



Assignment: Choose Your Challenge

1. Reflect on your strengths, and what's important to you in teams.

What are your strengths?

These are the things that come easily to you, that your teammates can rely on you to lead.

What are your growth edges?

These are things you'd love support with. They come with a bit of discomfort for you, or are outside your expertise.

What characteristics are you looking for in teammates to complement your skills?

What kind of team player are you?

What's worked well for you on teams in the past?
What do you need on a team to do great work?

2. Mind Map a topic you're interested in.

On a blank sheet of paper (or an online tool such as Miro), [Mind Map](#) an environmental topic or challenge you're passionate about. Try and fill up the whole sheet! Don't worry about being right or wrong - just write down everything that comes to mind that's involved with the challenge. Consider: what are the social, ecological, and economic factors involved?

3. Choose your topic.

With your team, define the challenge that you'll work on in this course. You can refer to the [Problem Bank](#) for inspiration. If you're struggling to choose, draft out a couple of different problem statements or compare mind maps with your team. Are there any overlaps in your maps, e.g. themes or elements in common?

Note: this is just a first draft; in the next lessons, you'll iterate on it. For now, just choose an area of focus.

What's the challenge? Try to capture it in 10 words or less.

Who is it a problem for? List all the stakeholders you can think of that are impacted.

Who could/should it be a problem for? Who should care about it that doesn't yet?

Who else has tried to solve it, and how? Do a bit of desk research; you'll also get to do more later.

What would success look like? What would change on the ground?

Choose a team name!