

Community Empowering Biodiversity Stewardship?

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Incentives for community stewardship

- Tax incentives are not working for communities
 - A biodiversity dividend/Fund for community land ? Carbon tax?
- Short term
 - Land based “Working for” jobs
 - Environmental extension support
- Medium term
 - Improved grazing and water availability
 - Sustainable natural resource harvesting
 - Fuel wood
 - Medicinal plants
 - Meat
 - Community recreational use areas
- Long term
 - Eco-tourism jobs
 - Game breeding
 - Payment for environmental services

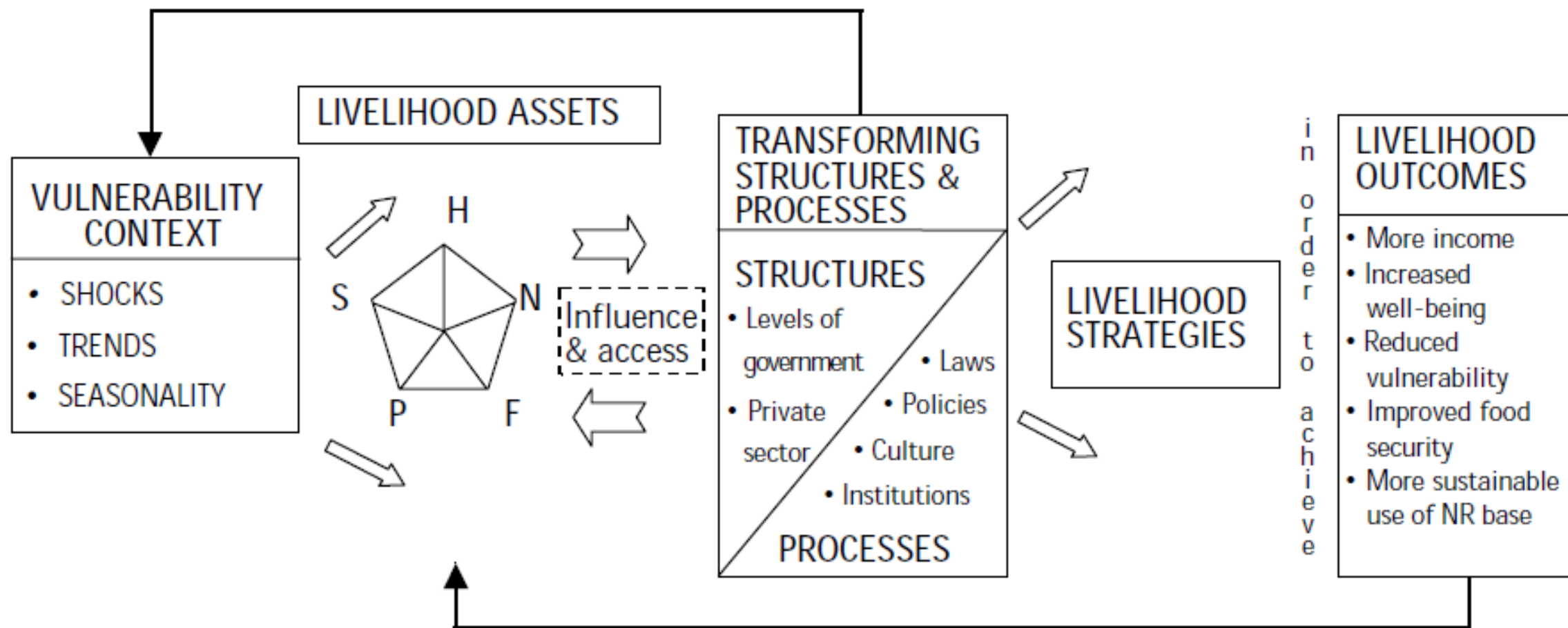
Some thoughts

- Communities look to government to show the way
 - A co-ordinated approach and clear process must be presented
- Community input and involvement from the start is important
 - PRA
 - Embedding a biodiversity champion to drive the process builds trust and gives support
- Governance is key
 - Can stewardship be a tool to help communities self organise?
- Fences only where necessary
- Stewardship must also be cost effective to maintain not just acquire
 - Voluntary / Conservation clubs / User groups
- Take a livelihood approach
 - Understand current benefits and uses of possible stewardship sites
 - Can these be enhanced with better land management?

Figure 1. Sustainable livelihoods framework

Key

H = Human Capital	S = Social Capital
N = Natural Capital	P = Physical Capital
F = Financial Capital	



Claims on existing Protected Areas as examples

- Ownership creates basis for stewardship
 - Finalise the claims ASAP with empowering and realistic settlement agreements
- Existing community owned PA's should be showing tangible benefits
 - Eco-tourism and associated businesses
 - Land based jobs
 - Natural resource harvesting
 - Cultural and religious use
- Positive impacts at community level of owning conservation land must be demonstrated.
- The People and Parks Toolkit can be updated to include Biodiversity Stewardship

Role play

- PAIRS
 - A Government/NGO worker
 - Top 5 reasons the community should consider biodiversity stewardship
 - A community member
 - 3 fears / concerns about the possible impact
 - 2 needs or aspirations