

Answering the Right Questions. Addressing Biodiversity Conservation in Post Conflict Colombia

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

biodiversity conservation

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

South America - Colombia

Why was it conducted at all?

The post-conflict scenario in Colombia poses several environmental urgencies, making it necessary to identify and prioritize new challenges for biodiversity conservation and ecosystems management. It is critical to understand how government agencies, NGOs, and academics perceive these challenges, as they all contribute to fundamental decision-making on environmental issues.

What was the objective?

to identify the main challenges for the conservation of biodiversity in the post-conflict scenario of Colombia

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 10 research questions

How long did the research prioritization take?

1 day

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

workshop

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: literature review: 52 research questions formulated based on literature review. Step 2: workshop: refining of questions, questions edited, evaluated and prioritized, prioritization via scoring with colored cards

Which stakeholders took part?

NGOs, government, academia.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Key environmental actors were identified: individuals and institutions belonging to the Colombian government, relevant NGOs, and academics that are working on biodiversity conservation issues and ecosystem management in Colombia.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.