

# Community-Based Criteria & Values for Non-Timber Forest Products Management

In the Traditional Territory of the Missanabie Cree First Nation

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# Aboriginal Forest Planning Process

## Barriers of Dispossession

- Dispersed community
- Cultural assimilation
- Disconnected to land & Mother Earth
- Loss of language
- Lack familiarity with forest structure & composition





# Research Questions

1. What values, attitudes, and beliefs do community members hold regarding sustainable & responsible NTFP development & conservation?
2. How can the community advance planning & developing strategies that will enable them to reach their strategic visions of sustainability?



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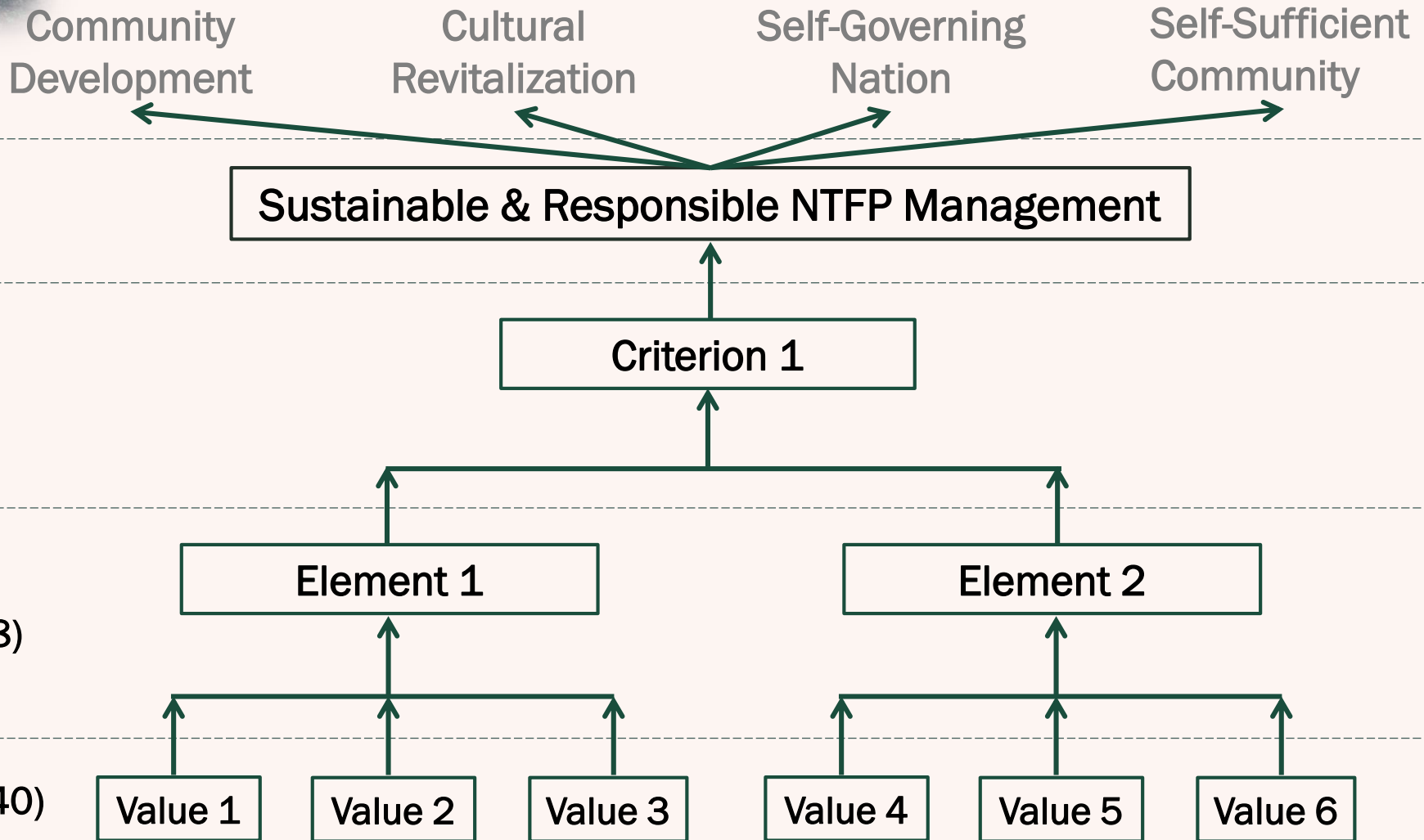
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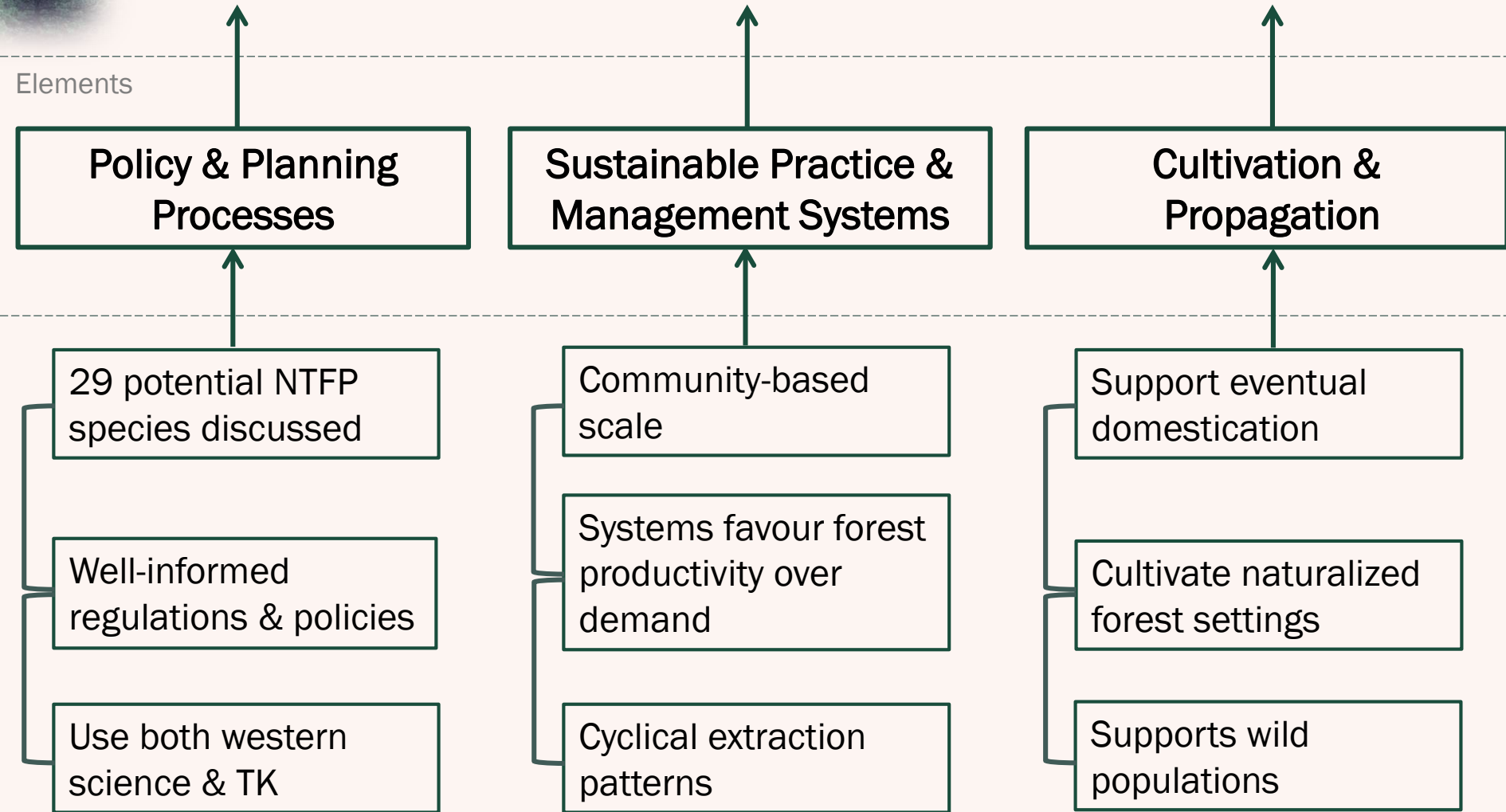
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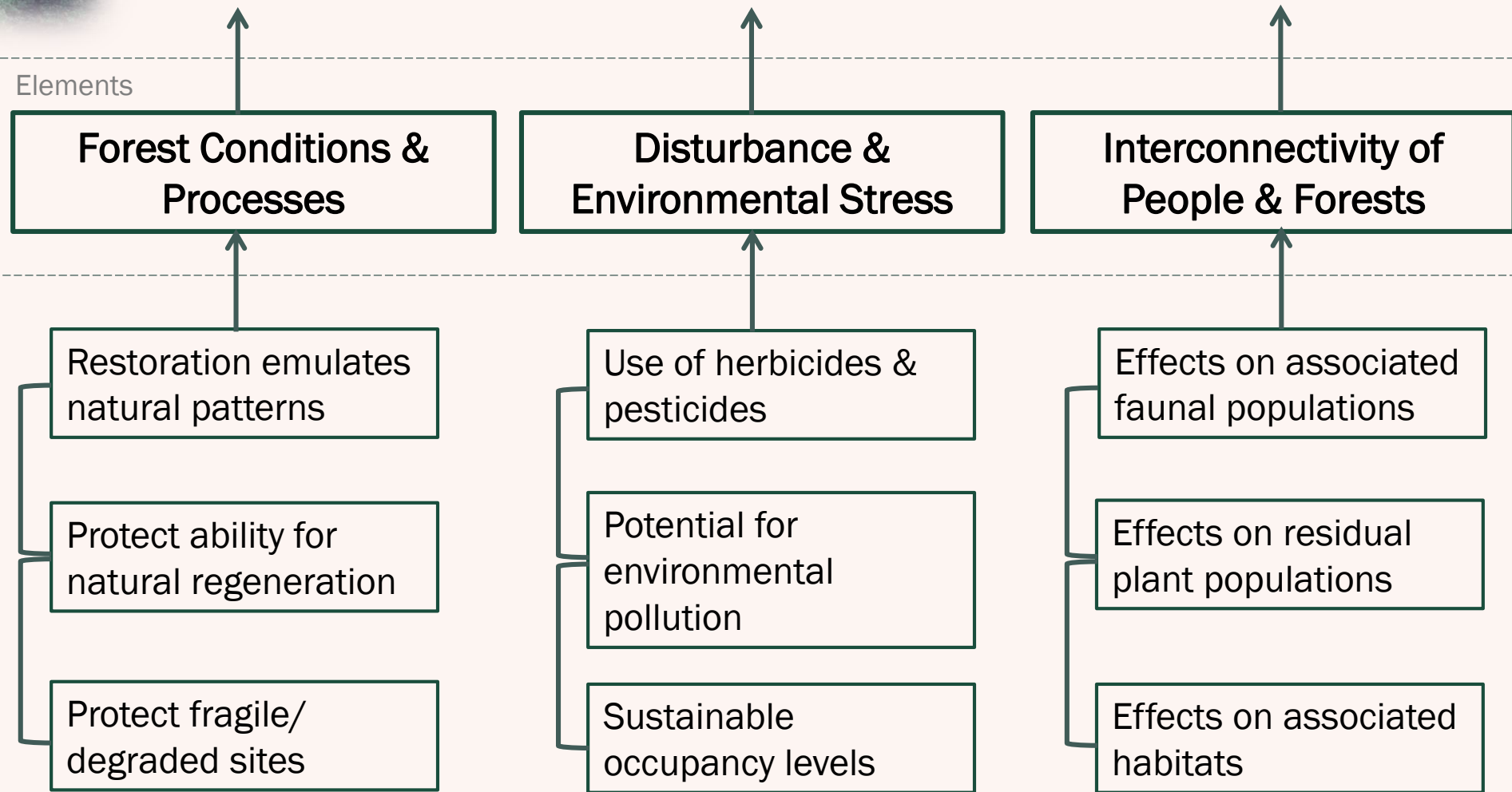


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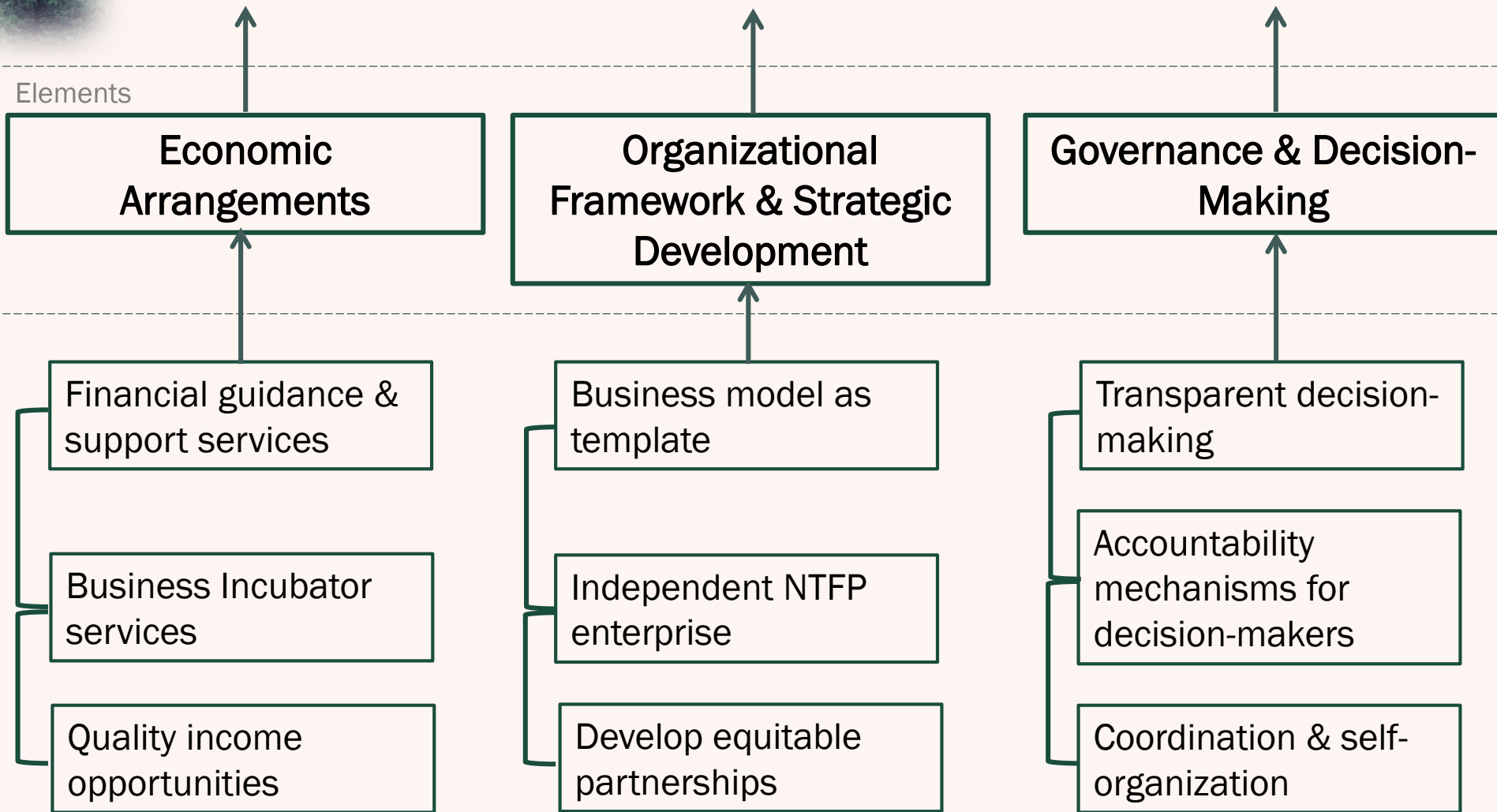




# Criterion 2: Maintenance & Enhancement of NTFP Health



# Criterion 6: Enhancing Capacity of Institutions



# NTFP Development Practice & Policy

## Emphasize food NTFPs

- Low entry costs
- Well established markets
- Enhance self-sufficiency, health & well-being

## Further refine development portfolio

- Ecological viability
- Economic viability
- Supply chain

## Draw on models of success

- Prominence of community-based enterprise
- Numerous local/Indigenous examples
- Expedite development & socio-economic benefits



# NTFP Conservation Practice & Policy

## Prioritize conservation conceptualization, implementation & evaluation

- Forest conservation codes of forest practice
- Formal conservation agreements
- Access & use policy

## Adopt ecosystem-based approaches

- Align with holistic & ecocentric worldview
- Respect forest interconnectivity
- Protect biodiversity across scales

## Integrated landscape-level conservation

- Address capacity limitations
- Deepen understanding of cumulative impacts
- Increase efficacy of community capital



# Future Research

## Baseline Biological Data

- Habitat Suitability Modeling
- Species Distribution Mapping
- Forest Resource Inventory

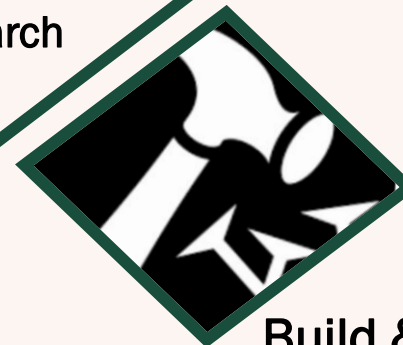


## Forge Collaborative Partnerships

- Address internal gaps
- Access to capital
- Build capacity



Advancing  
NTFP  
Research



## Link Modern Research & TEK

- Co-learning opportunities
- Co-create new knowledge
- Match policy to local needs, values & resources

## Build & Elaborate

- Review & retool
- Indicator development
- Continuously refine & revise

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