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4 Key Criteria for Enduring Partnerships

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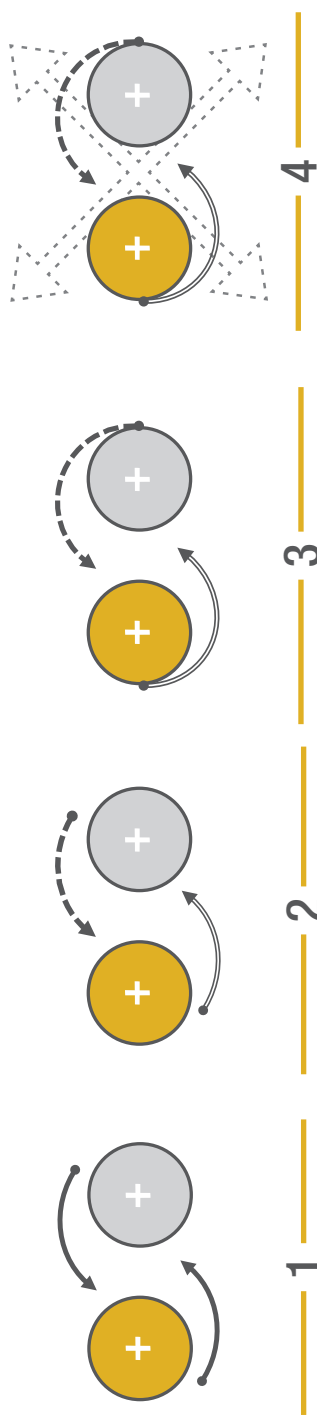
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MUTUALISMS IN NATURE

Key Characteristics to Inspire Partnerships

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Mutualisms in nature take many forms, yet ultimately mean prospering in a reciprocal partnership where the success of one party supports the success of the other.



1 — Must be a net benefit for each party which fosters a reinforcing feedback loop

2 — The value exchange is of different resources or services

3 — The benefit (of resources or services) is something each partner can readily provide to the other

4 — Partners respond and adapt to each other and to changing contexts



Clownfish + sea anemone



Zooxanthellae + coral polyps



Lichen (algae + fungus + fungus)



Cleaner wrasse + ocean fish











Boxer crabs + sea anemone



Leaf cutter ant + mycelium

Name a partnership that has worked really well.	Name a partnership that has struggled.
<p>_____ and _____</p> <p><i>you</i> <i>them</i></p> <p>Why do you think this partnership has succeeded?</p> <p>1)</p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p>	<p>_____ and _____</p> <p><i>you</i> <i>them</i></p> <p>Why do you think this partnership has struggled?</p> <p>1)</p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p>

How well do you think the above partnership has aligned with each of nature's Key Criteria for Enduring Partnerships?

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Nature's Guide to Optimal Mutualisms

How might nature's insights further optimize your healthy partnership?

How might nature's insights help your struggling partnership thrive?

Any other insights?