

Partnerships for Achieving Food Security and Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability in SIDS

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Conceptual frameworks and Scope

- **Member Commission on Ecosystem Management**
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Ecosystem Management

defined as the manipulation of the physical, chemical and biological processes which link organisms with their abiotic environment and the regulation of human actions to produce a desired ecosystem state

Ecosystem Approach

A participatory approach, systemic thinking, multiscale (over both space and time) perspective and adaptive management.

Ecosystem-based Adaptation

An approach that builds resilience and reduces the vulnerability of local communities to climate change through a sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services

Is the EbA a useful tool to strengthen existing partnerships and to support the establishment of new ones focusing on climate change, food security and sustainable development in SIDS?

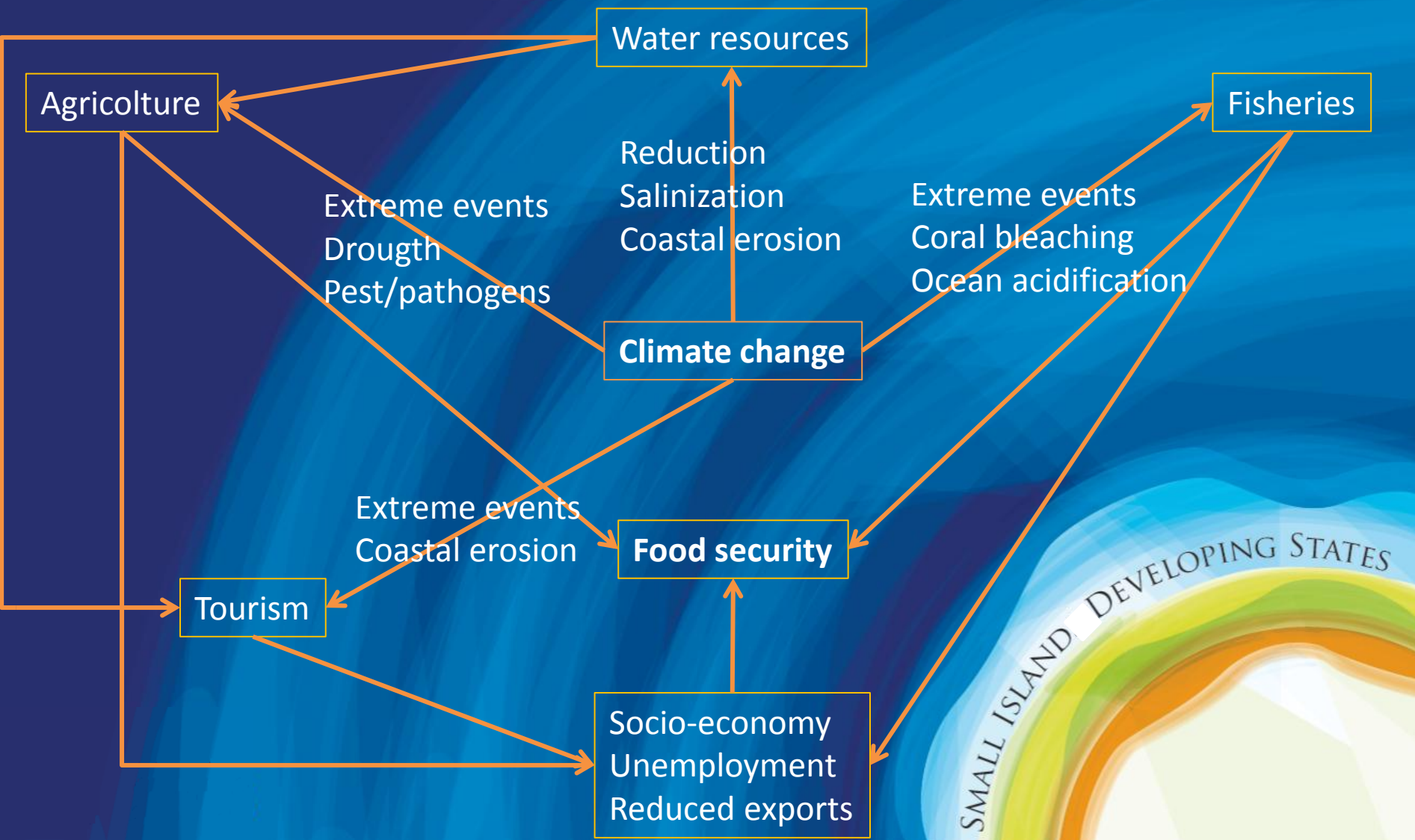
Climate change and SIDS

- Increasing air and surface water temperatures
- Sea-level rising
- Changing in regional climate pattern – e.g. *El Niño-Southern Oscillation*
- Increasing frequency and intensity of heavy rains
- Droughts, floods, heat waves
- Increase intensity of extreme weather events



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Climate change impacts on Food security



Requisites for establishing an effective partnership

- Having a systemic perspective
- Involving relevant actors and stakeholders
- Integrating top-down and bottom-up approaches, and scientific and local knowledge

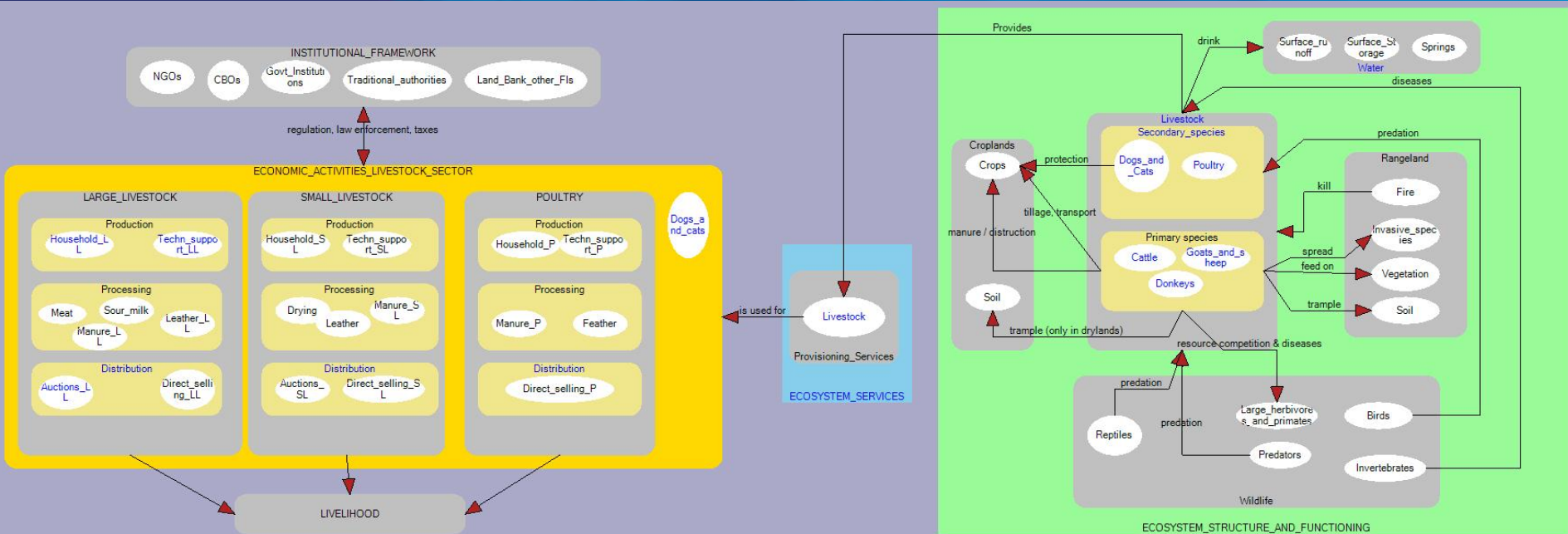
How this can be achieved?



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Methods and approaches

Definition of structure and function of the system to manage including ecosystems, their services and the use made of them by the socio-economic system



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Other benefits

- Increasing the effectiveness of implemented actions
- Reducing the risk of unexpected negative side effects and increasing the opportunity to exploit the positive ones
- Elaborating contextualized training programmes
- Stimulating a learning by doing approach
- Contextualizing monitoring indicators in support of the decision making
- And others..



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When partnerships work together

- Island and mountain partnerships working together?
- Biodiversity solutions to Climate Change issues?
- Forests and food security?

A concrete example:
Papua New Guinea's first
National Forest Inventory
and Biodiversity Survey



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