

PRACTICE

Prevention and Restoration Actions to Combat Desertification. An Integrated Assessment.

PRACTICE is a global initiative that gathers scientists and stakeholders from among the most affected regions of the world to combine local and scientific knowledge to help address the **desertification challenge**. In this way, we hope to learn from past and ongoing experiences, and equally important, from each other.

Duration: 36 months

Start Date: 01/09/2009

Project Coordinator:

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Consortium: 16 partners from 12 countries

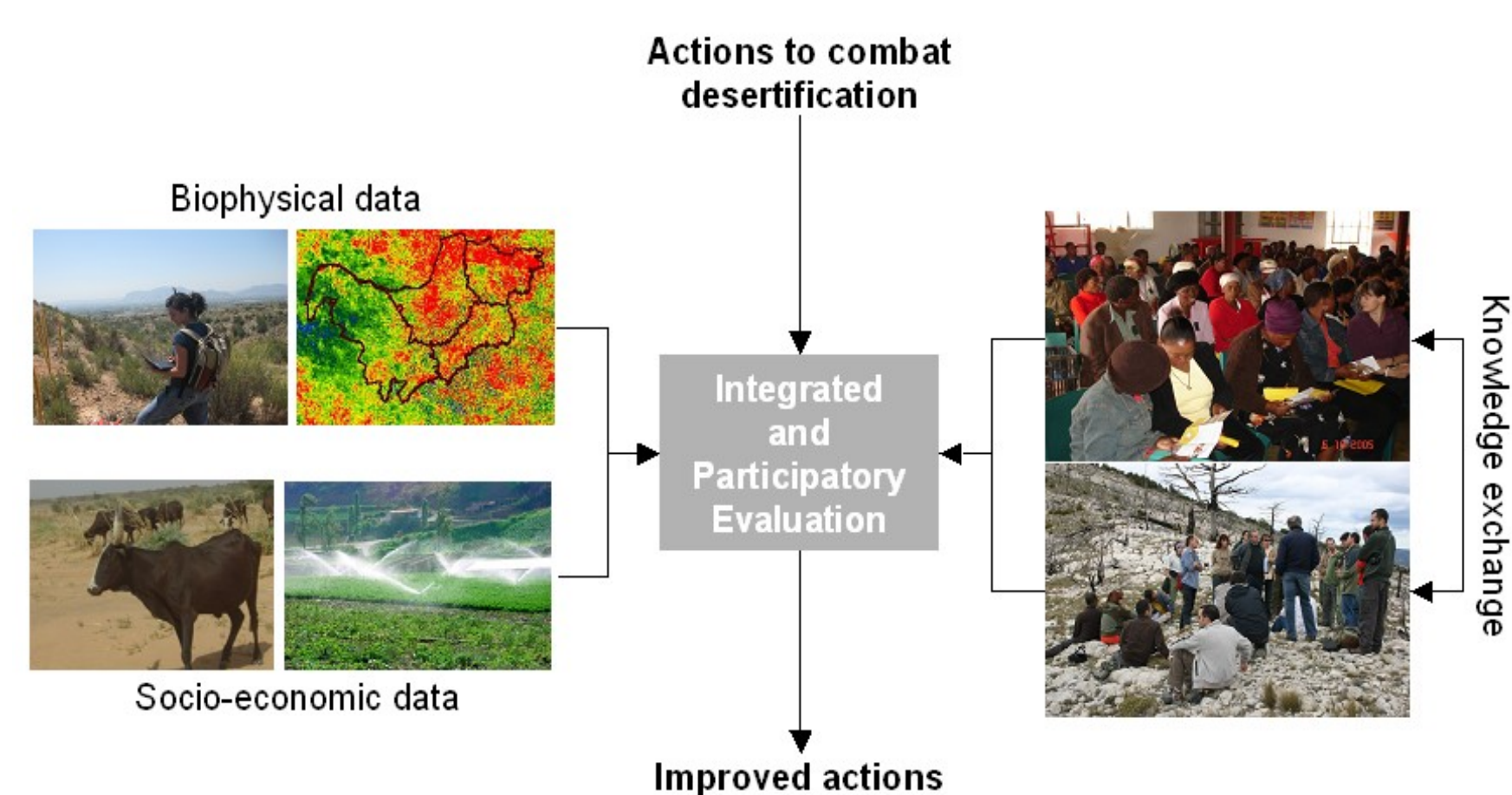
Project Web Site: <http://www.ceam.es/practice>

CENTRAL GOAL

To link science to society in order to share and transfer evaluation methods and practices to combat desertification.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- develop and implement an **integrated evaluation tool** to assess the effectiveness of prevention and restoration practices.
- develop **translational science strategies and education material** addressing and involving stakeholders at all levels, from farmers and local organisations to national and international bodies.
- create an **international platform of long-term monitoring sites** aimed at supporting future synthetic analysis, improving the accessibility and use of long-term data, and disseminating knowledge on best practices worldwide.



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EC Contribution: 976.963 €

Project Partners

CEAM Foundation - Spain

University of Alicante - Spain

Nucleo Ricerca Desertificazione (NRD), University of Sassari - Italy

University of Trier - Germany

Euro Mediterranean Center on Climate Change - Italy

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Greece

University of Aberdeen - United Kingdom

Fund. Universidad Empresa Región de Murcia & Spanish Ministry of Environment - Spain

University of Hamburg, BioCentre Flottbek - Germany

Liga para a Protecção da Natureza (LPN) - Portugal

Ben Gurion University - Israel

North-West University - South Africa

NE Normal University & Shengyang Institute of Applied Ecology - China

Instituto de Ecología y Biodiversidad - Chile

Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León - Mexico

University of Arizona - United States of America

THE STUDY SITES

PRACTICE involves research teams and stakeholder platforms in **12 countries**:

- In **Mediterranean Europe**: Greece, Italy, Spain, and Portugal
- In **Africa**: Morocco, Namibia, South Africa
- In **Middle East**: Israel
- In **Asia**: China
- In **America** (South, Central and North): Chile, Mexico, and USA



THE PORTUGUESE SITE - Special Protection Area of Castro Verde: *Preliminary Results*

PRACTICE Integrated Assessment Protocol

