



# CROSSROADS

## A GAME OF DECISIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

**A game of scenarios to develop decision-making skills... players need to make choices by considering social, environmental and economic consequences when making decisions about land use and natural resource use. The game frames decisions in a fun and participatory way, encouraging interaction and discussion. It is often in discussions that real learning takes place.**

We all make choices every day. With the various choices presented in this game, players are asked to consider and trade off economic, social and environmental consequences in making their decisions. The game provides a tool for learning about trade-offs and benefits from nature (financial and non-monetary benefits and market and non-market values of nature and ecosystem services).

### GAME-BASED LEARNING

Games can incorporate important learning concepts at the same time as providing a fun way to learn. They can educate players and prepare them for taking real-world decisions about a variety of environmental challenges.

PRINT the following PDFs to play the Crossroads game:

- Game box cover (A4)
- Game cards
  - **'Surprise' labels** (6 per A4 page), which are cut up and stuck onto the front of the surprise envelopes
  - **'Surprise' cards** (3 per A4 page), which are cut up and placed into the surprise envelopes
  - **'Decision' cards** (1 per A4 page), stuck on the front of the decision envelopes
  - **'Consequences' cards** (1 per A4 page), which are placed into the decision envelopes
- Game instructions (A4)

### OBJECTIVES

The game contributes to:

- Developing consequential and critical thinking skills and reasoning skills in the context of decision-making for land- and natural resource-use
- Empowering participants to assess different options and make informed decisions
- Building group decision-making skills by encouraging interaction, discussion and agreement
- Raising awareness of the range of benefits (financial and non-monetary) from nature
- Highlighting the importance of considering consequences of decisions over time.

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