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Finance options for livelihoods from wet peatlands

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Focus of the session

Support Indonesia and other developing countries with:

- identifying sustainable finance sources and other resources
 - for advancing with long-term, sustainable livelihood options
 - taking advantage of the advances with:
 - wet peatland management.
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- Examples of finance sources and activities implemented are shared.
 - Setting the stage for further discussion



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The Global Peatlands Initiative

Objective:

International partnership working to save peatlands as the world's largest terrestrial organic carbon stock

Working mode:

A global outreach with a focus on the pilot countries of Indonesia, Peru, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo





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Finance options for wet peatland management: Learning from global consultations on peatland management

Global Peatlands Initiative

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Setting the stage: Importance of wet livelihoods

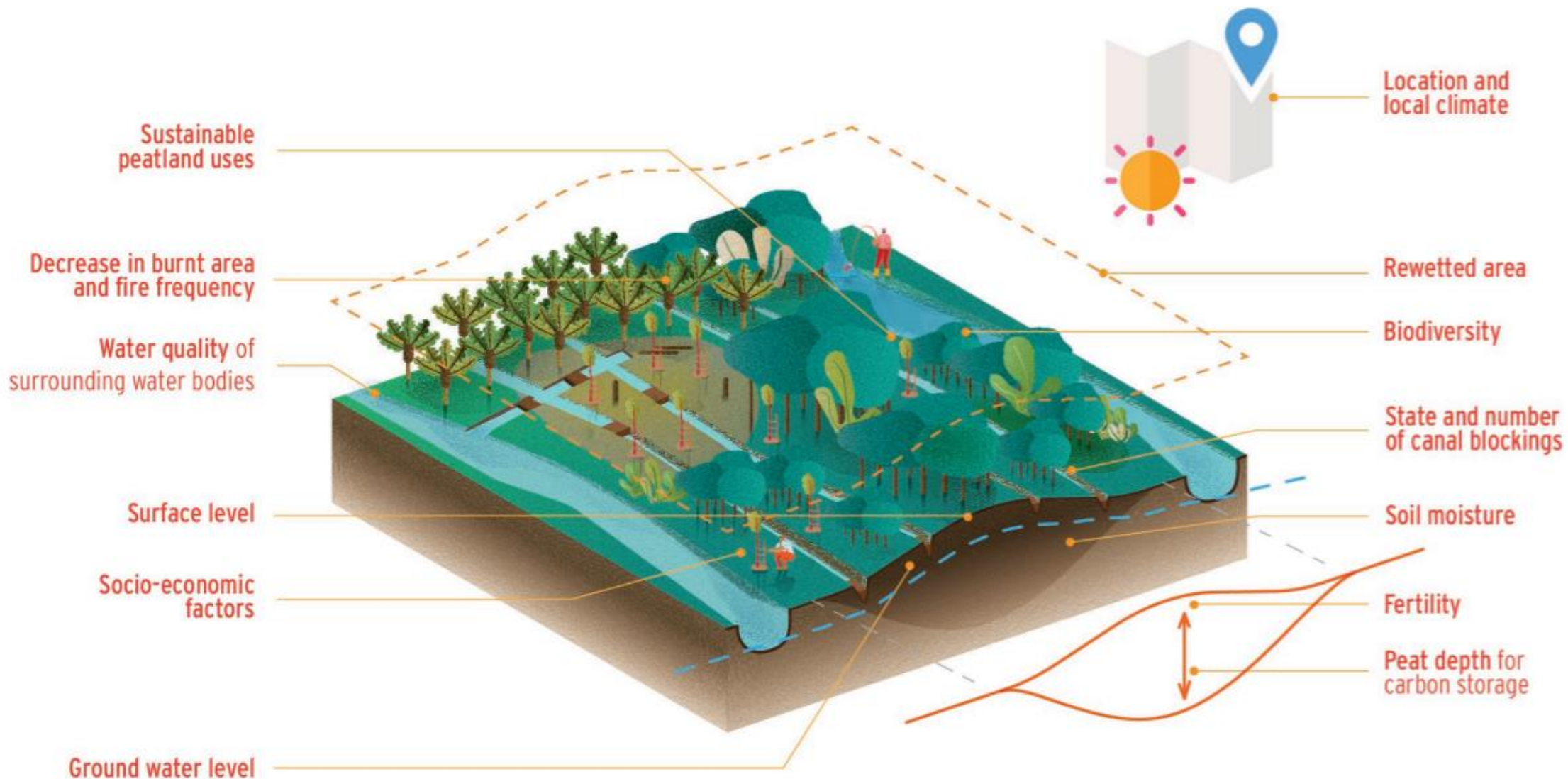
- Sustainable options that help maintaining peatlands wet.
- Rewetting and keeping peat wet– *value for money*
- Practitioners and countries appeal for **innovative solutions** that:
 - ensure sustainable livelihoods for communities
 - secure ecosystem services
- **Landscape approach & empowerment of local communities** is the way to go to manage peatlands.



Line planting of illipe (*Shorea stenoptera*)
near Segedong in West Kalimantan



Key principles for livelihoods in wet peatland landscapes



Advances of the national consultations

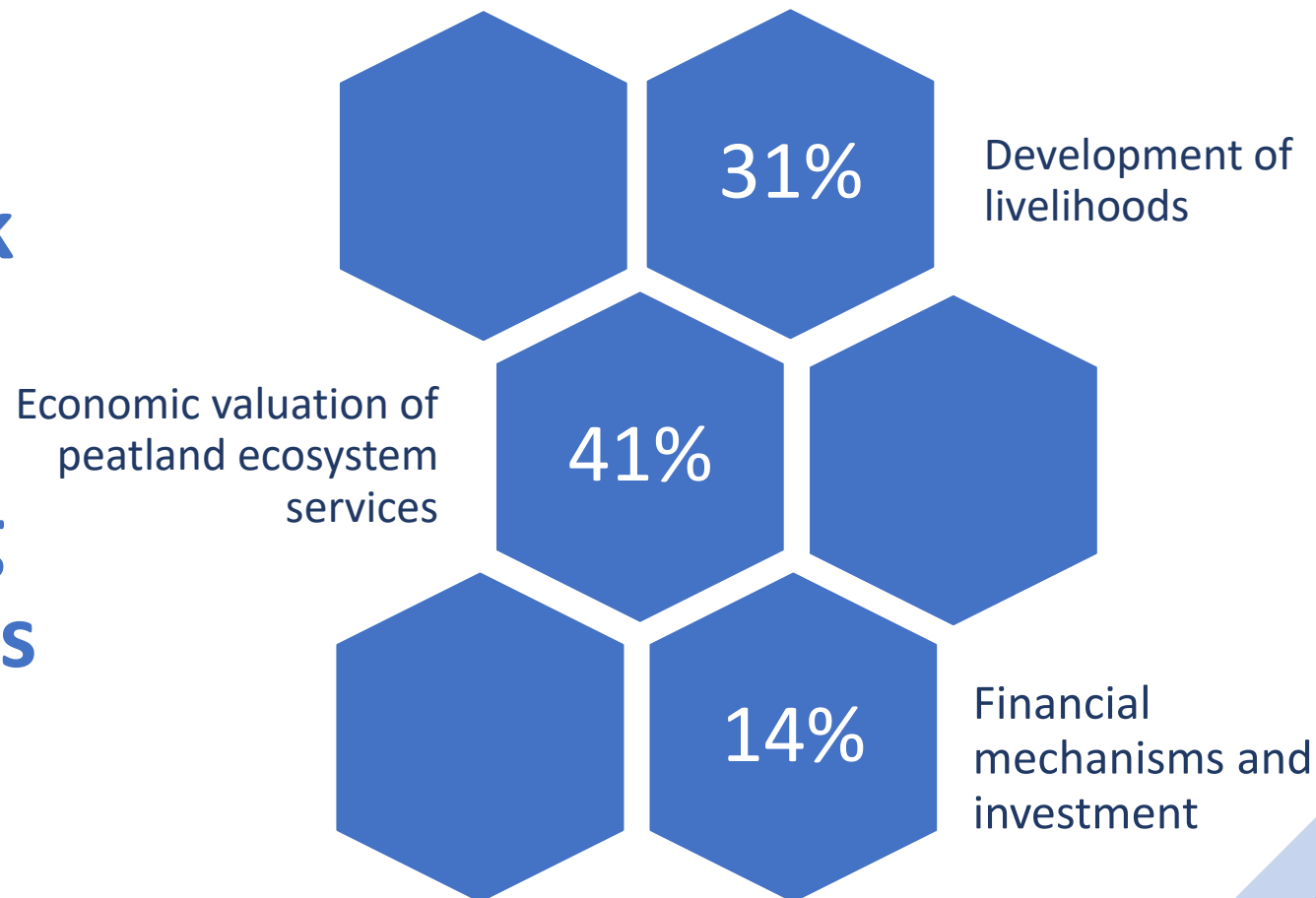
- 10 online consultations & exchanges – more to come!
- over 500 participants
- Focus on 4 countries: Peru, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Indonesia
- Peatlands needs assessment survey: 295 respondents
- Respondents working in all regions of the world.





Relevance of the work on financial mechanisms for the organizations working in peatland landscapes

Percentage
of respondent's **organizations**
work with:





Lack of finance key identified obstacle

- Number 1 challenge: Lack of resources
- Practitioners' priority type of support needed: Finance and funding
- Respondents' suggestions:
 - *government funding for peat restoration*
 - *research and education funding*
 - *funding for peatland mapping*
 - *well-targeted funding*
 - *long-term funding including below-ground monitoring*
 - *ring-fenced funding*
 - *financial incentives to landowners*
 - *applied research financing*
 - *economically competitive alternative commodities*
 - ...



Template to document sustainable wet livelihoods on peatland landscapes



Title of practice/project/initiative

[Responsible organization of the document: author(s), year]

* Required fields; Insert the text and information replacing the space marked between "[]"

[Add a photo of the peatland and the practice, if possible, including local stakeholders]

Productive sector:
[agriculture, livestock, fisheries,
energy, construction, services,
etc.]

Period of implementation*:
[e.g., 2017–2020]

**Approx. budget for the
activities:** [] USD

Climate*: [Tropical, temperate,
boreal, continental, others]

*Photo: [Insert a caption of the technical picture of the site and/or
practice], [year]

Altitude: [] m.a.s.l.

Location * [Country, region (province), municipality]
Latitude: [coordinates] and Longitude: [coordinates]

Summary [máx. 200 words] *

Type of practice: [e.g. food production, fibre, wood, biomass, conservation, restoration, ecotourism]

[Short description of the situation: issue that the activities aimed at solving and the practice description]

Webpage [www. about the activity, project, or others]





Recommendations

- There is an urgent need for solutions that maintain peatlands wet.
- Attention should be given in developing sustainable value chains, including marketing, for peatland products to access the markets so that communities and private enterprises can generate a viable source for revenue.
- Peatlands should be managed through a landscape approach, which includes leadership of local communities and understanding of the interconnected hydrological system of a peatland.
- Through the Global Peatlands Initiative, practitioners and organizations looking to showcase sustainable practices, can exchange and inspire others

Links of interest:



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- [Peatlands Needs Assessment survey](#)
- [FAO's work on peatlands](#)
- [Global Peatlands Initiative](#)
- [Peatland management case studies](#)
- [Download here the template to document sustainable peatland practices](#)
- [Join the online community of practice](#)