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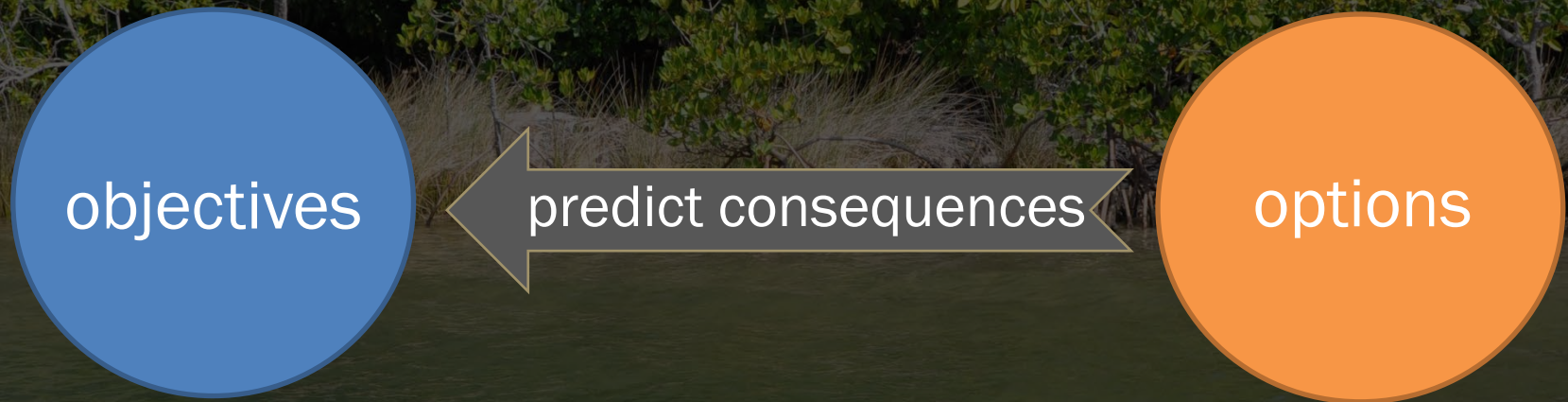
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framing conservation planning problems



A photograph of a dense mangrove forest with green foliage and visible roots, situated along a body of water. The image is darkened to serve as a background for text.

what could we do in aquatic portion of
Noosa Biosphere to...

- increase fish abundance?
- increase biodiversity?

options

1. restoration of seagrass
2. oyster reef restoration
3. living shorelines
4. provide habitat/hard substrate stepping stones
5. prawn restocking
6. restoration of Kin Kin catchment
7. North Shore management/vehicle closure
8. wake management “between the lakes”
9. estuary zoning (emphasis on rec. fishing)
10. cessation of commercial prawn trawling
11. better management of commercial mullet fishery
12. transform gill-net fishery to higher value fishery

identifying options

- make a deliberate effort
- avoid anchoring
- don't focus on constraints
- identify the book-ends
- follow good brain storming advice
- build *disruption* into the process
- combine sets of actions to make options
- different levels of investment

A photograph of a wildfire in a dry, brushy landscape. In the foreground, a dirt path leads towards the viewer, showing tire tracks and footprints. To the left, a large fire is burning brightly, with thick orange and yellow flames rising from the dry vegetation. The background shows more dry brush and a clear blue sky. The text "only *actions* should be prioritized" is overlaid in white, italicized font across the middle of the image.

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predicting consequences

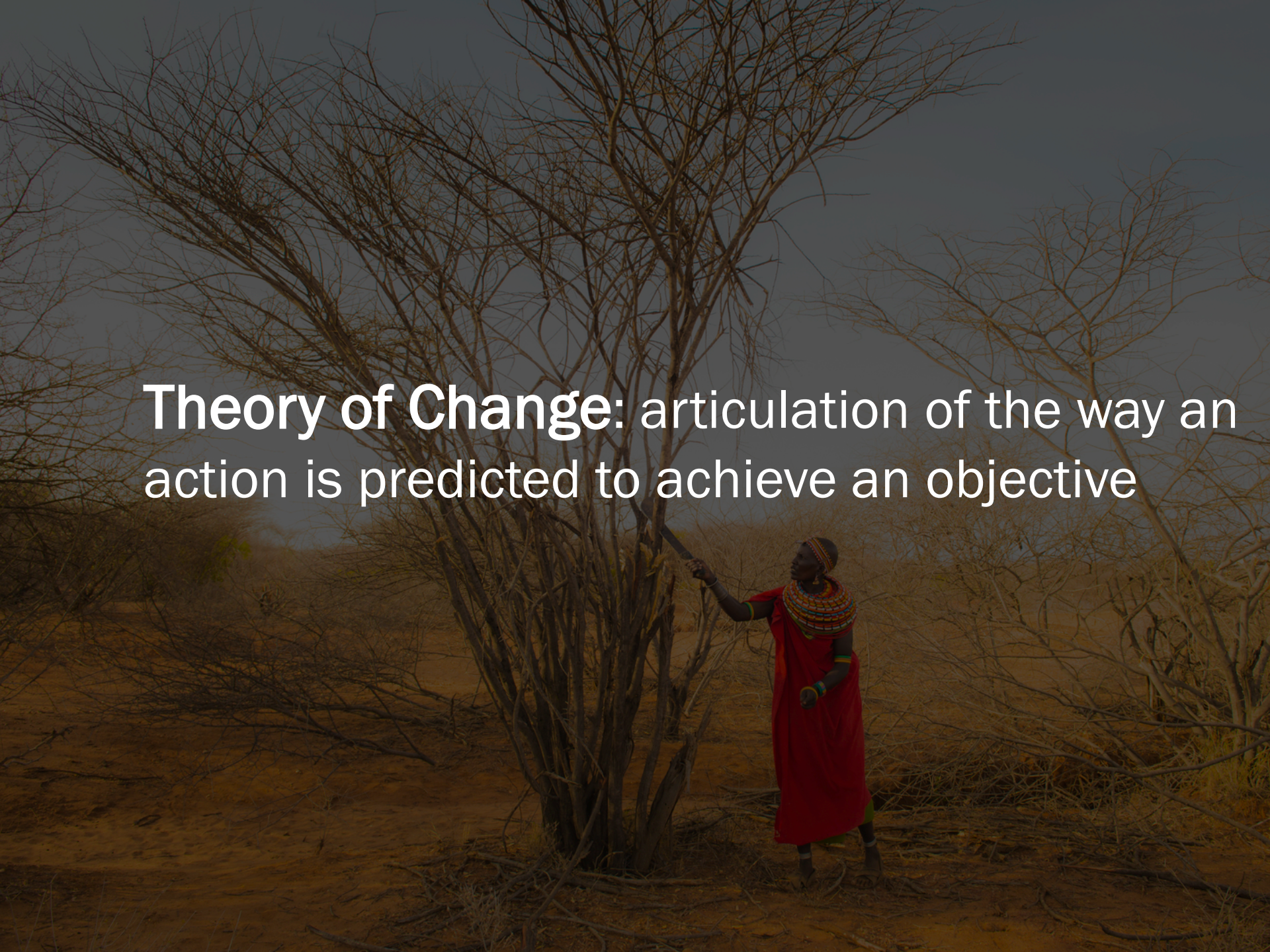
“It’s tough to make predictions,
especially about the future”

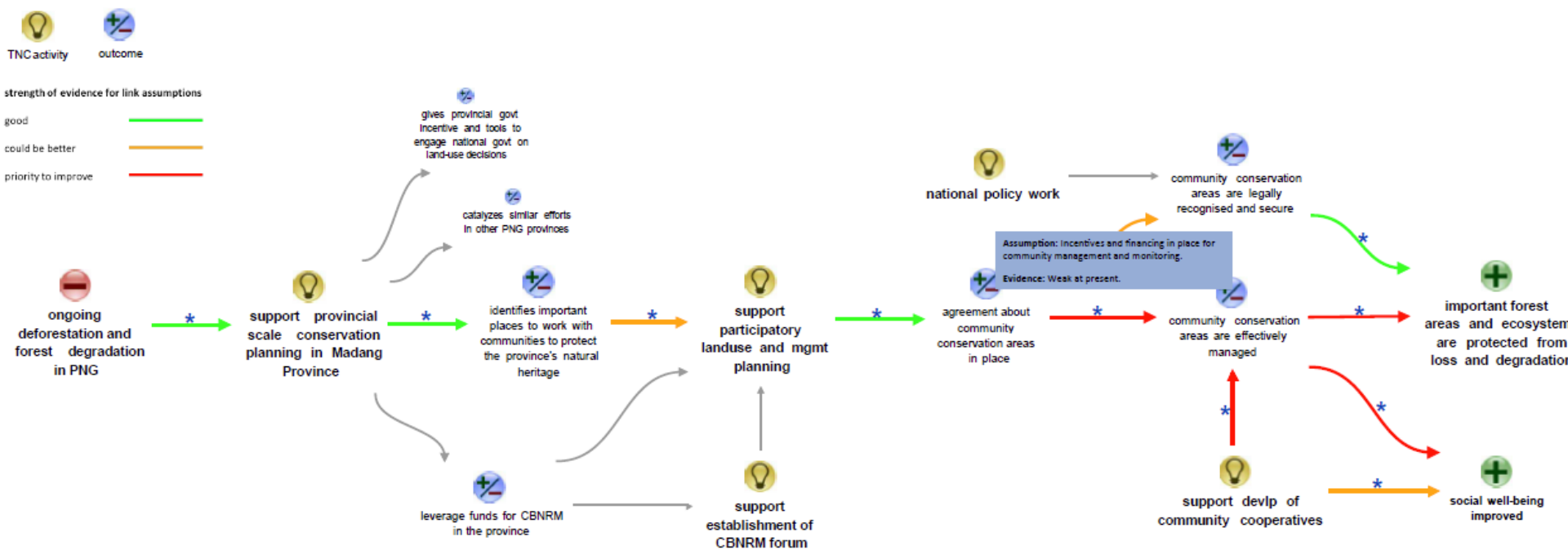
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consequence table

option	prawns	bream	whiting	mullet	biodiversity (# of species)	cost (\$K per year)
seagrass restoration		10-30 kg per ha	3-200 kg per ha			5-100 per ha
oyster reef restoration						100+
living shorelines						1+

Theory of Change: articulation of the way an action is predicted to achieve an objective





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Thank you