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Dear Alexandros

Happy new year!! How are you?

Will we have a meeting tomorrow finally?

We send to you two comments about the introduction of the concept of ancestral/traditional knowledge on NBS.

The term ancestral knowledge is in the draft on page 24:

“...There are many ways to acquire water-related knowledge: lifelong learning, community story-telling as a form of ancestral knowledge, training...”.

whereas the term indigenous figures 8 times, but related with local knowledge there are the following comments:

pag. 14. ability of decision makers to benefit from the use of indigenous knowledge.

pag. 21. Tools should be developed in a way that encourage citizen science and other social applications that can improve water management, such as integrating modern science with indigenous and local knowledge.

pag. 33. Scientific information should be combined with indigenous/local knowledge and widely disseminated in scientific journals, education sources and other widely consulted media and digital outlets.

pag. 36. efforts should be implemented through inclusive approaches, ensuring that young minds are considered, that indigenous and local knowledge are the starting point and that all stakeholders are included in the process

However, we consider that it could be really important to add the term ancestral/traditional hydrotechnologies linked with Traditional Ecological Knowledge, that is not present in the document, as potential nature based solutions and adaptation techniques. We suggest two locations in the text where it could be added, in priority areas 1 and 4. More details on the attached doc.

Best regards

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