

Appendix 2. Topics used to discuss experiences of each stage of the methodology

This guide was sent to each case study team prior to each debriefing interview. It was adapted and expanded to add questions specific to the team, stage of the methodology and outputs from it. The questions also formed the basis of a topic guide used during the interview. The topic guide was not explicitly or solely framed in terms of the potential benefits in which this study is framed, so as to allow an openness to understanding any and all of the experiences of using the method, and also because some information (e.g. who participated in the workshops) was derived from reports on the outputs of activities on each stage.

Introductory and overview questions:

1. How familiar was the team with the tasks before you used them in the case study?
2. How did it go in general? Was it a positive step forward or a distraction?
3. What was the most surprising outcome or event during this task?

Outcomes and experiences:

4. What new knowledge or ideas were discovered in this stage?
 - By whom? Do you think that this could this have happened without the scenario methods being used?
5. Did the task expose divergence or differences in views?
 - What and why? With whom within the community and/or project team?
6. Did the task facilitate convergence or promote consensus-building?
 - How/why? With whom?
7. Did these tasks help communities develop systems thinking? Adaptive management?
 - How/why?

Methodological changes:

8. Did the work change/ did you deviate from your plan? Why?
9. Was it your idea to change the plan, or were you responding to views from the community/stakeholders?
10. With the benefit of hindsight, would you do anything differently if you did this again?
 - Why?
 - Would you do this task again? Was it necessary? Useful?
 - If you had more time and resources, what would you do anything additional? Would you exclude something?

Next steps:

11. Are you clear about the outputs we are hoping to see from this stage and when can we expect them?
12. Has completing this stage of work influenced your plans for the next stage of work? How?
13. Are you clear on what you are doing in the next stage? When do you plan to complete the next stage?

14. Any other issues? Any other factors relevant to the case study that might have influenced how this stage went? (e.g. local elections, environmental crises, media controversies etc)?