**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? |
| Continuity after project | * Can continuity after the project terminates be expected? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| Windows of opportunity | * Is there any window of opportunity for the intervention (e.g. new environmental legislation, an ongoing planning process or strategy)? |