

## Building the taxonomy

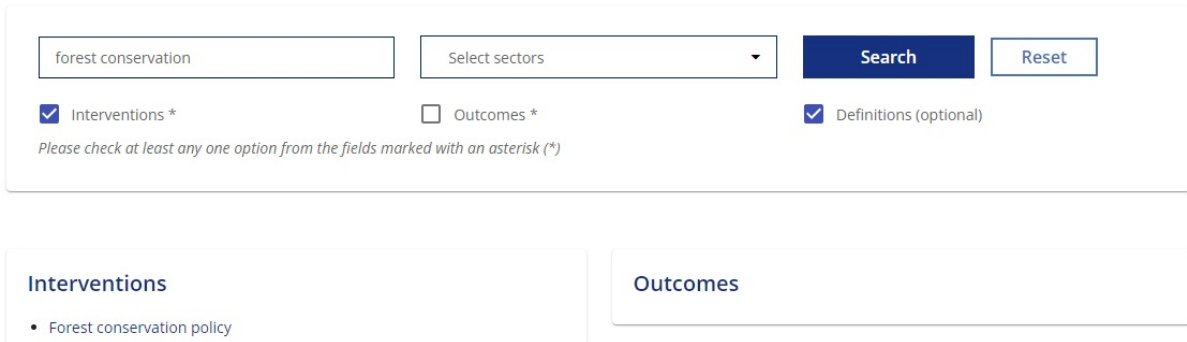
The starting point for the taxonomies was the [World Bank's sector taxonomy](#). 3ie staff reviewed notable evaluations, systematic reviews and 3ie evidence gap maps, along with a number of already existing classifications used by international organisations working in these sectors. We developed draft taxonomies for each sector, which we shared with sector experts, who provided feedback through roundtable discussions and written comments. We are sincerely grateful to all the 50+ researchers, policymakers, and practitioners who generously donated their time to this effort.

## Taxonomy structure: groupings and definitions

For both intervention and outcome taxonomies, there are three levels of categorisation (in addition to the general sector classification):

- Broad group (e.g., “Agricultural policy & infrastructure”)
- Intervention/Outcome group (e.g., “Forestry policy”)
- Intervention/Outcome (e.g., “Forest conservation policy”)

The [taxonomy explorer](#) page provides multiple options for finding interventions and outcomes of interest. One is by typing in search terms, with options to search for these terms among the interventions, outcomes, or both. You can also decide whether to search in the text of the definitions of the interventions and outcomes, or just the names of the categories themselves:



The screenshot shows a search interface with a text input field containing "forest conservation", a dropdown menu for "Select sectors", and "Search" and "Reset" buttons. Below the input fields are three checkboxes: "Interventions \*" (checked), "Outcomes \*" (unchecked), and "Definitions (optional)" (checked). A note below the checkboxes reads: "Please check at least any one option from the fields marked with an asterisk (\*)". Below the search area are two expandable panels: "Interventions" (expanded) showing a list item "Forest conservation policy", and "Outcomes" (collapsed).

For users who might not immediately know which search terms to use, we provide an expandable tree-like structure, which allows them to get a bird's eye view of the sectors, and then drill down to highly-specific categories:

Interventions	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture &amp; Forestry ^           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural policy &amp; infrastructure ^               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural chemical policy ⓘ v</li> <li>Agricultural market policy ⓘ v</li> <li>Agricultural research &amp; development ⓘ v</li> <li>Biofuel policy ⓘ v</li> <li>Farming certifications ⓘ v</li> <li>Food policy ⓘ v</li> <li>Forestry policy ⓘ ^                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest conservation policy</li> <li>Participatory forest management</li> </ul> </li> <li>Irrigation and water supply ⓘ v</li> <li>Land titling &amp; reform ⓘ v</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture &amp; Forestry v</li> <li>Conflict, Security, &amp; Fragility v</li> <li>Education v</li> <li>Energy &amp; Extractives v</li> <li>Financial Sector v</li> <li>Health v</li> <li>Industry, Trade, &amp; Services v</li> <li>Information &amp; Communications Technologies v</li> <li>Public Administration v</li> <li>Rule of Law v</li> <li>Social Protection &amp; Development v</li> <li>Transportation v</li> <li>Water, Sanitation, &amp; Hygiene v</li> </ul>

Definitions for the two lowest levels of categorisation (Intervention/Outcome groups and Interventions/Outcomes) help the user to understand the scope of each category.

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**Forest conservation policy**

Definition  
Government policies that regulate conservation of forest land (e.g., logging quotas or protected areas)

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**Agriculture & Forestry**

**Agricultural policy & infrastructure**

**Forestry policy**

**Forest conservation policy**

Clicking on the lowest level intervention or outcome opens a page with its definition. It also contains a full path explaining under which sectors/groups it can be found. Some codes can only be found in one place in the taxonomy, others cut across sectors/groups and so appear in multiple places in the tree.

## Searching for studies by Intervention/Outcome

Once you've identified the Interventions/Outcomes of interest in the taxonomy explorer, you can return to the main DEP site to find relevant studies. Studies with particular Interventions or Outcomes of interest can be retrieved on the DEP's search page in two ways:

1. First, you can use the left-hand filters for 'Interventions' and 'Outcomes'.

**OECD DAC CODES** New! ▼

**UN GLOBAL GOALS** New! ▼

**INTERVENTIONS** New! ▲

- Forest conservation policy (59)
- Outreach services of care (58)
- Continuing education for educators (55)
- Educational hand hygiene promotion (54)
- Postnatal care (54)
- Agricultural extension worker training (50)
- Improved inputs for agriculture (49)
- Malaria prophylaxis (48)
- Individual health communications (47)
- Seed grants (45)
- Land titling and certification (44)

**OUTCOMES** New! ▲

- Forest coverage (26)
- Deforestation (9)
- Overall household income (4)
- Poverty status (4)
- Income from forestry (3)

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**Impacts of payments for ecosystem services programme in Mexico**

Alix-Garcia, Jennifer; Aronson, Glen; Radeloff, Volker; Reyes, Carlos Ramirez; Shapiro, Elizabeth; Sims, Katharine; Pagans, Patricia Yañez

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**Household Participation And Effects Of Community Forest Management On Income And Poverty Levels: Empirical Evidence From Bhutan**

Rahut, Dil Bahadur; Ali, Akhter; Behera, Bhagirath

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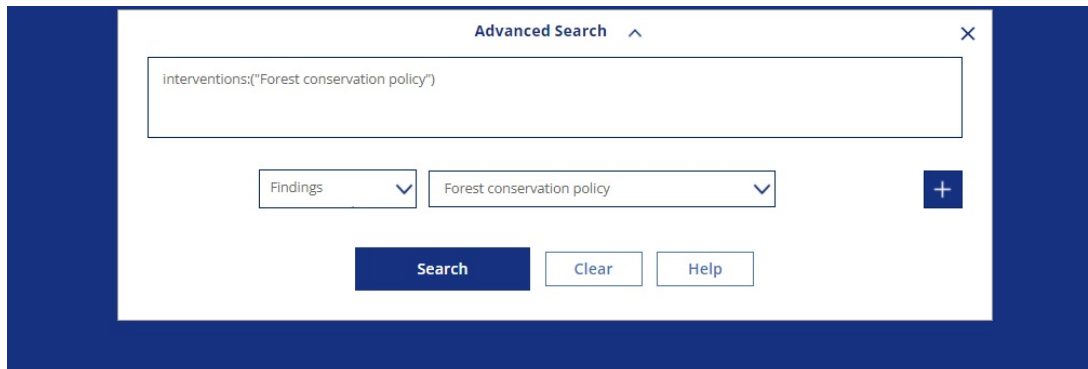
Impact Evaluation 2014 | Journal article 🔖

**Household Participation In A Payments For Environmental Services Programme: The Nhambita Forest Carbon Project (Mozambique)**

Hegde, Ravi; Bull, Gary Q.; Wunder, Sven; Kozak, Rober A.

The left-hand filters have the limitation of only displaying the most common 100 interventions and outcomes within the current set of studies (i.e., those matching the basic search terms or the filters already applied).

2. Another, more powerful option is to use the Advanced search by choosing the 'Interventions' or 'Outcomes' option from the dropdown (this can be used in combination with the left-hand filters).



Filter Results Clear Filters 1-50 of 59 Results **interventions:(\"Forest conservation policy\")**

*Similar searches: Deforestation Protected Areas Conservation Forest*

Sort by: Most Relevant Results/page: 50

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**Decentralized Forest Management For Reducing Deforestation And Poverty In Low- And Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review**

Sami, Cyrus; Lisiecki, Matthew; Kulkarni, Parashar; Paler, Laura; Chavis, Larry

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**SECTOR**  
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

**STATUS**  
Completed

Confidence Indicator ⓘ **★★★**

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Forest coverage (26)

Whether using filters, advanced search or a combination of both, the examples above show that there are currently 59 studies that examine effectiveness of forest conservation policies, out of which 26 measure their effects on forest coverage.