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**CAPITALS
COALITION**

THE COALITION

We are a committed, global community to put nature, people, society and the economy at the heart of decision making.





We are failing to address our most critical global challenges of nature loss, climate change and inequality because decisions are currently based on insufficient information that excludes nature and people



Our ambition is that by 2030 the majority of business, finance and government will include all capitals in their decision making, and that this will deliver a fairer, just and more sustainable world



WHAT ARE THE CAPITALS?*

Social capital:

The networks together with shared norms, values and understanding that facilitate cooperation within and among groups.

Human capital:

The knowledge, skills, competencies and attributes embodied in individuals that contribute to improved performance and well-being.

Natural capital:

The stock of renewable and non-renewable natural resources that combine to yield a flow of benefits to people.

Produced capital:

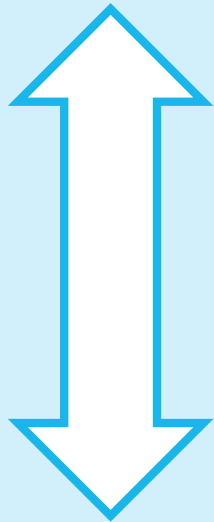
The man-made goods as well as all financial assets that are used to produce goods and services consumed by society.



WHAT IS CAPITALS THINKING?

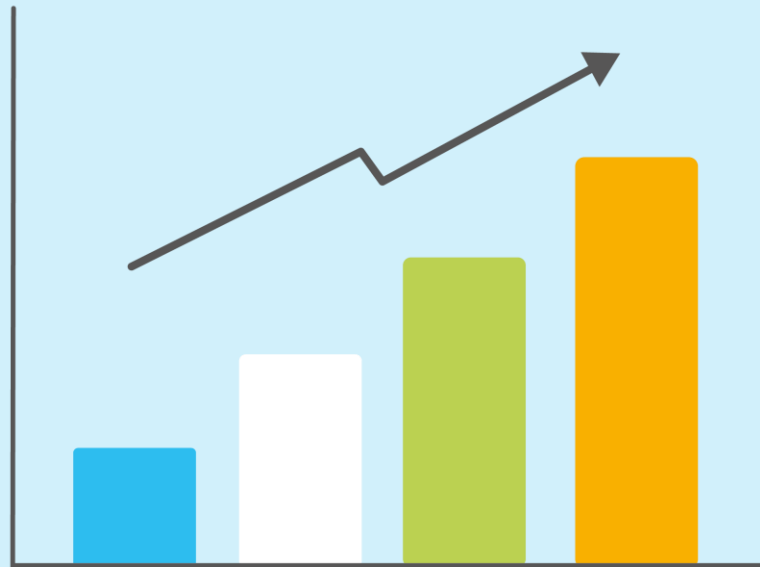
Impact & Dependency

Capitals thinking highlights our dependency on nature and people making it critical and, therefore, embedded in all decisions.



Measure & Value

Capitals thinking values impacts and dependencies so that we understand their relative importance and worth and are forced to transform the way we act.



System

Capitals thinking exposes the shared risks and opportunities, clearly indicating how everything is connected.



OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

Africa faces some of the most material natural capital risks and yet some of the most clear and compelling opportunities for green, sustainable growth. How do we deal with this?

- **Businesses** in fast growing, yet environmentally vulnerable sectors (like agriculture, forestry, infrastructure) will need better information to understand risks, and respond in a sustainable way.
- **Investors** need to better understand their opportunities and risk profiles in emerging African markets
- **Policymakers** need to identify and enact smart legislation that provides natural, social and economic benefits for maximum sustainable growth.

We can use **collaboration** and **natural capital thinking** to strengthen economies and incentives for change....

1) Combining forces between stakeholders

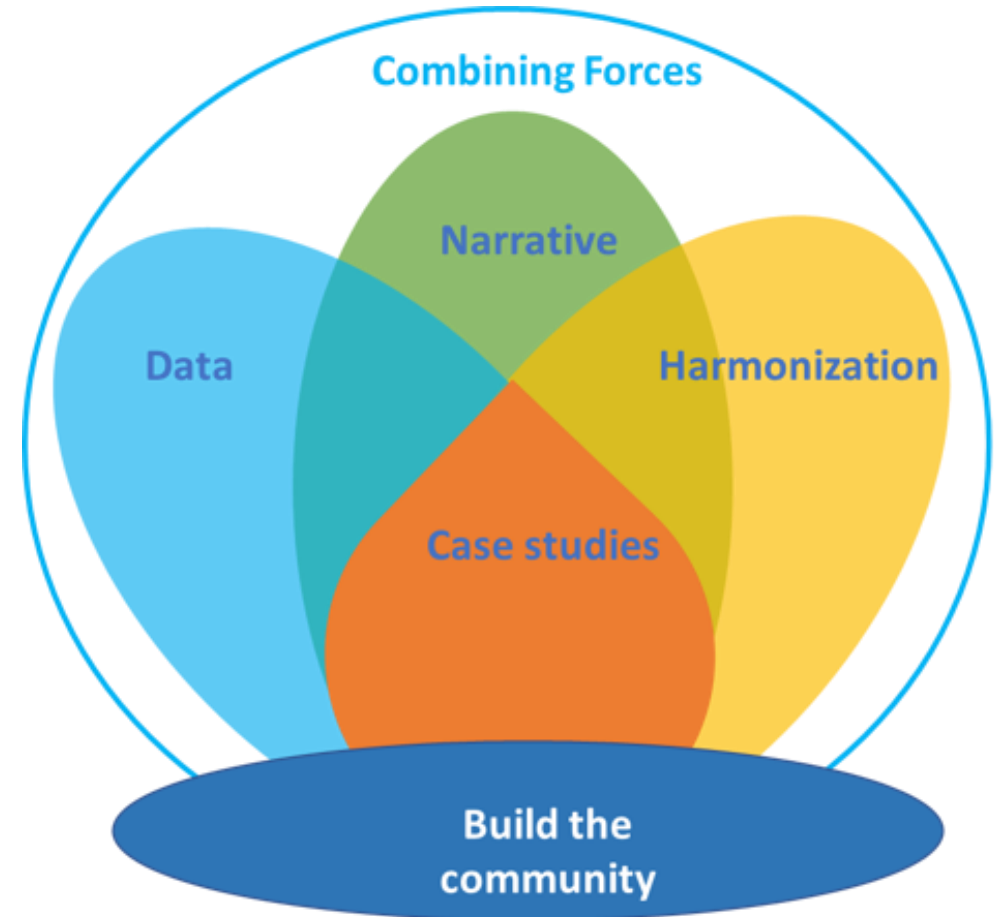
Natural capital has the potential to bring together national, local and business actors around shared objectives.

We need to promote a common understanding of the different natural capital approaches used by **businesses and governments**, with the greater aim of ensuring that the value of nature is included in **decision-making across the board**.

Relevance to Africa?

...we can promote the use of national **natural capital accounts**, and make sure they are shared with national, local and sectoral decision makers.

...In 2021, we are looking to kick-start African case studies about Combining Forces around natural capital.



Priority areas within "Combining Forces" project

2) Using a sector approach

The Forest Products Sector

In 2018, the Natural Capital Coalition and WBCSD launched a "Forest Products Sector Guide to Natural Capital Protocol"

This offers sector-specific information about conducting natural capital assessments in the forestry sector.

Relevance to Africa?

...Sectors and value chains can move more strongly together, whether in a landscape, country or region. We must host an inclusive conversation.

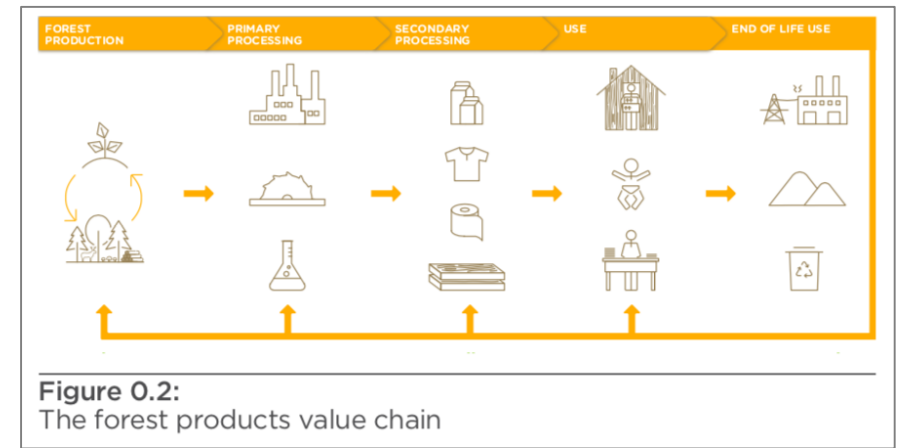
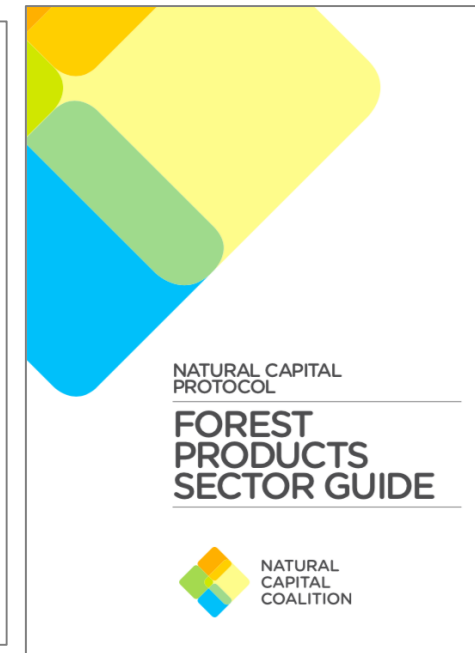


Figure 0.2: The forest products value chain

| IMPACT DRIVER CATEGORY | IMPACT DRIVER | TRANSPORTATION FROM CUTTING SITE TO PRIMARY PROCESSING | | | PRIMARY & SECONDARY PROCESSING | | | SHIPPING & TRANSPORT TO USER | | USE | REUSE & RECYCLING | | END OF LIFE | | |
|------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-------------------|---|-------------|---|---|
| | | a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i | j | k | l | m | n |
| Outputs | Carbon sequestration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GHG emissions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Non-GHG air pollutants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Water pollutants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Soil pollutants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Solid waste | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Disturbances (e.g., noise, odor) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Resource use | Provisioning services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Water use (groundwater) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Water use (surface water) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Resource use | Supporting service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Change in habitat/biodiversity: Fauna & Flora | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Legend: ■ Likely to be significant (dark blue), ■ Potential to be significant (light blue), ■ Unlikely to be significant or not applicable (grey)



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