| **Template 1A: Broad aims / Mission statement (examples from Kochi, India)** |
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| **We want to address…****(current management issues/ threat of …, in relevant area…that is arising because of…)** | **We want to contribute to the broader/long-term goals of…(what kind of biodiversity, ecosystem service and/or development outcomes we want to set in place)** | **We want to achieve the specific/short-termgoals of…(how we want to reduce the issue/threat by using appropriate policy instruments)** |
| Kochi is home to mangrove bird sanctuary and Vebanad lake, the largest Ramsar wetland in South India. These biodiversity sites are facing challenges from rapid urbanization and unplanned growth, clogging and blocking of natural canals due to waste and lack of coordination (ICLEI-INDIA). The environmental issues also cause severe problems for the population in terms of health, loss of livelihoods, and quality of life. | Very broadly, the project intends to provide urban communities in the Global South with nature-based solutions and associated long-term benefits. For Kochi, the following goals turned out as relevant based on stakeholder consultations,• Improved resilience• Reduction in pollution• Improved water supply• Greening of environment • Awareness generation • GIS based Land use (land cover map of the city) | The focus will be on two ecosystems: Mangalavanam, Vembanad (Kerala backwaters, including Kochi lake)*The more specific aims and desired outcomes will be a result of this scoping.* |