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Creating Markets for Biodiversity

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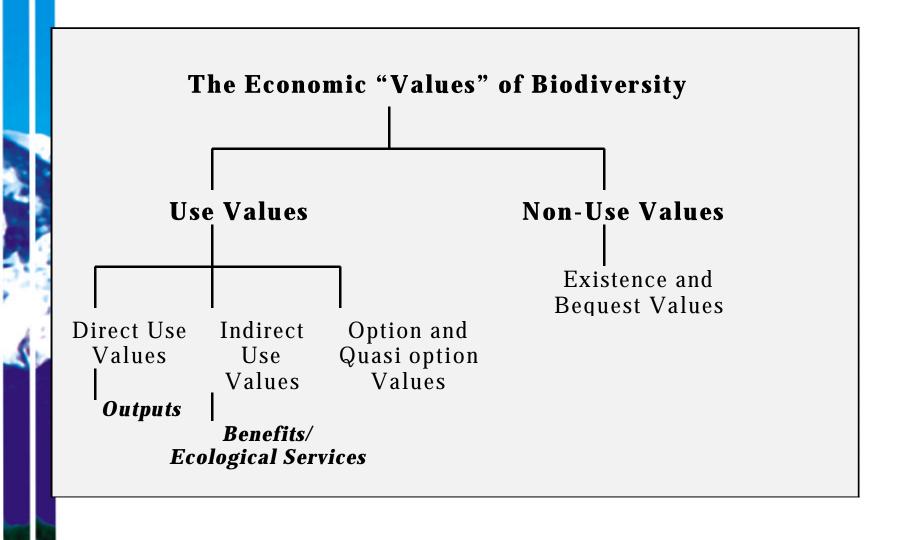
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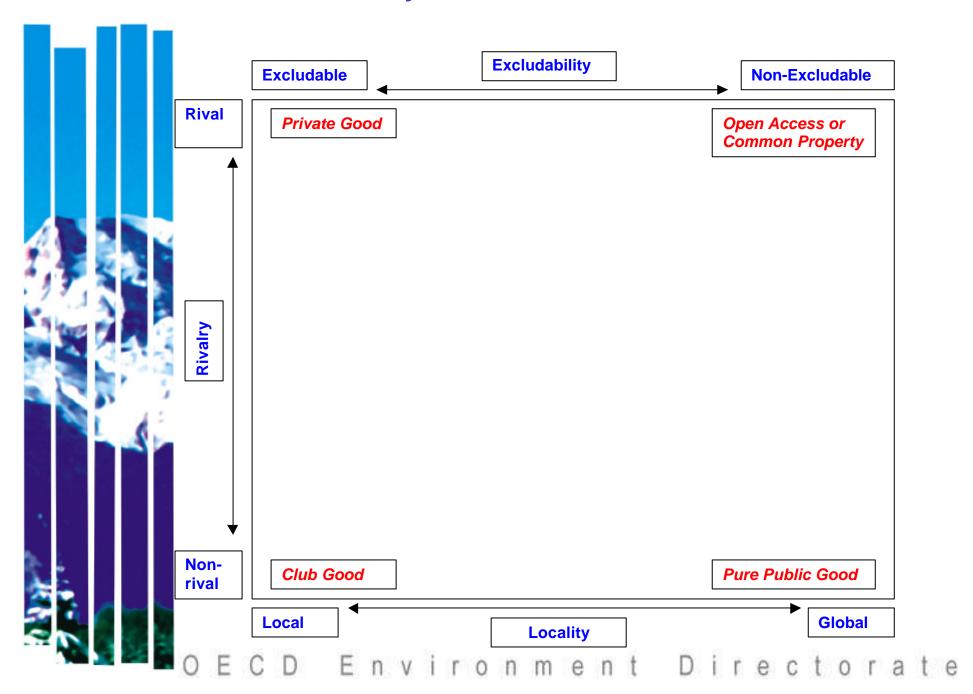
Biodiversity and its Marketable Functions

- *A number of goods and services related to biodiversity have been studied in the literature and are identified in laws and regulations.
- *The different types of values associated to biodiversity are also known.
- *Yet, overlapping these with economic characteristics is key to finding the potential marketability.
- *Identifying factors that enable markets in general is also important. Ultimately, one can design a "marketability index."

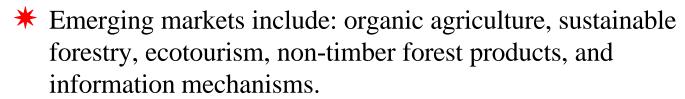
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- ✓ Organic agriculture is appearing as one of the most important in the OECD, including with growth potential in some developing countries (e.g. growth potential 25 %/year compared to 2%/year for conventional).
- ✓ Sustainable forestry due to FSC probably has the best developed information mechanisms.
- ✓ Ecotourism, while very important is not well regulated. We "may be loving our nature to death".
- * We are engaging in case studies to better illustrate the conceptual framework. Possibilities include: OECD organic agriculture, private conservation efforts, etc.





Economic Instruments

- *Tools that create and use markets for the application of regulations.
- ✓ Examples include: limiting open access regimes, limiting negative impacts, defining property rights.
- ✓ The third item is primarily bio-prospecting.

 Related to future work on access and benefit sharing of genetic resources. It may be better placed in emerging markets.
- *Case studies include: Wetland banking, Tradable development rights, INBio and Merk in Costa Rica.



Financial Mechanisms

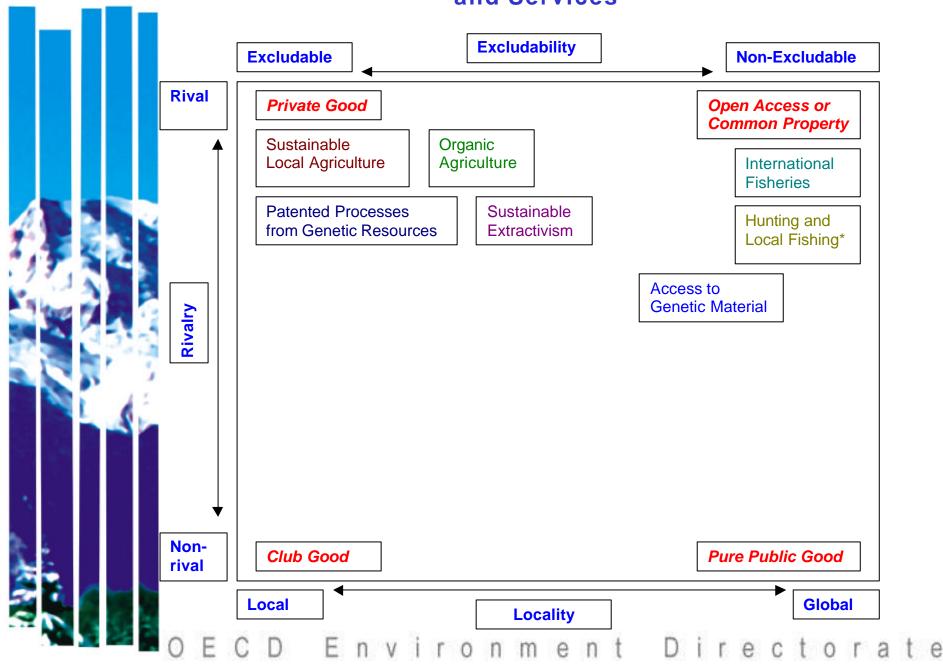
- * Financial mechanisms include: non-market transfer payments, financial institutions, investment funds.
- ✓ Non-market transfer payment: Grants (GEF) Not market related but often important as seed money and to cover incremental costs, debt-for-nature swaps could be provided by markets.
- ✓ Financial and other industries responsiveness to ecological concerns which may translate into changes in share prices among others.
- ✓ Closed and open-end funds refer to mutual funds that claim to be investing in ecologically sound investments and firms.
- ✓ Other investments including carbon sequestration overlays with biodiversity (CDM and tradable mechanisms).
- * Case studies include: examples of open funds (banks with ecological mutual funds), examples of closed funds (Terra Capital Fund), ecosystem conservation importance for the insurance industry.



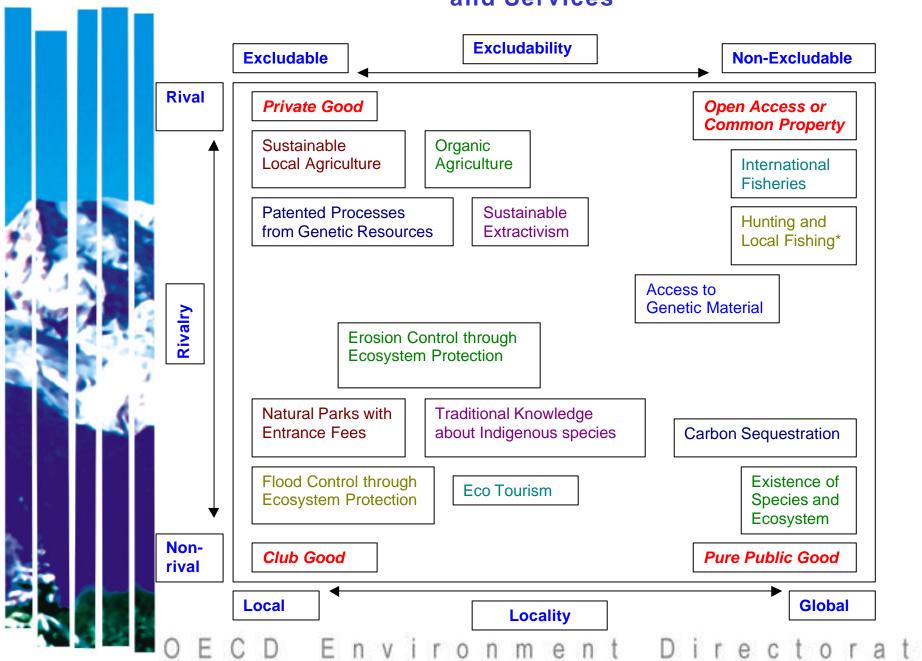
Community-based markets

- *Synergies among local communities, different levels of governments, transnational companies, and international organisations.
- ✓ These type of examples are particularly important in the association of biodiversity and poverty.
- ✓ Actual case studies may include shade coffee in Mexico (examples involving GOM, GEF, CI, World Bank), CAMPFIRE in Africa, conservation of crocodilian species (by IUCN and others).
- ✓ Possible linkages with other international institutions such as UNCTAD.

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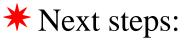




Conclusion

- *This is a novel topic with little information available. Further there is a lack of indicators that can signal success.
- *There is a strong component of economics of information in this issue: information on quality of products and services for consumer is highly influential. This may cause problems as the market develops, if transparency and regulation protecting consumers is missing.
- *Most cases involve an integrated approach. For example, organic agriculture does not only provide "healthy" foods. Community-markets may offer another excellent example of integration.





- ✓ International Workshop with the World Bank on the topic to be held 23-24 January 2001 in Paris.
- ✓ Report will be finalized in the middle of 2001.
- * Study on the Creation of Markets for Biodiversity Products and Services:
- ✓ It analyses where markets are assisting or have the potential to assist in the conservation and sustainable use.
- ✓ It covers traditional regulatory instruments using markets (tradable schemes in general).
- ✓ And also innovative instruments for influencing consumer demand (e.g. certification), financial instruments (e.g. investment funds) and community based markets (examples of partnerships among locals, private sector and governments).
- Examples from cases to illustrate policy implications.





IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Environment Directorate: www.oecd.org/env/

Economics of Biodiversity: www.oecd.org/env/efficiency/bio.htm

Biotrack Online:

www.oecd.org/ehs/service.htm

Agriculture Directorate:

www.oecd.org/agr/

Development Cooperation:

www.oecd.org/dev.htm

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