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COSTA RICA: FROM TRADE-OFFS TO SHARED VALUE

Costa Rica´s Environmental Leadership

- **Nearly 100% of Costa Rica's electricity is generated from renewable sources.**
- **Environmental education** is integrated into the national education system**.**
- **Forest cover has recovered to nearly 60%** of the national territory after reversing deforestation.
- **Nature-based tourism** has become a key pillar of the economy
- **The Payments for Environmental Services (PES) Programme** has been instrumental in maintaining forest cover, conserving biodiversity, and creating economic incentives for conservation**.**

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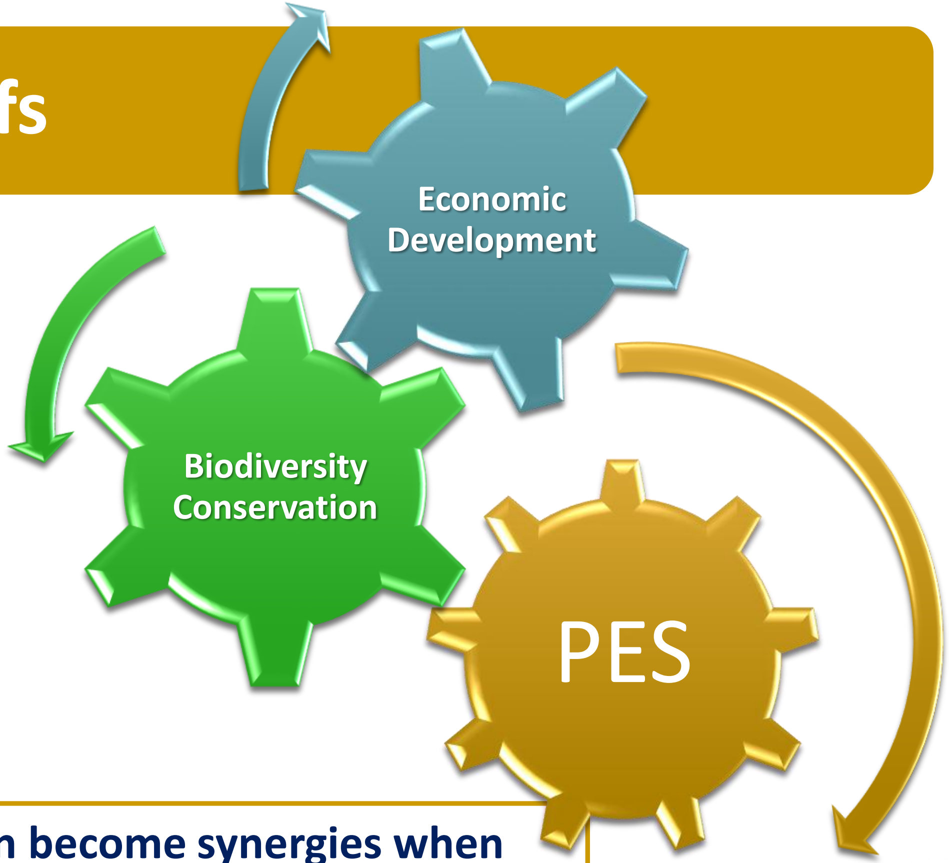
Key lessons for managing policy trade-offs

- **Policy coherence**: Economic incentives support—not compete with—environmental objectives.
- **Evidence-based decisions:** Robust indicators guide policy design and adaptive management.
- **Inclusive governance:** Government, communities, private sector and landowners share responsibility.
- **Long term vision:** Stable institutions create confidence for investment and conservation.



Trade-offs can become synergies when public policies align incentives with ecosystem value.

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