

# Process and experience with Experimental Ecosystem accounts in Uganda

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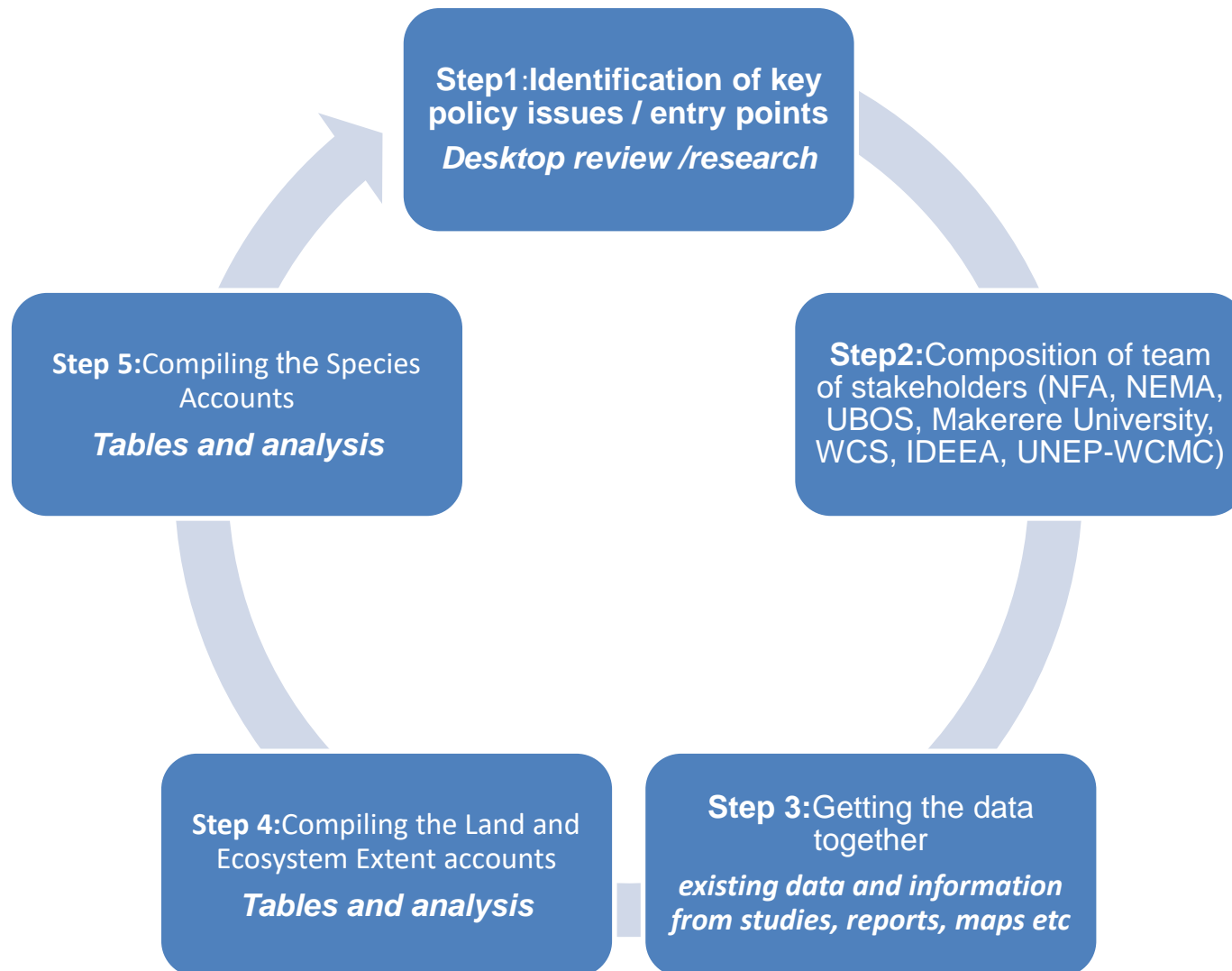
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# Experimental Ecosystem accounts in Uganda

## Introduction

- The first Pilot experimental ecosystem accounts for Uganda conducted by
- National Environment Management Authority,
- Wildlife Conservation Society,
- UNEP-WCMC,
- IDEEA,
- Makerere University,
- National Forest Authority,
- Uganda Bureau of Statistics

# Process in the development of Experimental Ecosystem accounts in Uganda



# Experience :Identification of key policy issues

- To inform the ongoing debates surrounding the gazettement and degazettement of protected areas
- To make the case for increased budget allocation and investment in biodiversity rich sectors for conservation and management (e.g., forestry as it maintains relatively high levels of biodiversity)
- **To establish the extent of ecosystem degradation and where declining biodiversity threatens the delivery of ecosystem services and implications on economic growth and human well-being**
- **To increase awareness and appreciation of biodiversity as a natural capital asset amongst decision makers and the public**
- To assess national progress towards the objectives of Uganda's National Biodiversity Strategy Plan (NBSAP II) and National Development Plan (NDP II) and associated international commitments (i.e., the Aichi targets and SDGs)
- ***The accounts seems to the mainly focus on entry points 3 and 4***

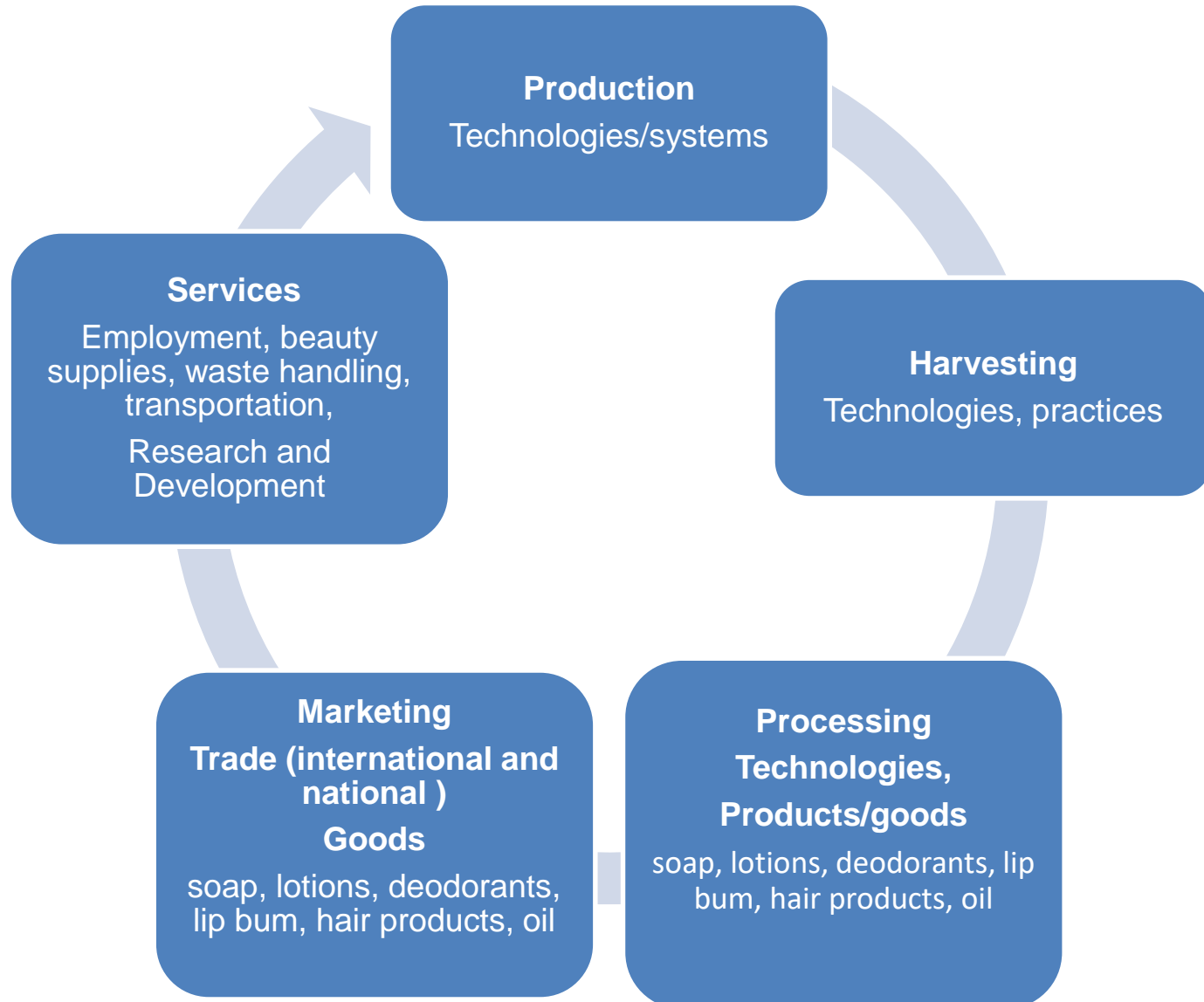
# Compiling the Species Accounts

- The accounts looked at three Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP)
- Prunus Africana,
- Shea nut tree and
- Gum Arabic
- **Two flags ship threatened species**
- Chimpanzees
- Elephant

# Experience Shea nut Tree account

- **Shea nut tree/ Shea butter**
- The account provides information on the extent of the Shea nut tree in Uganda
- There is limited information on the Shea butter value chain which involves production, harvesting, processing and marketing
- **Shea butter goods** (soap, lotions, deodorants, lip bum, hair products, oil)
- **Technologies** used in the production, harvesting , processing and marketing
- **Services**-Employment, beauty supplies, waste handling, transportation, Research and development

# Development of biodiversity accounts in Uganda: Shea industry-Darwin project



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