**Check list 4C. Possible criteria for selecting opportunities and instruments**

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| CRITERIA | DESCRIPTION / KEY QUESTIONS |
| Alignment with project objectives | What is the level of alignment with the objectives and priorities of the project? |
| Feasibility of implementation  | * Does the project have the required financial resources, personnel, etc.?
* Are the intervention area and key actors accessible (within the means of the project)?
* Is collaboration with other projects or initiatives possible to ensure feasibility of implementation?
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| Continuity after project  | * Can continuity after the project terminates be expected?
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| Ecological impact | * Which ecological benefits can be expected?
* Are there any risks of negative ecological consequences?
* Can positive impacts be maintained in the long run?
* Can it be ruled that that existing motivations to protect biodiversity would be undermined, or can this be addressed?
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| Social and economic impacts for local development | * Which social and economic benefits for the local population can be expected?
* Can it be ruled out that vulnerable groups will lose?
* Will economic inequality be reduced or at least not enhanced?
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| Acceptance/ priorization by local population | * Do local actors express a need for the intervention?
* Would there be no significant opposition (of powerful actors) or if so, can they be dealt with?
* Is there leadership from within the local community? Are organizations or associations interested?
* Is the intervention appropriate from a moral perspective and in the socio-cultural context?
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| Coherence with regulatory and institutional conditions | * Is the intervention compatible with the legal and institutional situation?
* Are fundamental requirements for implementation met (e.g. land titles, infrastructure, and intermediaries)?
* Is there sufficient institutional and political support?
* Are there existing instruments that are already practice-proofed or existing laws which support the intervention?
* Which combination of instruments is promising and necessary?
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| Windows of opportunity | * Is there any window of opportunity for the intervention (e.g. new environmental legislation, an ongoing planning process or strategy)?
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