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32 competing perspectives on wildlife, while the ecosystem services framework provides a  
33 limited representation of the social and governance context wherein such competing  
34 perspectives are embedded. Here, we develop a unified Social-Ecological framework of  
35 Ecosystem Disservices and Services (SEEDS) that advances both frameworks by  
36 explicitly acknowledging the importance of competing wildlife perspectives embedded in  
37 the social and governance contexts. SEEDS emulates the hierarchical structure of  
38 Ostrom's social-ecological systems, but adds subsystems reflecting heterogeneous  
39 stakeholder views and experiences of wildlife-based services and disservices. We propose  
40 a list of variables to facilitate operationalizing SEEDS and initiate a broader discussion  
41 about the key variables for analysis across human-wildlife systems. We also suggest steps  
42 to implement the new framework and connect it with other existing approaches in social-  
43 ecological research. In conclusion, SEEDS can guide analyses across systems or within  
44 individual systems to provide new insights and management options for sustainable  
45 human-wildlife coexistence.

## 46 **Introduction**

47 Ecosystems and their biodiversity are sources of irreplaceable benefits for human  
48 societies (MEA 2005). Nevertheless, ecosystems, or ecosystem components, can also  
49 damage human well-being or property and result in costs to society (Shackleton et al.  
50 2016). This contradictory characteristic of ecosystems creates challenges for conservation,  
51 such as in the case of the management of wildlife populations that provide both benefits,  
52 and costs to human societies (Dickman 2010). Several analytical frameworks exist to  
53 assess the benefits from nature and to advance the sustainable management of  
54 ecosystems. Two such frameworks — ecosystem services (ESF) (Daily 1997) and  
55 Ostrom's social-ecological systems (SESF) (Ostrom 2007, 2009) — provide valuable  
56 perspectives toward addressing these challenges. However, they do not explicitly tackle  
57 conservation challenges where stakeholders experience both costs and benefits of

58 ecosystems, especially when these occur at different spatial or temporal scales. The ESF  
59 focuses on identifying and valuing the costs and benefits to human well-being from  
60 ecosystems, i.e., ecosystem services (Naidoo et al. 2008) and disservices, respectively  
61 (Shackleton et al. 2016), referred here jointly also as (dis)services. However, ESF lacks a  
62 consistent representation of social interactions relevant for decision-making at individual  
63 and institutional levels (Chan et al. 2012). In contrast, Ostrom's SESF groups social and  
64 ecological characteristics in subsystems but only represents the perspective of service  
65 beneficiaries (Leslie et al. 2015). Here, we summarize the structures and merge the  
66 strengths of these two frameworks (Partelow & Winkler 2016) to create a Social-Ecological  
67 framework for Ecosystem Disservices and Services (SEEDS). We discuss a step-by-step  
68 implementation of SEEDS in human-wildlife systems, which we define here as social-  
69 ecological systems within which a wildlife population of conservation concern, or of other  
70 cultural or material value is also a source of damages or threats to human wellbeing. It is  
71 imperative to find sustainable solutions for human-wildlife systems because many  
72 threatened species (Carter et al. 2012) and human populations around the world depend  
73 on them simultaneously for their survival (DeMotts & Hoon 2012).

#### 74 **The ecosystem services framework**

75 The accelerated pace at which we are losing biodiversity and associated services due to  
76 human activities (IPBES 2016) suggests that the irreplaceable benefits of ecosystems are  
77 not fully accounted for in decision-making. The ESF was proposed to integrate the benefits  
78 to society from biodiversity and ecosystems into governance (Figure 1) (Daily et al. 2009)  
79 by translating ecological processes and functions into entities of value for human societies.  
80 Recent conceptual advances aid the operationalization of ESF in land-use planning and  
81 policy. Examples include: expanding the ESF to include multiscale relationships between  
82 services (Scholes et al. 2013), feedbacks to service production through governance (Birgé  
83 et al. 2016), indirect and direct drivers on service production (MEA 2005) and

84 multidimensional service values beyond instrumental or use values (Chan et al. 2012). An  
85 expanding area of research is related to ecosystem service trade-offs, which are  
86 decreases in quality or quantity of services that occur due to the supply of other services  
87 (Raudsepp-Hearne et al. 2010). In contrast, disservices represent negative externalities of  
88 functioning ecosystems and service production, e.g., disease transmission by wildlife to  
89 humans and domestic animals (Shackleton et al. 2016). Although both refer to costs that  
90 can arise through decisions to enhance or preserve certain services, research on service  
91 trade-offs (Raudsepp-Hearne et al. 2010; Felipe-Lucia et al. 2015) is considerably more  
92 advanced than research on the distribution of disservices among stakeholders. Thus,  
93 although trade-offs have been at the forefront of ecosystem service research (IPBES  
94 2016), emerging social interactions resulting from differences and often unequal  
95 distribution of disservices among stakeholders are often not included in value-based  
96 solutions.

97 The ecosystem service literature addresses wildlife populations and the myriad of services  
98 they provide, including sanitation (Morales-Reyes et al. 2015), tourism revenues (Naidoo  
99 et al. 2016), subsistence harvest (Golden et al. 2014), and cultural and recreational values  
100 (Bateman et al. 2010). However, merely quantifying and comparing services provided  
101 against the costs to preserve them can overlook other important factors that influence the  
102 supply of those services. For instance, the African tourism revenue generated by live  
103 elephants exceeds the anti-poaching costs estimated to stop population declines but  
104 poaching continues at high levels, putting the species and its services at risk (Naidoo et al.  
105 2016). Incorporating the conflicting perspectives of people who gain from elephant tourism  
106 and of those who gain from ivory trade or incur risks from the presence of elephants might  
107 shed additional light on the observed outcomes. Indeed, elephants can also cause  
108 disservices such as damages to human property (Margalida et al. 2014) or loss of human  
109 life and health (Naughton et al. 1999). Disparate uses of wildlife and associated

110 management priorities reflect underlying conflicts and mistrust between stakeholders  
111 (Dickman 2010), who likely receive different combinations of services or disservices,  
112 perceive them differently, or have different values (Biggs et al. 2017b).

113 Ecosystem services and disservices can occur at different spatial and temporal scales,  
114 further complicating the issue. For example, cultural services provided by African wildlife  
115 are enjoyed globally, while crop and livestock damages and the loss of human life are  
116 primarily experienced locally (DeMotts & Hoon 2012). Therefore, the operationalization of  
117 ESF would benefit from developments that explicitly incorporate social and governance  
118 interactions around ecosystem services and disservices.

### 119 **The social ecological systems framework**

120 Interactions among system components and stakeholders are central to the approach of  
121 SESF to identifying the combinations of attributes that lead to sustainable outcomes in  
122 common-pool resource systems, such as fisheries, timber, and irrigation water (Ostrom  
123 2007, 2009). Many of these resources are crucial to the economies and livelihoods of  
124 human communities but without coordination for long-term conservation, resources can be  
125 depleted through individual users following their short-term interest (Berkes et al. 2006).  
126 Facilitating norms for coordinated resource use can lead to sustainable management, but  
127 success depends on numerous attributes of the system (Gutiérrez et al. 2011). Using  
128 SESF, researchers can consider systematically relevant characteristics by organizing them  
129 hierarchically into subsystems: the *resource*, the *resource units*, the *users*, and the  
130 *governance* subsystems (Figure 1). The *resource* subsystem groups variables that  
131 characterize the resource extraction system, e.g., the size, economic sector and  
132 productivity, whereas the *resource units* subsystem describes the ecological  
133 characteristics and market value of the resource, e.g., the individual animals in the  
134 resource population of interest. The *users* subsystem groups variables describing the

135 users of the resource, and the *governance* subsystem includes variables describing the  
136 formal and informal management of the system (Ostrom 2007, 2009).

137 The SESF has led to important insights into sustainable management of common-pool  
138 resources, emphasizing the importance of trust and leadership among resource users, as  
139 well as distance to markets, and efficient monitoring and sanctioning systems (Gutiérrez et  
140 al. 2011; Leslie et al. 2015). However, these analyses incorporate often only the  
141 perspective of resource users, and assume that no ecosystem disservices are  
142 experienced. This assumption can be allowed in common-pool resource systems, but to  
143 leverage the analytical power of Ostrom's SESF for systems with different characteristics,  
144 we need to adapt the structure of the framework to the reality of human-wildlife systems by  
145 explicitly including also disservices.

#### 146 **The Social-Ecological framework for Ecosystem Disservices and Services**

147 We propose a unified framework combining the social and governance analysis of the  
148 SESF with the services and disservices focus of the ESF – the Social-Ecological  
149 framework for Ecosystem Disservices and Services (SEEDS). We also draw on the  
150 concept of spatial and temporal scales, recognizing that interactions between human well-  
151 being and biodiversity can occur both within and across scales (Scholes et al. 2013; Birgé  
152 et al. 2016). This new framework has three aims: first, provide a better conceptual basis  
153 for understanding human-wildlife systems; second, identify a set of critical variables that  
154 would help standardize information across systems and serve as a template for data  
155 gathering; and third, facilitate analyses of data across systems to identify common  
156 attributes or leverage points that lead to positive social and conservation outcomes in  
157 human-wildlife systems. As a diagnostic tool, SEEDS can be used to break down the  
158 components of a human-wildlife system, systematically guide consideration of relevant  
159 factors and identify drivers of conflict on a case-by-case basis. The insights derived from

160 this diagnostic implementation can then support social-ecological approaches to  
161 conservation planning (Ban et al. 2013). The application of SEEDS can also guide future  
162 research by helping identify knowledge gaps important for understanding system  
163 interactions or anticipating outcomes of potential interventions.

164 Importantly, working closely with local communities to implement SEEDS will incorporate  
165 different stakeholder values and inform the development of coexistence strategies that  
166 have broad stakeholder support (Biggs et al. 2017b). The potential users of SEEDS  
167 include local decision-makers, conservation planners, community leaders, organizations,  
168 and researchers interested in better understanding human-wildlife systems and in  
169 achieving positive social and conservation outcomes. The legitimacy of the SEEDS user  
170 and the involvement of local stakeholders are essential to a successful implementation of  
171 SEEDS (Posner et al. 2016).

172 Structurally, SEEDS maintains the hierarchical structure of SESF by grouping system  
173 attributes into subsystems, but complements it with components that explicitly account for  
174 services and disservices (Figure 1). Since stakeholders may have multiple perspectives  
175 regarding wildlife that reflect varied relationships with biodiversity (Biggs et al. 2017b), the  
176 service and disservice components are included in the *resource* and *resource users*  
177 subsystems. Therefore, instead of the *resource* subsystem of SESF (Ostrom 2007), we  
178 propose *services* and *disservices* subsystems, each characterizing the type of service or  
179 disservice and the spatiotemporal scale at which they are experienced (Figure 2). Instead  
180 of the *users* subsystem, we create *service recipients* and *disservice recipients*  
181 subsystems. The *governance* subsystem includes information on state, municipal and  
182 community institutions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at local, national or  
183 international scales that are involved in the management of (dis)services. The governance  
184 of services and disservices is sometimes intertwined. For instance, many conservation  
185 NGOs are investing in the development of coping strategies with local farmers to minimize

186 wildlife disservices while promoting conservation and just allocation of services (DeMotts &  
187 Hoon 2012). The *wildlife* subsystem replaces the *resource units* subsystem and groups  
188 variables describing the ecology of the wildlife species considered in the system (Figure 1  
189 & 2).

190 Interactions among the subsystems influence the outcomes in the human-wildlife system  
191 and provide insight into unforeseen or unwanted feedbacks and relationships between  
192 services and disservices that need to be addressed for better coexistence (Figure 2). For  
193 example, insufficient sharing of economic benefits from ecotourism or inefficient  
194 compensation systems are reasons for which local populations can grow intolerant of  
195 conservation organizations and wildlife itself (DeMotts & Hoon 2012). While cost and  
196 benefit sharing systems result from formal and informal governance structures, the extent  
197 to which the cost/benefit sharing is effective, accessible, or fairly distributed depends on  
198 interactions among the (dis)service subsystems, the governance subsystem, and the  
199 (dis)service recipients (e.g., are they willing and able to participate in cost or benefit  
200 sharing programs?). Using SEEDS to analyze the entire human-wildlife system can help  
201 conservation practitioners and decision-makers identify which subsystem components or  
202 interactions are driving social-ecological outcomes. Furthermore, interactions can  
203 feedback to subsystems, leading to further complexity. Through monitoring based on  
204 SEEDS and implementing adaptive management (Birgé et al. 2016), stakeholders and  
205 local practitioners can identify the actions and interactions that lead to desired outcomes.  
206 Here, we propose a list of variables for each subsystem (Figure 2) to support the  
207 operationalization of SEEDS. We do not assume our list to be exhaustive – stakeholders  
208 and researchers familiar with a particular system will be best able to identify which  
209 variables are most salient for that system – and we hope that it will initiate a wider  
210 discussion about identifying the variables relevant for human-wildlife coexistence across  
211 systems. Variables in the *services* and *disservices* subsystems specifically quantify the

212 costs and benefits to humans from wildlife populations and can be tracked to illustrate  
213 trends in services and disservices over time. These subsystems also include variables  
214 capturing the scale of service and disservice (e.g., local, regional, national, global)  
215 because discrepancies in scale between services and disservices are a driver of conflict  
216 (DeMotts & Hoon 2012). The *governance* subsystem captures aspects of formal and  
217 informal governance that may be important for management of (dis)services related to  
218 wildlife populations, e.g., the extent of corruption (Anthony et al. 2010), level of  
219 bureaucracy (Barua et al. 2013) and local community involvement (Smith et al. 2012). The  
220 *service* and *disservice recipients* subsystems identify the characteristics of stakeholders  
221 experiencing ecosystem services and disservices which may influence human-wildlife  
222 conflict, including their gender, ethnic, economic, socio-political, and geographic  
223 distribution (DeMotts & Hoon 2012). These subsystems also include variables related to  
224 individual's tolerance and stewardship behaviors, attitudes, including participation in  
225 organizations and social networks that can influence social norms and decision-making  
226 (Burt 2000; Lin 2002). Local leadership, which can indicate improved coordination in  
227 solving conflicts or sharing compensation (Gutiérrez et al. 2011), is included here as well.  
228 The *wildlife* subsystem captures functional and life history traits that can affect recovery  
229 rates from illegal hunting such as generation time, or the severity of threat to human life  
230 such as animal body mass (Naughton et al. 1999).

### 231 **Implementation of SEEDS**

232 We propose a 7-step approach that seeks to characterize each of the subsystems in a  
233 logical and sequential way (Fig. 3). The activities outlined below are not intended to be an  
234 exhaustive list nor is the order of the steps unchangeable. For example, the system  
235 boundary (Step 1) may need to be redefined after the attributes of the *wildlife units*  
236 subsystem have been examined (Step 2). However, using the 7-step approach as a

237 template when analyzing human-wildlife systems ensures thorough consideration of  
238 essential components.

239 *Defining the system boundaries (Step 1)*. Determining the spatial boundaries of the system  
240 depends on who conducts the analysis and the focus of the analysis. If the focus is a  
241 single species, the system boundary might largely be defined by boundaries of distinct  
242 population units (Leslie et al. 2015). For example, the analysis might encompass the entire  
243 range of a species if that animal is geographically constrained, such as on an island. In  
244 contrast, the spotted hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*), which both depredates livestock (i.e.,  
245 disservice), but also removes dangerous organic waste from the landscape (i.e., service),  
246 occurs across much of sub-Saharan Africa (O'Bryan et al. 2018). In that case, defining the  
247 system of interest around a distinct population of spotted hyenas, such as in peri-urban  
248 areas of northern Ethiopia, would be more relevant to understand different dynamics at  
249 finer resolutions than considering the whole range of the species (Abay et al. 2011). It is  
250 also important to consider that human-wildlife systems often comprise several co-occurring  
251 wildlife species that provide bundles of services and disservices. Moose (*Alces alces*) and  
252 gray wolves (*Canis lupus*), for example, form a tightly linked predator-prey system, with  
253 each species providing various services (e.g., ecotourism revenue from wolf watching,  
254 moose hunting) and disservices (e.g., moose-vehicle collisions, reduction of game species  
255 by wolves). In this case, the system boundary would be defined based on bundles of  
256 where those services and disservices of the co-occurring species overlap (Martín-López et  
257 al. 2017). Lastly, if the emphasis is on a specific administrative unit, such as a protected  
258 area, then the system boundary would encompass a sufficiently large area that accounts  
259 for important political, social and ecological linkages to the protected area (Hansen et al.  
260 2011). Whether one treats factors and processes as external to the system of interest  
261 depends on how boundaries are defined. If the system boundary encompasses a

262 protected area, for example, then the market forces driving tourism to the reserve would  
263 be considered external to the system.

264 *Define the wildlife units subsystem (Step 2).* Information on the wildlife units of interest  
265 includes attributes regarding species behavior, biology, life-history, ecology, personality,  
266 and population trends and threats. These data can come from primary (e.g., new data  
267 collection) and secondary sources (e.g., government reports) as well as from local or  
268 indigenous communities, such as from traditional ecological knowledge (Berkes et al.  
269 2000). Combined, this information helps us understand which interventions or  
270 conservation policies are likely to be most effective. For cognitively advanced species, for  
271 example, the simultaneous use of lights, audio playbacks, and adverse taste or scent  
272 conditioning can be effective non-lethal methods for reducing wildlife disservices, such as  
273 crop damage or livestock depredation (Barrett et al. 2018). Detailed information on an  
274 animal's ecology, habitat, and food requirements can also help predict services and  
275 disservices. Big cat species attract tourists from around the world and are cultural  
276 symbols; however, because they are obligate carnivores requiring large amounts of meat  
277 they are more likely to kill livestock when wild prey numbers drop below minimum  
278 thresholds (Khorozyan et al. 2015).

279 *Define the service and disservice subsystems (Step 3).* Next, the types and spatiotemporal  
280 patterns of services and disservices that wildlife provide are defined. Although some  
281 species are often associated with either services or disservices, attention should be paid to  
282 including both. For example, leopards (*Panthera pardus*) kill livestock and pose risks to  
283 human safety, yet leopards surrounding Mumbai, India are known to consume feral dogs,  
284 which not only reduces bite and rabies incidents but also reduces dog management costs  
285 (Braczkowski et al. 2018). Multiple scales should also be considered. At broader regional  
286 scales, vultures provide widespread services by removing carcasses and recycling organic  
287 matter; whereas, at local scales farmers can experience disservices associated with

288 occasional vulture predation on livestock (Margalida et al. 2014; Morales-Reyes et al.  
289 2015). At this step, it is important to recognize the power imbalances in the system, which  
290 can make certain services and disservices less visible to decision-makers (Felipe-Lucia et  
291 al. 2015). Here, the SEEDS implementer would benefit from recent developments in  
292 ecosystem service research that help identify and catalogue (dis)services based on  
293 stakeholders input (Chan et al. 2012). A considerable challenge at this stage of the  
294 process is explicitly including diverse stakeholder perspectives, which will require effective  
295 insulation of the implementer from the power imbalances and political pressures in the  
296 system (Chan et al. 2012).

297 *Define the recipients of the services and disservices (Step 4).* After characterizing the  
298 (dis)services subsystems, attributes of the recipients are defined, including demographics,  
299 spatial distributions, attitudes and norms, and membership or participation in various  
300 organizations. For example, in the case of elephants, disservice recipients primarily  
301 include farmers who directly or indirectly incur costs from property damage. Whereas,  
302 service recipients include tourists, employees of tourist operations, local businesses that  
303 benefit from tourists, individuals who value elephants for aesthetic and cultural reasons,  
304 and those who benefit from selling ivory. Indeed, heated debate about ivory trade can be  
305 thought of as a conflict between two types of service recipients with different value  
306 structures. Referred to as a “taboo tradeoff,” one group views the death of elephants for  
307 ivory as morally unacceptable and another group views the legal trade of ivory as a means  
308 to promote conservation (Biggs et al. 2017b). Because the provision of (dis)services is, in  
309 part, a function of human-wildlife interactions, the geographic distributions of both wildlife  
310 and people influence who is a recipient of (dis)services. In Nepal, farmers who lived farther  
311 from the city and were from marginalized ethnic groups were more likely to attribute tigers  
312 (*Panthera tigris*) with disservices (Carter et al. 2014). In addition, participation or  
313 membership in certain organizations can affect how stakeholders perceive (dis)services in

314 the system considering that even purely functional associations for information exchange  
315 can lead to deeper social relationships and common values (Bodin & Crona 2009).

316 *Define governance subsystem (Step 5).* Governance of human-wildlife interactions is often  
317 a mosaic of institutions, policies, and practices. Furthermore, for a single species,  
318 governing bodies can exist at local, national, and international scales and include non-  
319 governmental organizations (NGOs). For example, gray wolf packs in and surrounding  
320 Yellowstone National Park are managed by the U.S. National Park Service and three  
321 surrounding state agencies with several NGOs promoting various management options  
322 (e.g., hunting wolves, reducing conflict with ranchers, buying land to increase landscape  
323 connectivity). Identifying the different governing bodies is important because they can  
324 have different missions and management approaches, making development of  
325 coexistence strategies across jurisdictions a challenging task (Smith et al. 2016).

326 Furthermore, the specifics of any cost and benefit sharing programs should be defined.  
327 For example, programs to compensate property damage from wildlife exist in many places;  
328 however, their effectiveness is equivocal and depends on a number of factors, such as  
329 whether compensation is contingent on property protection measures already in place  
330 (Carter et al. 2016; Nyhus 2016). Likewise, payments for ecosystem services or revenue-  
331 sharing programs are economic tools that can increase wildlife services, by allocating the  
332 monetary benefits from wildlife to different stakeholder groups (Gómez-Baggethun et al.  
333 2010). Defining attributes of property rights to wildlife and the process of making decisions  
334 about wildlife is also important because they can strongly influence who accesses wildlife  
335 (dis)services. Indeed, reconciling different, or clarifying, property rights to wildlife  
336 constitutes a key challenge in achieving coexistence (DeMotts & Hoon 2012; Treves et al.  
337 2017). Similarly, issues about legitimacy, accountability, and power dynamics in decision  
338 making are germane to sustainable human-wildlife systems (Redpath et al. 2017).

339 *Identify interactions among subsystems and resultant outcomes (Step 6)*. Because human-  
340 wildlife systems can be complex, identifying interactions among subsystems and their  
341 resultant outcomes in SEEDS is a non-trivial task that constitutes the bulk of investigation.  
342 Working closely with a range of stakeholders (e.g., local communities, government  
343 authorities, researchers, NGOs) is especially important during this step as they can shed  
344 light on the nuanced, highly contextual factors shaping human-wildlife interactions and  
345 outcomes, some of which are unanticipated. For instance, policies enacted by the  
346 European Union in response to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy outbreaks limited the  
347 availability of food resources (SEEDS interaction – Figure 2) for Eurasian griffon vultures  
348 (*Gyps fulvus*; Margalida et al. 2014). The resulting food shortages may have contributed to  
349 the apparent increase in vulture attacks on livestock, which resulted in retaliatory killing by  
350 ranchers (SEEDS outcome – Figure 2; Margalida et al. 2014). Similarly, culling of the  
351 European badger (*Meles meles*) to reduce transmission of bovine tuberculosis to cattle in  
352 Britain (SEEDS interaction) actually increased the spread of the disease in space (SEEDS  
353 outcome), because the social instability caused when badgers are killed is thought to  
354 increase opportunities for disease transmission (Bielby et al. 2014). Human-wildlife  
355 systems are constantly changing, and therefore iteratively documenting the SEEDS  
356 interactions and outcomes that alter the provisioning of wildlife (dis)services over time is  
357 important (Ruckelshaus et al. 2015). For instance, when double-crested cormorants  
358 (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) in the Great Lakes Basin, USA, were endangered in the 1970s,  
359 local communities viewed them as an iconic and important avian species, but as  
360 cormorant numbers have rebounded people are increasingly associating them with greater  
361 disservices, such as posing risks to recreational fisheries and island vegetation (Muter et  
362 al. 2009). Finally, attention should be given to understanding the mechanisms driving  
363 change in human-wildlife interactions and (dis)services; co-adaptation between humans

364 and wildlife and broad-scale patterns of modernization can shift how people perceive the  
365 costs and benefits associated with wildlife (Carter & Linnell 2016; Bruskotter et al. 2017).  
366 *Identify where changes can be made (Step 7)*. Using SEEDS to integrate a diversity of  
367 contexts, perspectives, data, and foci of inquiry can help reveal key knowledge gaps and  
368 leverage points for promoting human-wildlife coexistence in a given system. By viewing  
369 wildlife and humans as fellow actors in shared landscapes, SEEDS can facilitate new  
370 areas of interdisciplinary research such as how social networks, governance structures, or  
371 power relations influence the distributions of wildlife (dis)services. Likewise, a greater  
372 understanding of the *wildlife units* subsystem and its interactions with other subsystems  
373 can elucidate methods for evaluating and predicting how wildlife will respond to varying  
374 social-ecological conditions (Bunnefeld et al. 2011). Furthermore, deliberative,  
375 participatory processes (e.g., collaborative learning, structured decision making) with  
376 different stakeholders, especially the recipients of (dis)services, will help ensure that  
377 insights from SEEDS are effectively and ethically applied on-the-ground and in  
378 conservation planning processes (Ban et al. 2013). These processes can facilitate joint  
379 exploration of consequences of different actions (Maxwell et al. 2015) and of desirable  
380 outcomes, and therefore facilitate adoption of new practices or interventions. For example,  
381 a recent “Theory of Change” for engaging communities as key players in combating illegal  
382 wildlife trade accounts for key enabling and disabling conditions for successful  
383 interventions (Biggs et al. 2017a).

384

## 385 **Conclusion**

386 SEEDS is well suited for aligning and integrating a range of conservation frameworks and  
387 approaches with the expectations and priorities of local stakeholders. For instance, several  
388 frameworks proposed in the field of human-wildlife systems (Henle et al. 2013; Carter et al.  
389 2016) could provide input at different steps of SEEDS, especially in understanding

390 interactions and outcomes. Moreover, SEEDS could be modified to analyze services and  
391 disservices in other SES by developing specific subsystems based on the biodiversity or  
392 ecosystem component of interest, e.g., an *invasive species* subsystem would replace  
393 *wildlife* to understand the services and disservices associated with an invasive species  
394 (Pejchar & Mooney 2009).

395 Panaceas do not exist for complex problems in social-ecological systems (Ostrom 2007),  
396 including systems where human and wildlife have to share landscapes. Nevertheless,  
397 there is a tendency in the literature to reduce systems to a limited perspective, focusing  
398 either on managerial solutions in isolation (Mateo-Tomás et al. 2012), or describing the  
399 cultural and social dynamics (DeMotts & Hoon 2012). The absence of long-term and  
400 durable solutions in most cases highlights that these limited perspectives might be  
401 insufficient to address the challenges of human-wildlife coexistence. Here, we have  
402 described how SEEDS builds on the strengths of the existing social-ecological frameworks  
403 to better understand the drivers and interactions shaping coexistence and conflict in  
404 human-wildlife systems. Further use and development of SEEDS will hopefully enable  
405 practitioners, researchers, and local communities to synthesize their knowledge in order to  
406 facilitate the sustainable coexistence of humans and wildlife.

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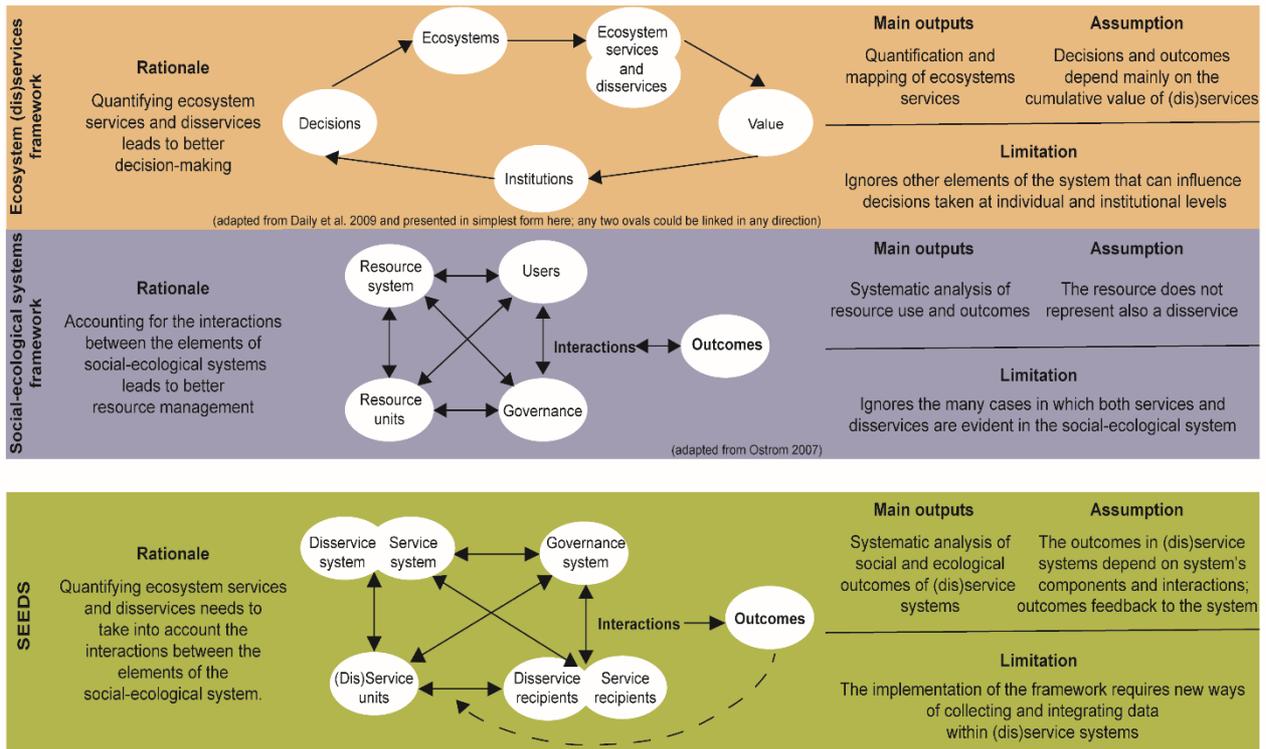
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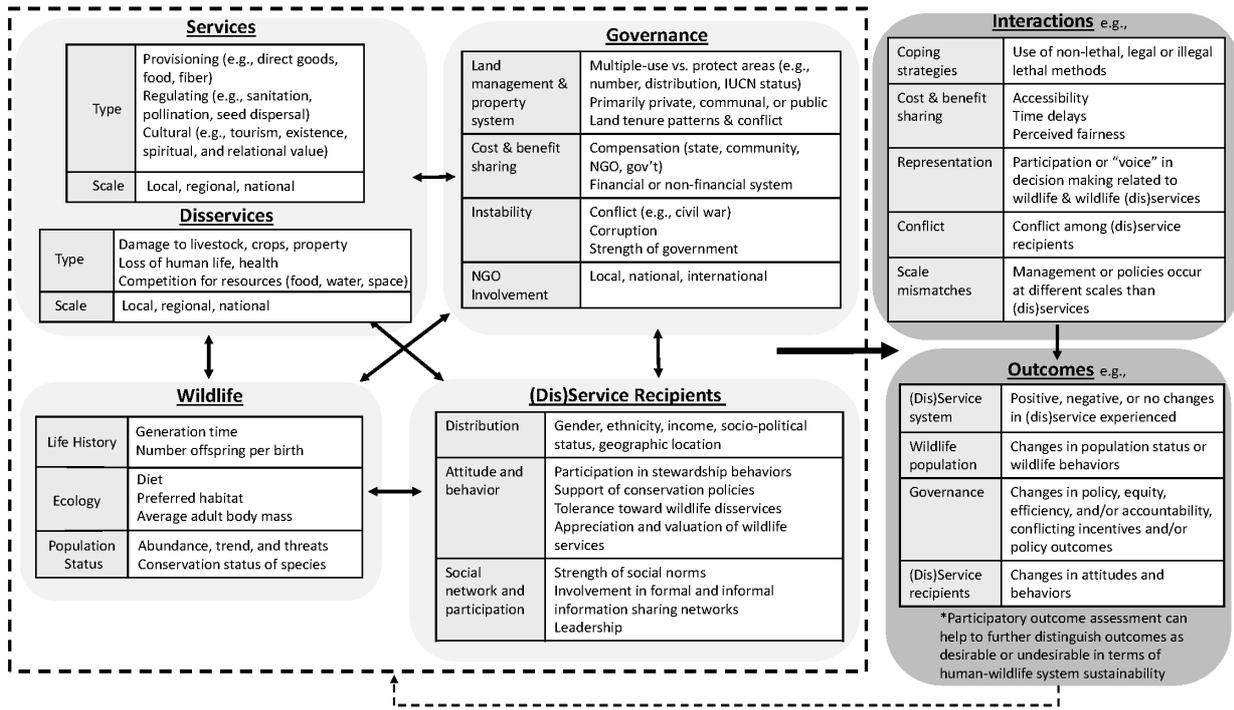


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