

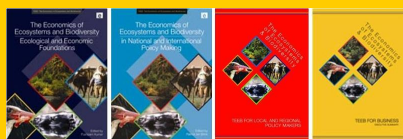
TEEBrief

TEEB country implementation Update

About TEEB

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) is a global initiative focused on drawing attention to the economic benefits of biodiversity, highlighting the growing cost of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation and drawing together expertise from the fields of ecosystem science, economics and development policy to support the mainstreaming of biodiversity and ecosystem considerations in policy making.

TEEB Study Reports



TEEB has produced four principal reports and a synthesis report aimed at various stakeholders including national decision-makers, local and regional policy-makers and businesses.

Guidance Manual for TEEB Country Studies available

The Guidance Manual for TEEB Country Studies was launched by UNEP and partners on 28 May 2013 at the 7th Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity. The Manual outlines the various steps to initiate and implement a country study, communicate its findings, and implement the recommendations of the study. [Read more.](#)

Vilm workshop on TEEB national implementation

The workshop brought together country experts and international partners involved in facilitating and implementing TEEB country studies, to share their experiences and discuss how to utilize TEEB results. The workshop took place on the Isle of Vilm, Germany from 21 to 24 May. [Read more.](#)

Pavan Sukhdev wins 2013 Gothenburg Award

Pavan Sukhdev received this award in recognition of his role as TEEB study leader and for promoting a perspective that goes beyond the monetary values of the ecosystem, to include more elusive aesthetic, spiritual, cultural and recreational values. The award was shared with Janine Benyus. [Read more.](#)

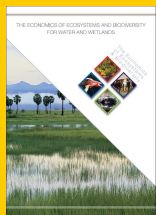
Finland launches TEEB national study

The project will be implemented by the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) from 2013 to 2014. [Read more.](#)

Netherlands launches TEEB City

This publication is about the economic importance of nature and water in the urban environment and translating these values in clear financial terms. Eleven local authorities, two ministries, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and the engineering firm of Witteveen+Bos, together, developed an instrument to reveal the social and economic value of ecosystems in and around the city. [Download.](#)

Several other publications on thematic topics can also be found on the [website](#).



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What's Bonaire's nature worth?

The Institute for Environmental Studies of Netherlands released April 2013, a study which provides information on the Total Economic Value (TEV) of Bonaire's nature. The study will facilitate the development of a strategy that advocates for conservation measures on Bonaire. Read more.

Selected articles and publications

Approaches to assess and value ecosystem services in the EU

This report released on 15 May, provides guidance on options and choices for conducting ecosystem services valuation and accounting for EU member states. It takes stock of existing national and international initiatives related to TEEB and assesses their main objectives, focus, progress, lessons learned, key issues, and future research priorities. Download the report.

The economics of land degradation

This issue paper (March 2013) raises awareness about the need for and role of an assessment of the economic, social and environmental costs of land degradation. It further proposes a scientific framework to conduct such an assessment, based on the costs of action versus inaction against land degradation. Preliminary findings suggest that the costs of inaction are much higher than the costs of action. Read more.

State of South Africa's biodiversity report

The report handed to the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, on 22 May, assesses South Africa's ecosystems & species, and provides a summary of the National Biodiversity Assessment. It is envisaged that the report will assist South Africa to make better decisions about how to use, manage and invest its biodiversity. Read more.

New book on Nature's Wealth

Nature's Wealth: *The Economics of Ecosystem Services and Poverty* edited by Pieter J. H. van Beukering et al (March 2013), presents insights into the relationship between ecosystem services and livelihoods in developing countries and takes up the challenge of assessing these links to demonstrate their importance in policy development. Read more.

Partner news and events

Germany

Inception workshop for TEEB Germany "Rural Areas and Ecosystem Services" 29-30 May 2013 at UFZ in Leipzig, Germany.

Russia and Germany

International workshop on assessment and valuation of ecosystem services 20 to 21 June 2013, St. Petersburg, Russia.

UNEP-Brazil

New webpage provides access to all TEEB materials in Portuguese

and reports from the TEEB Brazil study. [Read more.](#)

Columbia

A TEEB workshop organized by Alexander van Humboldt Institute, GIZ and Universidad de los Andes, from 27 to 31 May in Bogota, Colombia.

Mongolia

UN-REDD study calculates the economic value of the forest sector in Mongolia. [Read more.](#)

SEEA Implementation

International conference "Global Implementation Programme for the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) 7-19 June 2013, New York, USA.

CBD Workshop on valuation and incentive measures

A workshop on valuation and incentive measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa was organized in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 14 to 17 May 2013, by the CBD Secretariat, GM and TEEB.

2013 Trondheim Conference on biodiversity

The conference explored challenges related to the implementation of CBD's Strategic plan 2011-2020 and its Aichi targets. The proceedings are expected to contribute to the CBD, the post Rio+20 processes and other processes, such as the International Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

WAVES 2013

[WAVES 2013 annual report](#)

GLOBE natural capital summit

1st GLOBE Natural Capital Summit 6-7 June 2013 German Parliament, the Bundestag.

NBSAP support webinars

Learn more about how biodiversity and ecosystem service values can be incorporated into NBSAPS through a series of webinars to take place on 5th to 7th June. To register please contact cristina.secades@unep-wcmc.org.

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