

# HEART OF BORNEO – Green economy policy package to deliver sustainable development and conservation

This figure illustrates how a package of economic policy interventions at national and sub-national levels, specific to HoB, can help to protect nature, boost green growth and build local economies.

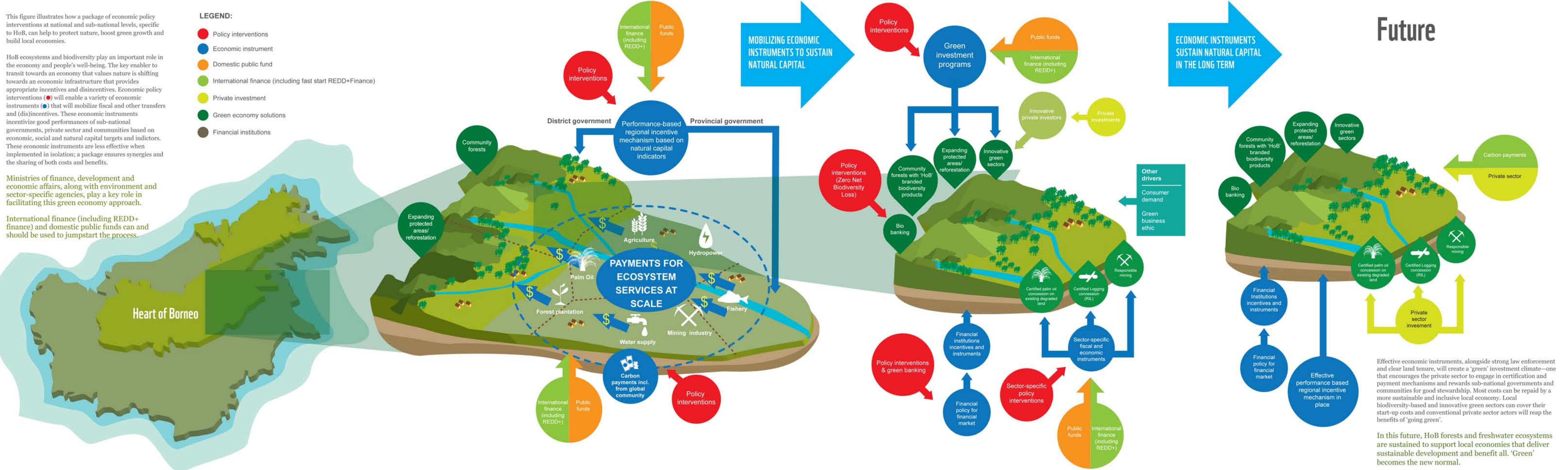
HoB ecosystems and biodiversity play an important role in the economy and people's well-being. The key enabler to transit towards an economy that values nature is shifting towards an economic infrastructure that provides appropriate incentives and disincentives. Economic policy interventions (●) will enable a variety of economic instruments (●) that will mobilize fiscal and other transfers and (dis)incentives. These economic instruments incentivize good performances of sub-national governments, private sector and communities based on economic, social and natural capital targets and indicators. These economic instruments are less effective when implemented in isolation; a package ensures synergies and the sharing of both costs and benefits.

Ministries of finance, development and economic affairs, along with environment and sector-specific agencies, play a key role in facilitating this green economy approach.

International finance (including REDD+ finance) and domestic public funds can and should be used to jumpstart the process.

**LEGEND:**

- Policy interventions
- Economic instrument
- Domestic public fund
- International finance (including fast start REDD+Finance)
- Private investment
- Green economy solutions
- Financial institutions



## Future

Effective economic instruments, alongside strong law enforcement and clear land tenure, will create a 'green' investment climate—one that encourages the private sector to engage in certification and payment mechanisms and rewards sub-national governments and communities for good stewardship. Most costs can be repaid by a more sustainable and inclusive local economy. Local biodiversity-based and innovative green sectors can cover their start-up costs and conventional private sector actors will reap the benefits of 'going green'.

In this future, HoB forests and freshwater ecosystems are sustained to support local economies that deliver sustainable development and benefit all. 'Green' becomes the new normal.