National Indaba on Ecological Infrastructure

Potential value

Workshop– Brought about awareness of no littering and throwing stuff in rivers, because it kills biodiversity in water

Indaba on Ecological Infrastructure - Helped with awareness of collaborative efforts and not working in silos.

Applied value

Number of activities or action taken following consensus built

Indaba on Ecological Infrastructure- Implemented the knowledge received on this platform and applied it by working with communities on biodiversity projects

Realised value

Evidence of changed approaches, policies, processes and thinking based on conversations and learning in the Catchments CoPs.



Tugela Participants

The Living Catchment Project Inception workshop (INR)



uMzimvubu Catchment Partnership

Thank you

