

Human Migration: Environmental Dimensions of Refugees and Internally Displaced Peoples

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MOVING TOWARDS PEACE: BIODIVERSITY, CONFLICT AND MIGRATION

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Biodiversity

- Nature/Environment
- Ecosystem Services
- Species
- Natural Resources
- Well-being

Conflict

- Violent/Non-Violent
- Environmental Triggers/Contributing Factors
- Impacts to Environment

Environmental Change

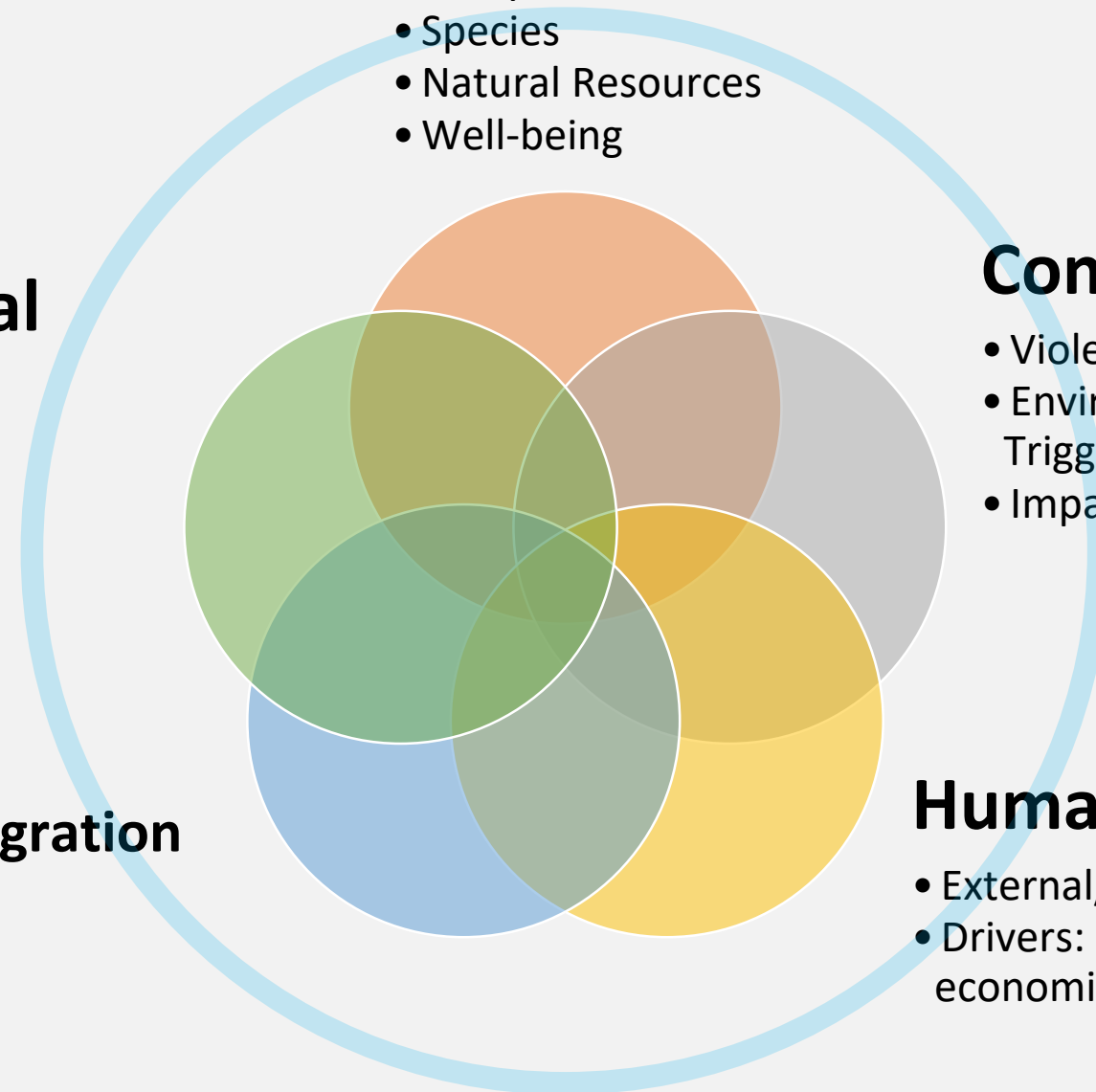
- Climate Change
- Degradation
- Growing Populations

Species Migration

- Natural
- Assisted
- Inhibited

Human Migration

- External/Internal
- Drivers: environmental, economic, cultural, political



FILLING IN THE GAPS

1

Mapping Dynamics

- Multi-/inter-scalar linkages
- Context: time, site, identity group or species specific
- Intervening factors

2

Mapping Impacts

- Conservation Areas
- Key Biodiversity Areas and Biodiversity Hotspots
- Host/Migrant communities

3

Mapping Lessons

- Learning from the past
- Challenges and successes
- What can be scaled, replicated or adapted?

MIGRATIONS IN MOTION

As climate change alters habitats and disrupts ecosystems, where will animals move to survive? And will development prevent them from getting there?

This map shows the average direction mammals, birds, and amphibians need to move to track hospitable climates as they shift across the landscape.



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Discussion Questions

What are the impacts of human migration on biodiversity, natural resources, protected areas, etc.?

What insights and best practices are available that may mitigate negative consequences of migration and displacement?

What environmental conditions prompt or aggravate migration and displacement?

What other factors play an important role in driving migration and displacement?

How can we transition away from fear narratives towards those of preparedness and socio-ecological resilience?

How can we harness the knowledges of migrants and refugees to benefit conservation and sustainability?

How can we approach planned and facilitated migration in parallel to the above questions?

What is needed to better understand migration and displacement to offer policy and programmatic interventions?