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About cp³

The cp³ project conducts research on collaborative governance arrangements as innovative approaches in policy to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services delivery in agricultural landscapes.

Thereby, collaborative governance builds upon partnerships of actors from the civil, public and private sphere of society and is contrasted to hierarchical command and control and market-based governance approaches.

Of particular interest is the question, in how far collaborative governance is better suited to mitigate so-called 'institutional misfit', that is to ensure that the established governance structures are spatially and temporally well-aligned to the ecosystems and ecosystem services they are meant to govern.



Project objectives

- Identify, describe, and analyze such collaborative governance models that are successful in providing an institutional fit between the level of governance and the required spatial and temporal scales necessary to reach specific ecosystem services, food production and biodiversity targets.
- 2. Identify, describe and analyze agricultural production practices linked to the different governance models and explore their relations to ecosystem services provision, food production and biodiversity targets, including existing trade-offs and synergies.
- Develop an inventory of ecosystem services provided by and needed to sustain agro-ecosystems, including spatial and temporal scales of delivery, and ecosystem services flows.
- 4. Derive recommendations for stakeholders, i.e. policy makers, market actors, civil society initiatives, farming community, how development of such collaborative governance models can be supported by specific policies and administrative conduct.



Case studies

Examples for collaborative governance approaches are analyzed based on empirical research in three selected case studies which all represent protection areas:

Biosphere Reserve Spreewald in Germany



Nature Park Jauerling-Wachau in Austria

Berg en Dal Region as part of the National Landscape Gelderse Poort in the Netherlands.

In these case studies we cooperate closely with the administrations of the protection areas and different land users.