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## Program on Ecosystem Change and Society – PECS: An important potential for information exchange with respect to the efforts of CREATE

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#### **FUTURE EARTH, PECS, and CREATE**



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The late Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Wangari Maathai was a person able to perceive the linkages between **politics**, **economics**, **ecosystem science**, **global change and human well-being**.

The newly initiated global change programs of "Future Earth" (<a href="http://www.icsu.org/future-earth">http://www.icsu.org/future-earth</a>) and Ecosystem Change and Society (<a href="http://www.pecs-science.org/">http://www.pecs-science.org/</a>) expand on the vision of Dr. Maathai and others, working to to integrate research on the stewardship of social–ecological systems and to break down barriers that have impeded understanding of social-ecological transformations.



#### **CREATE should interact with PECS**



The <u>Programme on Ecosystem Change and Society</u> (PECS) is a new initiative within the ICSU global change programmes that aims to integrate research on the stewardship of social—ecological systems, the services they generate and the relationships among natural capital, human wellbeing, livelihoods, inequality and poverty.

The vision of PECS is a world where human actions have been transformed to achieve sustainable stewardship of social—ecological systems. The goal of PECS is to generate the scientific and policy-relevant knowledge of social—ecological dynamics needed to enable such a shift, including mitigation of poverty.

#### A Watershed Approach to PECS:

#### **Production vs. Water Yield and Water Quality**

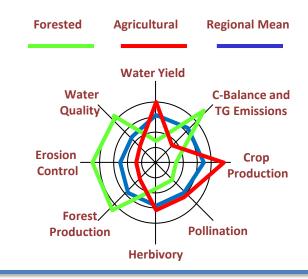
Landscape to Regional Performance Evaluations from Models:

**Statistical Models** 

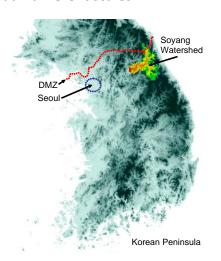
**Process-based Models** 

**Phenomenological Models** 

**Expert-Based Models** 



Soyang Watershed, South Korea at 2 different scales



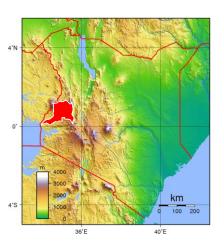
Process-based Models: SWAT, PIXGRO, DNDC, Erosion-3D, etc. Statistical: biodiversity, economics

Hoa Binh Watershed, Vietnam oriented to entire watershed



GIS with Regression Models for Process Observations and Statistical Models

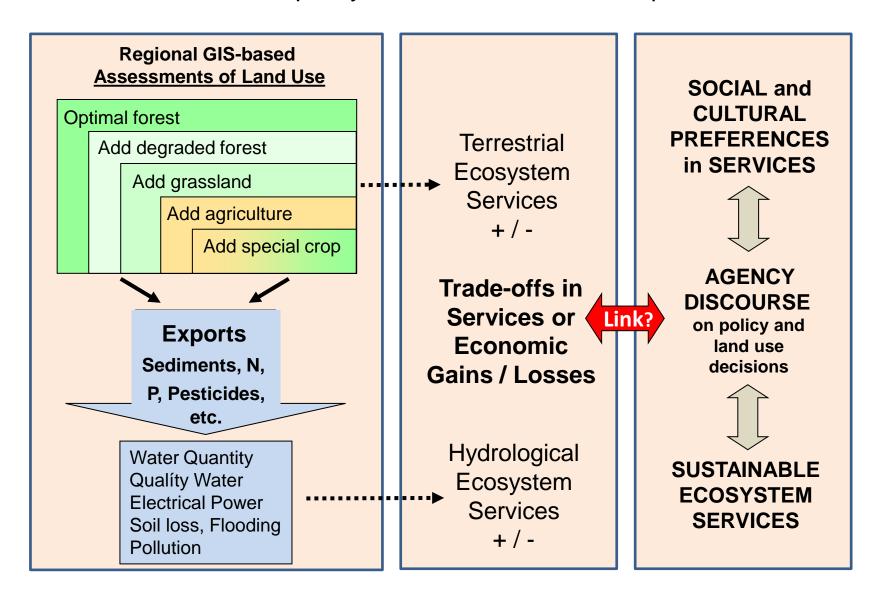
Nzoia River Basin, Kenya in a selected upstream area

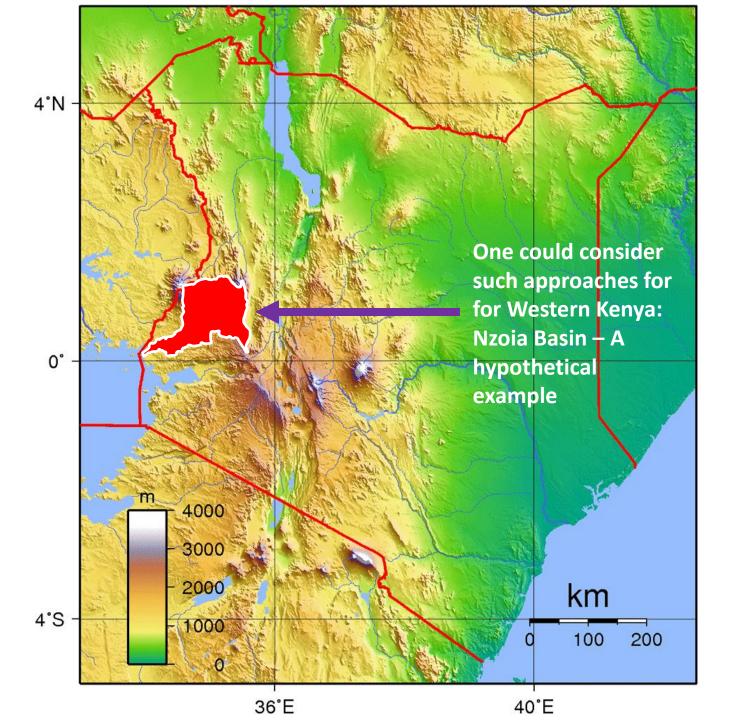


Stakeholder and Expert-based GIS and Statistical Models

### Complex <u>TERRain</u> and <u>ECO</u>logical Heterogeneity (TERRECO):

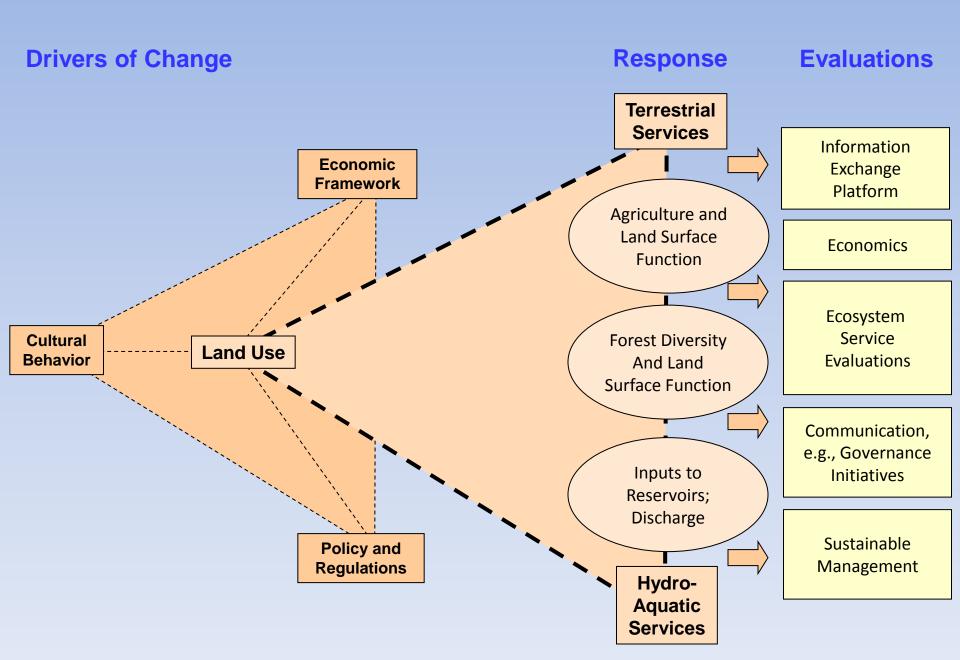
Evaluating ecosystem services in production versus water yield and water quality in mountainous landscapes







#### The Future Focus Must Be on Management of Social-Ecological-Systems







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