

# SwedBio is a programme for biodiversity and equitable development in harmony with nature at Stockholm Resilience Centre

## THE CHALLENGES WE TARGET

Biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation undermine people's rights to sustainable and equitable development, and those living in poverty are especially vulnerable. This is reinforced by inequalities, conflicts, unsustainable production and consumption, and climate change. Responses to such challenges often give insufficient consideration to human-and-nature relationships, resulting in knowledge gaps and leading to unsuitable policy and implementation.

## pathways

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### Dialogue for knowledge and policy pathway

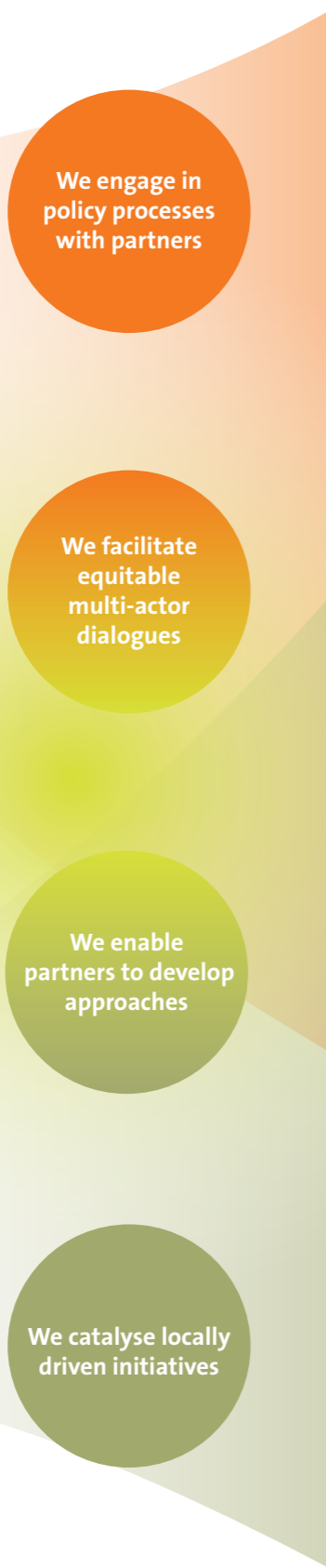
SwedBio advances the policy agenda related to biodiversity, by enabling dialogue and co-production of knowledge across knowledge systems, including actors from indigenous peoples, local communities, policy makers, practitioners and scientists.

*Two interacting and complementary impact pathways, which bridge the local and global, and narrow the gap between policies and their implementation.*

*Dialogue is at the heart of sustainability.*

### Collaborative partner implementation pathway

SwedBio enables strategically selected partner organisations to implement locally driven solutions which are sustainable and equitable.



## actions

...the actions we do in SwedBio...

- By initiating and together with partners facilitating, equitable and tailor-made multi-actor dialogues, inspired by SwedBio's Multiple Evidence Base and Dialogue Seminar Methods.
- By co-developing participatory approaches and customised methodologies together with actors representing multiple perspectives, including indigenous, local and scientific knowledge, and applying those to enhance the quality of dialogues.
- By tapping into joint learning from partner collaborations and tailor-make it for a specific phase of a specific biodiversity-related policy process - mainly in CBD, CFS, COFI, IPBES and UNFCCC. Sometimes in liaison with Multilateral Environmental Agreement Secretariats or UN's Special Rapporteurs; or by facilitating connections between partners and government negotiators as part of Swedish or EU delegations.
- By contributing to all stages of a policy process, using the *UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)* as a central vehicle. This involves active participation with partners from idea and implementation to follow-ups, and continued conversation across local and global. An emphasis is on supporting the less heard voices, with focus on gender equality, conflict and human rights perspectives, including solutions by youths.
- By seizing promising opportunities for impact in local, regional and global sustainability processes and enabling meaningful and mutual engagement for partners. This can entail to create aligned processes for conflict resolution and addressing power asymmetries for equity and gender equality.
- By providing financial support to partner organisations for the coordination of their participation in policy processes and collaborative initiatives, and if they desire for strengthening linkages with actors for synchronised actions on crucial challenges.
- By having continuous strategic discussions within the SwedBio team and exchanging insights with partners, as part of continuously identifying and being flexible to deal with emerging risks or to seize opportunities arising.
- By providing financial support to a limited number of strategic and vision-aligned partner organisations in low and middle income countries, in accordance with SwedBio's selection criteria, and anchored in local peoples' priorities and visions for well-being and sustainability.
- By building and nurturing trust-based relationships with our partner organisations over time, and supporting them in implementing the interventions they have identified and are leading.
- By providing the space and encouragement needed for our partner organisations to experiment with designing and developing approaches and solutions needed for policy development or impact on the ground.
- By providing strategic and technical support to our partner organisations to strengthen their organisational capacity, including on measures for equity, gender equality, conflict perspectives, anti-corruption and resilience.

## contributions

...contribute to enabling trajectories for change...

- Knowledge exchange between actors from different knowledge systems**  
We broaden peoples' openness and capacities to recognise and engage with actors from other knowledge systems, so they with broader perspectives and enhanced agency better can handle the complex relationships between nature, biodiversity, equity and poverty alleviation.  
We enable enriched evidence based and mutual learning, by providing space for collaborative learning between different actors, such as local actors, policy makers, practitioners and scientists.  
We strengthen processes and collaborations thanks to novel collaborative approaches and methods. These are co-developed with local actors and scientists based on the needs of partners and are applied to enhance the quality of policy processes.
- Equitable engagement of local actors in collaborative initiatives and policy processes**  
We support actors from indigenous peoples and local communities to convey their knowledge and perspectives to local, regional and global biodiversity related policy debates, and to follow-up on the realisation of previous agreement. We do so by enabling active, purposeful and equal participation.  
We contribute to indigenous peoples and local communities' knowledge and sustainable customary practices being considered valuable and valid by policy makers.
- Sustainable biodiversity management based on local practices**  
We increase opportunities for our partner organisations to implement sustainable practices by catalysing their initiatives and knowledge on how to secure livelihoods while managing natural resources sustainably and resiliently.  
We enable our partner organisations to generate local, context-relevant actions based on human rights, for increased sustainability and equity in accordance with their own objectives and in line with SwedBio's vision.  
We contribute to stronger mobilisation of marginalised groups, and well-functioning and democratic partner organisations with the capacity to implement the interventions they identified and approaches they developed.

...which lead towards desirable long-term changes.

- Zooming in using Themes:**
  - o Climate Change
  - o Agroecology
  - o Small-Scale Fisheries
  - o Urban Nature
  - o Biocultural Diversity
- Enhanced quality of biodiversity-related policy processes, for more relevant policies.
- Co-created and enriched knowledge on governance in harmony with nature, for context appropriate and equitable solutions.
- SwedBio envisions a world that is sustainably managed and where human rights are equitably fulfilled, with people being able to make sustainable choices for biodiversity rich and resilient futures while thriving in harmony with nature.
- Improved governance and management of ecosystems, which realises the implementation of biodiversity-related policies.
- Increased local management in harmony with nature, which contribute to enable sustainable and equitable livelihoods.

Changes occur as emergent outcomes in interplay with countless of evolving interactions and systemic relations. Uncertainty is inevitable, as changes are embedded in social-ecological systems which are complex adaptive systems.