Building Bridges Across Disciplinary and Jurisdictional Boundaries

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Colloquium Themes

• Instruments → implementation

• Governance & institutional effectiveness

• Beyond jurisdictional boundaries
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Overview

- Challenges
- Need for non-doctrinal methods
- Research in action
- Ways forward
Challenges of Environmental Law Scholarship
Challenges

• Uncertainty and the need for adaptive measures

• Science–based nature

• Challenge of interdisciplinarity

• Quality Control, Academic Rigour
Research in Action
Triangulation
PALM Project

HoB Project

Refined Hypotheses

Further Refined

Interviews, field visits

Transboundary Water Criteria

Transboundary Biodiversity Criteria

Scoping, Interviews, field visits

Desk-based research
Methods Used

• Legal–Doctrinal
• Interdisciplinary Literature Review
• Case Studies
  – Field Visits/Observations
  – Interviews
  – Focus Groups
• Comparative
Case Study 1: The PALM Project
Desk-based research → Hypotheses
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Desk-based research

Hypotheses
Case Study 2: The Heart of Borneo
Visit 2: PALM Project

Focus Groups
Palm Project

Hypotheses

Refined Hypotheses

HoB Project

Further Refined

Transboundary Biodiversity Criteria

Further interviews, focus groups

Scoping, Interviews, field visits

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Desk-based research
Comparative

Transboundary Biodiversity

Transboundary Water

Literature Review
Ways Forward
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• Enhanced interdisciplinarity

• Enhanced engagement

• Implementation of adaptive measures

• Training

• Documentation