

## CASIOPA – OECM Exercise:

### Select a Site

Time: 2-5 minutes

Choose one specific site to evaluate. Some ideas: community forests, municipal parks with large amounts of natural cover, Private conservation or trust properties, military lands, research facilities, watershed protection areas....your new ideas

What is the name, location, and governance authority for the area? Provide the information below.

Name:

Location:

Governance Authority:

# Applying an abbreviated version of the Decision Support Tool

Time: 2-5 minutes

1. **Not a protected area:** Is there strong likelihood that the whole site, or the part being assessed as an OEEM, **is outside of a protected area?**

**Response:**

2. **Geographically defined:** Is there strong likelihood that the site is geographically defined, with agreed and delineated boundaries? Are the boundaries available to decision makers, governing and management authorities and those who are undertaking activities with the potential to degrade the site?

**Response:**

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- 3. Governed and Managed:** Is there strong likelihood that the site has “legitimate governance” (the governance of the site is not disputed), is being managed, and these arrangements are expected to continue for the foreseeable future”

**Response:**

**Time: 5 -10 minutes**

**4. Biodiversity values:** Is there strong likelihood that the site contains important biodiversity values?

**Check any that apply:**

Rare, threatened or endangered species and habitats, and the ecosystems that support them, including species and areas identified on the IUCN Red List of Species and ecosystems or national/provincial equivalents.

Representative natural ecosystems.

High level of ecological integrity or ecological intactness, which are characterized by the occurrence of the full range of native species and supporting ecological processes. These areas will be intact or capable of being restored under the proposed management regime.

Range-restricted species and ecosystems in natural settings

Important species aggregations, including during migration or spawning

Ecosystems especially important for species life stages, feeding, resting, molting and breeding.

Areas of importance for ecological connectivity or that are important to complete a conservation network within a landscape or seascape.

Areas that provide critical ecosystem services, such as clean water and carbon storage, **in addition to in-situ biodiversity conservation.**

Species and habitats that are important for traditional human uses, such as native medicinal plants, **in addition to in-situ biodiversity conservation.**

Other biodiversity features recognized through biodiversity planning (such as ANSIs and wetlands)

**Response: Anything additional you would like to add or specify?**

**5. Long-term effective in situ conservation:** Is there a strong likelihood that the governance and management of the site achieves or is expected to achieve **long-term and effective in-situ conservation of biodiversity**”? **Are measures in effect for the long term and year-round?**

**Response:**

## Results and Next Steps

Please review your answers. In your view, do you think the area meets the criteria and shows promise as an OECM?

Response:

If you are not a member of the governance authority, how would you engage with the governance authority?

Response:

What would be your next steps?

Response:

What can we do to support your work?

Response:

**Please email your results to:**

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**Thank you for your time!**