Messy and wicked problems do this to simplistic solutions!

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SEACHANGE IS SYSTEMS CHANGE!

SeaChange is Dakshin's intersectoral approach to intervention for system-level change. It aims to address complex socio-ecological crises faced by small-scale fisher (SSF) communities such as fish-catch declines, climate change, biocultural diversity loss and conservation conflict.

THE MODEL

Dakshin's SeaChange approach engages key challenges in critical intersecting areas of conservation, fisheries, health, governance and livelihoods.

SeaChange is based on a) systems-thinking,
b) prioritises landscapes as units of intervention,
c) derives from intuitive learning and
d) is scalable but culturally nuanced

It embeds scale and sustainability by fostering site-embedded collaboration with small-scale fisher (SSF) and local communities, local government bodies, experts and relevant industry actors.

The intuitive and embedded SeaChange model puts philanthropic resources to better use and builds ground-up capacities to support communities through shocks resulting from complex challenges, while building resilience to overcome them.
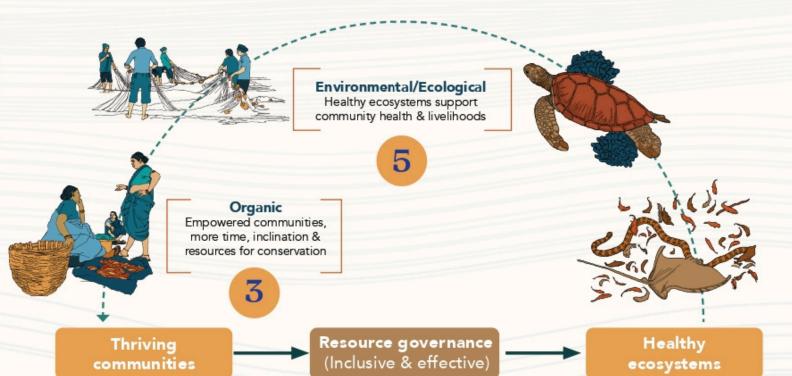
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A THEORY OF SEACHANGE

SUPPORTING HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES

3 Supporting resource-dependent communities to govern their environmental spaces, organically leads to healthier ecosystems and greater resilience against external shocks as healthy and empowered communities will have the time, resources and opportunities to contribute to resource governance and biodiversity conservation.

5 Healthy ecosystems provide better services and functions to communities through ecological and environmental pathways.

Environmental/Ecological
Healthy ecosystems support community health & livelihoods

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Organic
Empowered communities, more time, inclination & resources for conservation

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4 Working on intersectoral interventions with SSF and local communities on marine flagships, fisheries and ecosystems makes for social-ecological pathways for systems level change

Thriving communities

Resource governance
(Inclusive & effective)

Healthy ecosystems

Improving social and economic wellbeing

Enabling sustainable use of coastal and marine resources and habitats

Ethical
Community wellbeing for its own sake

1

Pragmatic
Stronger relationships, enabling democratic conservation

2

Social-Ecological
Working with flagships, fisheries and ecosystems

4

Intersectoral interventions
(Community & Environment)

1 For ethical reasons, agents of change need to work towards the wellbeing of humans as acts of solidarity and not just as instruments of environmental change as something separate from human life.

2 develop appropriate pluralistic practices that result in positive and just human and environmental outcomes by building strong, pragmatic and reciprocal collaborations with local communities