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The Method of „Zukunftswerkstatt“ (Future Workshop) as a Participatory Stakeholder-Dialogue-Format in Nature-Protected Areas

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Biodiversity conservation within nature-protected areas is crucial as human activities continue to disturb these ecosystems. This study introduces the “Zukunftswerkstatt” (Future Workshop) method as a participatory stakeholder dialogue approach, structured around three phases: ‘Complaint/Critique,’ ‘Fantasy/Utopia,’ and ‘Realization.’ This method fosters collaborative problem-solving and the development of innovative solutions. By engaging various stakeholders—farmers, governmental authorities, conservation organizations, and others—the approach facilitates identification of key challenges and co-creation of sustainable strategies. Our presentation illustrates how this dialogue format empowers stakeholders, fosters creativity, and builds consensus, laying a pathway for sustainable biodiversity conservation in ecologically sensitive areas.

The application of the Future Workshop method supports active engagement, integrated problem-solving, and structured dialogue, encouraging stakeholders to analyze the effects of human activities on protected biodiversity. By utilizing the structured phases of the “Zukunftswerkstatt,” participants can identify critical issues, create actionable strategies, and work collectively toward biodiversity goals. This participatory format has demonstrated its effectiveness in building lasting solutions, contributing to sustainable conservation efforts.

Biography

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