

Humidtropics Strategic Research Theme 1 – Systems analysis and global synthesis Presenting Activity 1.1 – Situational analysis



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Objectives

1. Broadly characterize all important aspects of relevance to the Program within the target action sites
2. Inform all other Program activities in the context of attaining the Intermediate Development Objectives (IDOs), as well as ongoing field site selection
3. Initiate and facilitate engagement with stakeholders and partners as part of the R4D platform development that is needed for the long term success and scalability of the Program



Methods

1. Literature review from previous research and project reports on:
 - Development overview
 - Agricultural production systems
 - Markets and institutions
 - Natural resources management
2. Collection of secondary data from international statistical sources, national statistics offices, past research and development projects
3. Analysis and synthesis of secondary data gathered to identify main constraints to the systems
4. Focus group discussions with a cross-system selection of key stakeholders to validate the findings from secondary data analysis and gather suggestions on interventions of particular relevance to the systems under study

Resources needed

- One Humidtropics coordinator of situational analysis at action site level (10% of staff-time during six months)
- Ten experts of local production, marketing, and natural resources management systems to constitute a supervisory committee for the situational analysis and undertake focus group discussions (one local expert also holds a Secretarial role for the committee)
- Two national consultants fluent in the national language to collect and analyse secondary data and report on findings
- Budget for local travel, stationary, focus group discussions, supervisory committee meetings and final write-shop to produce the situational analysis report
- Estimated all-encompassing budget: US\$70 000/national action site

Expected results

- One 50-page report on the broad situation of the agricultural production, marketing and natural resources management systems in the action site
- Data sets of secondary data compiled and available online
- A set of key and comparable statistics on Humidtropics action sites
- Key stakeholders and development partners identified and engaged to contribute further to Humidtropics activities

Links with other Humidtropics activities

- Constraints identified and interventions suggested inform setup of integrated research-and-development activities
- Holistic broad picture of inter-related components provides hypotheses for systems modelling activities
- Nucleus of stakeholders involved can seed the development of R4D platforms in the action site
- Key statistics constitute a baseline for monitoring contribution to IDOs across action sites

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