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# Intersecting Pathways to Biodiversity: A Methodological Framework for PLANET4B

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## How can we address biodiversity loss through the intersectional lens

PLANET4B tackles rising inequalities and biodiversity loss by employing the concept of intersectionality. Recognising potential oppression mechanisms at the intersections of race, gender, disability, sexuality, class, age, and other social categories, the consortium uses intersectionality to provide a deeper understanding of biodiversity-related case studies. Intersectionality, however, is not a theory with clear methodological considerations. Hence, this PLANET4B report[1] provides valuable insights into biodiversity-relevant literature and adds concrete methodological approaches for transdisciplinary case studies.

## Key findings

- Intersectionality plays a crucial role in tackling the intertwining issues of inequalities and biodiversity loss. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the complex dynamics among various social categories and their effects on biodiversity.
- The co-creation process facilitated by PLANET4B has led to the development of a methodological framework for future biodiversity case studies. This framework constitutes a significant step forward for intersectionality-based research and practice in biodiversity conservation.
- Embracing intersectionality can challenge conventional notions of objectivity and distance in research, and pave the way for the creation of more inclusive and equitable biodiversity policies.
- The intersectional framework developed by PLANET4B can guide other research projects aiming at environmental and social justice.
- Future biodiversity research should continue to adopt and refine intersectionality as a reflexive as well as practical approach to incorporate diverse actors and achieve multispecies justice.

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[1] Methodological framework for intersectionality analysis

## *Co-creation of a Methodological Framework*

The PLANET4B consortium conducted a series of workshops that led to the development of a methodological framework on intersectionality for upcoming biodiversity case studies. This co-created framework comprises three elements: a) utilizing intersectionality as a starting point of reflexivity for researchers, b) factoring in intersectionality and positions of privilege when engaging actors, and c) undertaking case studies with an intersectional lens. These elements are anchored by guiding principles and useful questions that can be used for research in the context of environmental and social justice.

## *What's Next: Intersectionality and Future Biodiversity Research*

Applying the intersectionality concept is the next crucial step in biodiversity research. This involves researchers reflecting on their privileges and experiences, building trust with potential participants, and utilizing diverse knowledge sources. By embracing intersectionality, biodiversity research can aim for multispecies justice, which is an innovative approach to conserving biodiversity and achieving social justice.

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