

Governance of the Common Good(s)

One Planet Conversations

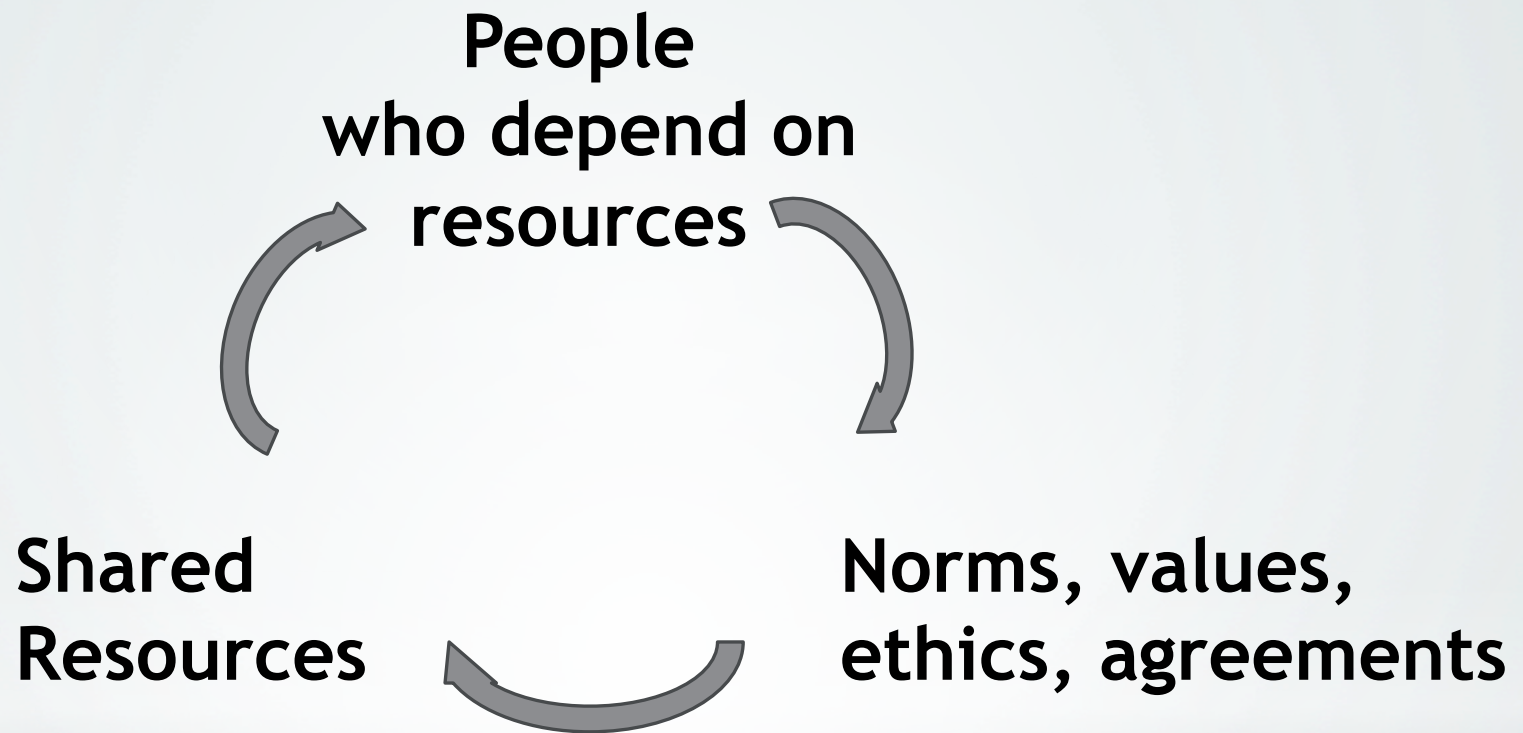
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Common - belonging to or affecting
the whole

From Latin “*munus*” which means
both “gift” and “duty to contribute”.

- ***Tragedy of the Commons*** - people cannot be trusted to take care of common resources due to unconstrained self interests
- ***Governing the Commons*** (Ostrom) – people can be trusted to organize ourselves to take care of common resources when we talk to each other, and create agreements supported by good processes.

Commons: Dynamic interdependent relationship



the relationship amongst the resources people depend on for quality of life, and the socially negotiated agreements (governance principles and laws) that have been developed to protect, maintain and enhance these resources for current and *future generations*

Indigenous practises - on all
continents

Aristotle – value in use, value in
exchange

Roman Law

Magna Carta

Commons “Resources” can refer to:

Naturally Occurring

Water

Forests

Minerals

Soil

Oceans

Atmosphere

Human Created

Culture

Language

Knowledge

Institutions

Inventions

Internet

Local, Regional, Global

Abundant or Scarce

Renewable or Depletable

Enclosures

Privatization

Commodification

Individualism

Scarcity Pricing

Wage Labour

Dilemma dynamics

Free Riders: why pay if you can ride for free

Suckers: if you pay when others are getting away with a free ride.

Governance
and Economic
Systems

Social Systems

Earth Systems

Universal Systems

Some Discussion Questions:

1. Our Common Resources : What needs protection? What needs freedom to expand. How should this be done/ Who should be involved?
2. Creating and Reclaiming Value: how can we value things not acknowledged in the “box?” How do you define “success?””wellbeing?”
3. Free Riders/Suckers...when have you noticed one or both of these? Personally, and/or in society?



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