



CU1 Adaptative management overview Summary

Adaptative Management Crash Course



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Summary

Adaptive management overview

Adaptive management, also known as adaptive resource management or adaptive environmental assessment and management, is a structured, iterative process of decision making in the face of uncertainty, with an aim to reducing uncertainty over time via system monitoring. In this way, decision making simultaneously meets one or more resource management objectives and, either passively or actively, accrues information needed to improve future management. Adaptive management is a tool which should be used not only to change a system, but also to learn about the system (Holling, 1978).

Because adaptive management is based on a learning process, it improves long-run management outcomes. The challenge in using the adaptive management approach lies in finding the correct balance between gaining knowledge to improve management in the future and achieving the best short-term outcome based on current knowledge (Allan & Starkey, 2009).

At the end of this unit learners will be able to:

- Define Adaptive management as key approach to decision making that emphasizes accountability and explicitness
- Identify the steps to apply adaptive management
- Adopt the mindset to use the elements of adaptive management in different projects

This competence Unit is divided into 3 sections:

Section 1	What is adaptive management and why is it important
Section 2	Proposed steps to apply adaptive management
Section 3	Key elements of the Adaptive management mindset

Table 1: 3 sections of the CU1 “Adaptive management Overview”

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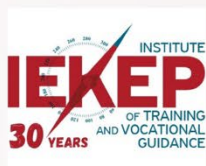
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