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## Introduction to the HCV Framework

FSC certificate holders, certification bodies, and others shall use this National HCV Framework as part of meeting the requirements of Principle 9. This document provides guidance for managers to implement national indicators in National Forest Stewardship Standards. This document may also be useful for Standards Developers in their development of Indicators for Intact Forest Landscapes in National Forest Stewardship Standards.

National HCV Frameworks include nationally and / or regionally specific designations of HCVs and sources of *Best Available Information*\* for identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring these HCVs. The HCV designations and *Best Available Information*\* provided in this Framework may not be exhaustive. Additional examples of HCV designations may exist at the national, regional or forest management unit scale and shall be identified by forest managers through assessments and engagement.

Specific sections of this Framework may also be applicable to National and Centralized National Risk Assessments for Controlled Wood, and to Certificate Holders seeking certification under FSC-STD-30-010 *Controlled Wood Standard for Forest Management Enterprises* and FSC-STD-40-005 *Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood*.

### **Instructions for Standard Development Groups:**

The objective of this Template for National High Conservation Value Frameworks is to provide direction and structure for Standard Development Groups (SDGs) to develop National HCV Frameworks. When preparing National HCV Frameworks, SDGs shall consult FSC-GUI-60-009 *Guidance for Standard Development Groups: Developing National High Conservation Value Frameworks*. This guidance document contains information and content that shall be considered in developing National HCV Frameworks.

1. This FSC-GUI-60-009 *Template for National High Conservation Value Frameworks* uses specific language as follows:

HCV Element: A sub-section of each of the HCV categories, focusing on one specific component.

HCV Designation: Identification at a regional or national scale of an HCV that may encompass either a broad or specific level of detail. These HCV designations can range in level of detail from being more regional, sub-national or national descriptions or definitions of HCV elements (such as IFLs), to a list of types of forest that are HCV (such as old growth), to a dataset or inventory of occurrences of HCV elements (such as Rare, Threatened and Endangered species), to information on site-specific occurrences of an HCV element (such as community watersheds).

2. Once the National HCV Framework has been completed, these green Instruction Boxes shall be deleted.

## National High Conservation Value Framework for

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## Section 1. Overarching Best Available Information

The following table shows the types of overarching Best Available Information (BAI) that is applicable for assessments for all HCVs, specific categories of HCV, or specific HCV elements. The purpose of listing this overarching BAI here is to avoid having to list it repetitively for each HCV in the following sections.

### A. Overarching Best Available Information for Assessments

<b><i>Best Available Information*</i> for Identifying and Assessing Regional or National HCV Designations</b>	
<b>All HCV Categories: All Elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data, facts, documents, expert opinions, and results of field surveys or consultations with stakeholders that are most credible, accurate, complete, and/or pertinent and that can be obtained through reasonable* effort and cost, subject to the scale* and intensity* of the management activities and the Precautionary Approach*.</li> <li>High Conservation Value* surveys of the Management Unit*; relevant databases and maps; culturally appropriate* engagement*with Indigenous Peoples, affected rights holders*, affected* and interested stakeholders*, and relevant local and regional experts; FSC-GUI-60-002 <i>Guidelines for the Implementation of the Right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent</i> (2012) (or subsequent versions when approved); review of the results by knowledgeable expert(s) independent of The Organization*.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 2: Element 1, IFLs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Forest Watch Intact Forest Landscapes* maps (2017) <a href="http://www.globalforestwatch.org">www.globalforestwatch.org</a>, or other maps based on a more recent and accurate Intact Forest Landscapes* inventory using a refined methodology.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 5: Element 1, Values fundamental to local communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culturally appropriate engagement with local communities. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 5: Element 2, Values fundamental to Indigenous Peoples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culturally appropriate engagement with Indigenous Peoples. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 6: Element 2, Values important to local communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culturally appropriate engagement with local communities. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 6: Element 3, Values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culturally appropriate engagement with Indigenous Peoples. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements.</li> </ul>

<b>Best Available Information* for Identifying and Assessing Regional or National HCV Designations</b>	
<b>important to Indigenous Peoples</b>	
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**B. Overarching Best Available Information for Development of Management Strategies**

The following table shows the types of overarching Best Available Information (BAI) that is applicable for the development of management strategies all HCVs, specific categories of HCVs, or specific HCV elements. The purpose of listing this overarching BAI here is to avoid having to list it repetitively for each HCV in the following sections.

<b>Best Available Information* for Developing Management Strategies for Regional or National HCV Designations</b>	
<b>All HCV Categories, All Elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of threats, using: Data, facts, documents, expert opinions, and results of field surveys or consultations with stakeholders that are most credible, accurate, complete, and/or pertinent and that can be obtained through reasonable* effort and cost, subject to the scale* and intensity* of the management activities and the Precautionary Approach*.</li> <li>• Engagement*with Indigenous Peoples, affected rights holders*, affected* and interested stakeholders*, and experts.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 5: Element 1, Values fundamental to local communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culturally appropriate engagement with local communities. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements. Note the “fundamentality” of the resource should be determined in collaboration with the local communities.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 5: Element 2, Values fundamental to Indigenous Peoples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culturally appropriate engagement with Indigenous Peoples. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements. Note the “fundamentality” of the resource should also be determined in collaboration with the Indigenous peoples.</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 6: Element 2, Values important to local communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culturally appropriate engagement with local communities. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements. Note that “critical... importance” should be understood as an outcome of engagement with the local communities</li> </ul>
<b>HCV 6: Element 3, Values important to Indigenous Peoples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culturally appropriate engagement with Indigenous Peoples. Note this shall be the primary BAI for these elements. Note that “critical... importance” should be understood as an outcome of engagement with the Indigenous Peoples.</li> </ul>

<b>Best Available Information* for Developing Management Strategies for Regional or National HCV Designations</b>	
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**C. Overarching Best Available Information for Development of Monitoring Methodologies**

The following table shows the types of overarching Best Available Information (BAI) that is applicable for the monitoring all HCVs, specific categories of HCVs, or specific HCV elements. The purpose of listing this overarching BAI here is to avoid having to list it repetitively for each HCV in the following sections.

<b>Best Available Information* for Monitoring Regional or National HCV Designations</b>	
<b>All HCV Categories, All Elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with rights-holders, consistent with Criteria 3.5, 4.5 and 4.7; culturally appropriate engagement with Indigenous Peoples and affected and interested stakeholders; information on engaging with representatives of the Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities; monitoring conducted by the Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities; and engagement with experts.</li> </ul>
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

## Section 2.

**HCV 1. Species diversity. Concentrations of *biological diversity*\* including endemic species, and *rare*\*, *threatened*\* or endangered species, that are *significant*\* at global, regional or national levels**

### Instructions for Standard Development Groups:

HCV 1 is comprised of three elements:

1. Concentrations of biological diversity\* that are significant\* at global, regional, or national levels;
2. Concentrations of endemic species that are significant\* at global, regional, or national levels; and
3. Concentrations of rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered species that are significant\* at global, regional, or national levels.

Using the template:

- Regional and national designations for each of these three elements shall be identified with Best Available Information in section 2A;
- Assessment methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 2B;
- Management strategies to maintain and enhance each identified HCV designations shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 2C;
- Monitoring methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 2D.



## A: Identification of HCV 1

Element 1: Concentrations of *biological diversity*\* that are *significant*\* at global, regional, or national levels

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

Element 2: Concentrations of endemic species that are *significant*\* at global, regional, or national levels:

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

Element 3: Concentrations of *rare*\*, *threatened*\*, or endangered species that are *significant*\* at global, regional, or national levels:

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

## B. Assessments for HCV 1

**Element 1: Concentrations of *biological diversity*\* that are *significant*\* at global, regional, or national levels**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	Best Available Information* to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Concentrations of endemic species that are *significant*\* at global, regional, or national levels:**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	Best Available Information* to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 3: Concentrations of *rare*\*, *threatened*\*, or endangered species that are *significant*\* at global, regional, or national levels:**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	Best Available Information* to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**C. Strategies for Maintaining and Enhancing HCV 1**

**Element 1: Concentrations of *biological diversity*\* that are *significant*\* at global, regional, or national levels**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Concentrations of endemic species that are *significant\** at global, regional, or national levels:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 3: Concentrations of *rare,\*threatened,\** or endangered species that are *significant\** at global, regional, or national levels:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

#### **D. Monitoring HCV 1**

**Concentrations of *biological diversity\** that are *significant\** at global, regional, or national levels**

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

Concentrations of endemic species that are *significant\** at global, regional, or national levels:

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

Concentrations of *rare,\* threatened,\** or endangered species that are *significant\** at global, regional, or national levels:

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

### Section 3.

**HCV 2. *Landscape*\*-level *ecosystems*\* and mosaics. Intact forest landscapes and large *landscape*\*-level *ecosystems*\* and *ecosystem*\* mosaics that are *significant*\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance.**

#### Instructions for Standard Development Groups:

HCV 2 is comprised of three elements:

1. Intact Forest Landscapes\*;
2. Large *landscape*\*-level *ecosystems*\* that are *significant*\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance; and
3. *Ecosystem*\* mosaics that are *significant*\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance.

Using the template:

- Regional and national designations for each of these three elements shall be identified with Best Available Information in section 3A;
- Assessment methodologies for each identified HCV designations shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 3B;
- Management strategies to maintain and enhance each identified HCV designations shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 3C;
- Monitoring methodologies for each identified HCV designations shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 3D.

**Element 1: Intact Forest Landscapes\***

<b>Regional or national designations of this HCV element</b>	<b>Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Large landscape\*-level ecosystems\* that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

<b>Regional or national designation of this HCV element</b>	<b>Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Ecosystem\* mosaics that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

<b>Regional or national designation of this HCV element</b>	<b>Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**B. Assessments for HCV 2**

**Element 1: Intact Forest Landscapes\***

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Large landscape\*-level ecosystems\* that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Ecosystem\* mosaics that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

### **C. Strategies for Maintaining and Enhancing HCV 2**

#### **Element 1: Intact Forest Landscapes\***

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Large landscape\*-level ecosystems\* that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Ecosystem\* mosaics that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

#### **D. Monitoring HCV 2**

**Element 1: Intact Forest Landscapes\***



Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Large landscape\*-level ecosystems\* that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Ecosystem\* mosaics that are significant\* at global, regional or national levels, and that contain viable populations of the great majority of the naturally occurring species in natural patterns of distribution and abundance:**

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

## Section 4.

### HCV 3. Ecosystems\* and habitats\*. Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered ecosystems\*, habitats\* or refugia\*.

#### Instructions for Standard Development Groups:

HCV 3 is comprised of three elements:

1. Rare, threatened and endangered ecosystems\*;
2. Rare, threatened and endangered habitats; and
3. Refugia.

Using the template:

- Regional and national designations for each of these three elements shall be identified with Best Available Information in section 4A;
- Assessment methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 4B;
- Management strategies to maintain and enhance each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 4C;
- Monitoring methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 4D.

**A. Interpretations and *Best Available Information*\* for HCV 3**

**Element 1: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered ecosystems\*:**

<b>Regional or national designations of this HCV element</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered habitats\*:**

<b>Regional or national designations of this HCV element</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Refugia\*:**

<b>Regional or national designations of this HCV element</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**B. Assessments for HCV 3**

**Element 1: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered ecosystems\*:**

<b>Assessments methods for these HCV designations</b>	<b>Best Available Information* to assess these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered habitats\*:**

<b>Assessments methods for these HCV designations</b>	<b>Best Available Information* to assess these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Refugia\*:**

<b>Assessments methods for these HCV designations</b>	<b>Best Available Information* to assess these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**C. Strategies for Maintaining and Enhancing HCV 3**

**Element 1: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered ecosystems\*:**

<b>Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations</b>	<b>Best Available Information* for strategies to maintain these</b>
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	HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered habitats\*:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Refugia\*:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**D. Monitoring for HCV 3**

**Element 1: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered ecosystems\*:**

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV
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	<b>designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Rare\*, threatened\*, or endangered habitats\*:**

<b>Monitoring for these HCV designations</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Refugia\*:**

<b>Monitoring for these HCV designations</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

## Section 5.

**HCV 4. *Critical\* ecosystem services\**. Basic *ecosystem services\** in *critical\** situations, including *protection\** of water catchments and control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes.**

### Instructions for Standard Development Groups:

HCV 4 is comprised of three elements:

1. Water catchments in *critical\** situations;
2. Control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes in *critical\** situations; and
3. Other ecosystem services\* in *critical\** situations.

Using the template:

- Regional and national designations for each of these three elements shall be identified with Best Available Information in section 5A;
- Assessment methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 5B;
- Management strategies to maintain and enhance each identified HCV designations shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 5C;
- Monitoring methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 5D.

## A. Identification of HCV 4

### Element 1: Water catchments in *critical*\* situations:

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

### Element 2: Control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes in *critical*\* situations:

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

### Element 3: Other ecosystem services\* in *critical*\* situations:

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	Best Available Information* to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

## B. Assessments for HCV 4

### Element 1: Water catchments in *critical*\* situations:



Assessments methods for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes in *critical\** situations:**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 3: Other ecosystem services\* in *critical\** situations:**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**C: Strategies for Maintaining and Enhancing HCV 4**

**Element 1: Water catchments in *critical\** situations:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.

2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes in *critical\** situations:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 3: Other ecosystem services\* in *critical\** situations:**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**D. Monitoring for HCV 4**

**Element 1: Water catchments in *critical\** situations:**

Monitoring for this HCV these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.

2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes in *critical\** situations:**

<b>Monitoring for this HCV these HCV designations</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 3: Other ecosystem services\* in *critical\** situations:**

<b>Monitoring for this HCV these HCV designations</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

## Section 6.

**HCV 5. Community needs. Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *local communities\** or *Indigenous Peoples\** (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.), identified through *engagement\** with these communities or Indigenous Peoples.**

### Instructions for Standard Development Groups:

HCV 5 is comprised of two elements:

1. Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *local communities\** (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.); and
2. Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *Indigenous peoples\** (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.);

Using the template:

- Regional and national designations for each of these three elements shall be identified with Best Available Information in section 6A;
- Assessment methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 6B;
- Management strategies to maintain and enhance each identified HCV designations shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 6C;
- Monitoring methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 6D.

**A. Identification of HCV 5**

**Element 1: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *local communities*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *Indigenous Peoples*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**B. Assessments for HCV 5**

**Element 1: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *local communities*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.

3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *Indigenous Peoples*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

Assessments methods for these HCV designations	Best Available Information* to assess these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**C: Strategies for Maintaining and Enhancing HCV 5**

**Element 1: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *local communities*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	Best Available Information* for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *Indigenous Peoples*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	Best Available Information* for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.

2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**D. Monitoring for HCV 5**

**Element 1: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *local communities*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

<b>Monitoring for this HCV these HCV designations</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* for monitoring these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *Indigenous Peoples*\* (for livelihoods, health, nutrition, water, etc.):**

<b>Monitoring for this HCV these HCV designations</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* for monitoring these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

## Section 7.

**HCV 6. Cultural values. Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *local communities*\* or *Indigenous Peoples*\*, identified through *engagement*\* with these *local communities*\* or *Indigenous Peoples*\*.**

### Instructions for Standard Development Groups:

HCV 6 is comprised of three elements:

1. Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *local communities*; and
2. Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *Indigenous peoples*\*.

Using the template:

- Regional and national designations for each of these three elements shall be identified with Best Available Information in section 7A;
- Assessment methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 7B;
- Management strategies to maintain and enhance each identified HCV designations shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 7C;
- Monitoring methodologies for each identified HCV designation shall be listed with Best Available Information in section 7D.



**A. Identification of HCV 6**

**Element 1: Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *local communities*\***

<b>Regional or national designations of this HCV element</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *indigenous Peoples*\***

<b>Regional or national designations of this HCV element</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* to identify this HCV designation</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**B. Assessments for HCV 6**

**Element 1: Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *local communities*\***

<b>Assessments methods for these HCV designations</b>	<b><i>Best Available Information</i>* to assess these HCV designations</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *indigenous Peoples*\***

Regional or national designations of this HCV element	<i>Best Available Information</i> * to identify this HCV designation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**C: Strategies for Maintaining and Enhancing HCV 6**

**Element 1: Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *local communities*\***

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information</i> * for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
(Add rows as needed)	

**Element 2: Sites, resources, *habitats*\* and *landscapes*\* of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical*\* cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *indigenous Peoples*\***

Strategies for maintaining these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for strategies to maintain these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

#### D. Monitoring for HCV 6

**Element 1: Sites, resources, *habitats\** and *landscapes\** of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical\** cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *local communities\****

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

**Element 2: Sites, resources, *habitats\** and *landscapes\** of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, and/or of *critical\** cultural, ecological, economic or religious/sacred importance for the traditional cultures of *indigenous Peoples\****

Monitoring for these HCV designations	<i>Best Available Information*</i> for monitoring these HCV designations
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<i>(Add rows as needed)</i>	

## Section 9. References