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Needs Assessment

The following series of questions helps you to analyze and identify ongoing areas of need within organizations addressing your issue.

1. Identify 3-5 organizations working on issues related to the issue your team is working on.

2. What does each organization do well in response to the issue and/or related issues?

3. What could each organization do better in its response?

4. What areas of need related to access to your issue have you learned about that each organization is NOT addressing?

5. Considering all 3-5 organizations, where are there ongoing needs that are not being adequately addressed?

6. Considering all 3-5 organizations, where are there ongoing needs that are being addressed successfully, and to which you can add further efforts to support the issue of biodiversity loss?

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Solution Tree

In your solution tree graphic organizer, start by rewriting the problem from your problem tree, and reframing it as a goal at the center of the tree. Then consider the different solutions (the roots) and possible outcomes of the solutions (the branches).

LEAVES/BRANCHES: OUTCOMES

These are the results created by the solution. Results may appear as straightforward as having achieved goals, but when you consider the ripple effects and outcomes of sustainable results, the impact is far-reaching and long-lasting. Always ask: "Then what happens?"

TRUNK: PROBLEM

TRUNK: GOAL

ROOTS: SOLUTIONS

These are the actions needed to solve the problem and achieve the goal stated at the center of the solution tree. When exploring solutions, ask yourself "How will this solve the problem?" Dig deeper to think holistically, so that you are looking beyond the short-term and addressing not only the symptoms of the problem but the root causes as well.