

Integrated Assessment of Trade-Related Policies and the Use of Economic Instruments

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Elements of integrated assessment

- ▶ Assessing the environmental effects of trade-related policies, including liberalization
- ▶ ...and related economic and social effects
- ▶ Generating data on actual linkages

General objectives

1. Analysis of the interaction between trade, environment and development policies
2. Development of policy packages, including economic instruments
3. Enhancing the capacity of local institutions
4. Enhancing the networking (e.g. researchers, policymakers, national to international)
5. Recording and disseminating the assessment process and policy design

Modalities

- ⇒ Working closely with national governments and adopting a multi-stakeholder approach to address environmental and developmental priorities
- ⇒ Empowering local institutions and experts by involvement in formulation and implementation of review
- ⇒ A country-driven approach to design and implementation of projects and policy **responses**
- ⇒ Securing local ownership early in the review process is critical

Lessons learned

➔ **Impacts of trade and non-trade related policies**

- Need to assess the effects of policies beyond trade – other policies and factors influence outcomes of trade policy interventions
- Need to develop policy packages, including economic instruments, taking into account social and environmental considerations

➔ **Enhancing ownership of assessment/policy response**

- Early engagement of stakeholders, including senior officials in all relevant ministries
- Packaging and dissemination of assessment results
- Choose champion(s), both governmental and research institutes

Lessons learned

➔ **Enhancing inter-ministerial coordination**

- Assessment builds coordination, but need structures and more regular contact at all levels
- Longer term capacity building required – develop guidelines, research in the field

➔ **Broadening stakeholder engagement**

- Emphasize economic and social aspects
- Target high profile national and regional institutions
- Target poor and marginal groups (PRA and RRA)

Other work on EIs relevant to CITES

- ➔ **WG on Economic Instruments to advice ETB on workprogramme and review work**
 - ➔ **“Opportunities and Challenges in the use of EIs for environmental policy making”**
 - ➔ **“EIs in the context of biodiversity related MEAs”**
- ➔ **Country studies**
- ➔ **Work on subsidies – current focus on fisheries**
 - ➔ **Analytical and policy work**
 - ➔ **Case studies**
 - ➔ **Workshops**

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