

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area – Resource Management Plan
Adaptive Management Educational Forum
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Adaptive Management Background and References

What is Adaptive Management?

Adaptive Management is a decision process that promotes flexible decision-making that can be adjusted in the face of uncertainties as outcomes from management actions and other events become better understood. Careful monitoring of these outcomes both advances scientific understanding and helps adjust policies or operations as part of an iterative learning process.

Adaptive management also recognizes the importance of natural variability in contributing to ecological resilience and productivity. It is not a 'trial and error' process, but rather emphasizes learning while doing. Adaptive management does not represent an end in itself, but rather a means to more effective decisions and enhanced benefits. Its true measure is in how well it helps meet environmental, social, and economic goals; increases scientific knowledge; and reduces tensions among stakeholders.

- Department of Interior, Adaptive Management Technical Manual

Useful Documents

Integrating Collaboration, Adaptive Management and Scenario-Planning:
Experiences at Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, *Ecology and Society* 2013
<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol18/iss3/art43/>

Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan

http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/az/pdfs/nepa/library/resource_management.Par.73866.File.dat/LCROD-WEB.pdf

Useful Websites

Collaborative Adaptive Management Network
<http://www.adaptivemanagement.net/>

Las Cienegas Adaptive Management

www.lascienegasadaptivemanagement.net

Department of Interior Adaptive Management

<http://www.doi.gov/initiatives/AdaptiveManagement/>