The MOVING Conceptual and Analytical Framework

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The MOVING (Mountain Valorization through Interconnectedness and Green Growth) project, funded by the EU Horizon 2020 Framework, aims to build resilient mountain value chains delivering private and public goods. Central to MOVING's approach is the Conceptual and Analytical Framework (CAF), which integrates value chain literature with the socio-ecological system (SES) approach. This framework emphasizes the interplay between sustainability, vulnerability, and resilience of SESs influenced by value chain practices and governance systems.

The CAF provides a holistic perspective on value, recognizing the importance of its cultural, ecological, and social dimensions alongside economic output. This broader consideration of value is crucial for the preservation of landscapes, cultural heritage, and ecosystem services in mountain regions, contributing to sustainable development.

The CAF links the dynamics of value chains with the characteristics of SESs, highlighting the interconnectedness and interdependencies between them. It identifies key research questions guiding the analysis of value chains. These questions focus on practices that shape sustainable and resilient mountain SESs and the conditions that enable local value generation and retention. The concept of "telecoupling" is adopted to understand the socio-economic and environmental interactions between geographically distant SESs, enhancing the analysis of how these systems are interconnected through value chains.

By defining the SES boundaries based on actual material and immaterial flows rather than spatial or institutional borders, the CAF supports the creation of local-based policies and solutions that balance ecological, social, and economic priorities. By emphasizing these characteristics, the CAF provides a robust framework for understanding and enhancing mountain value chains, ensuring they contribute to the resilience and sustainability of mountain SESs.

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