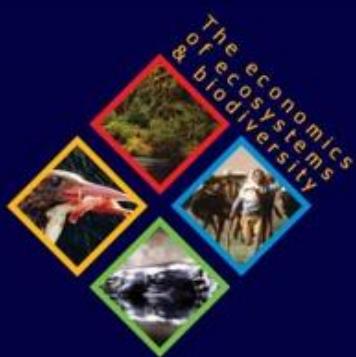


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# TEEBrief



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### 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.

Several other publications on thematic topics can also

### Building partnerships during the World Water Week

Water Cooperation - Building Partnerships is the theme for the 2013 World Water Week taking place in Stockholm, Sweden this week from 1-6 September 2013. The TEEB for Water and Wetlands report was presented at the side event on 2 September to remind delegates of the vital role of wetlands for water security. [Read more](#)

### Training Workshop on mainstreaming the values of water and wetlands into decision-making

This training workshop took place on 31 August 2013, in Bali, Indonesia, during the 6 Annual Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP) Conference. The training drew from the findings of the TEEB for Water and Wetlands Report. [Read more](#).

### Advocating for wetlands for over 40 years

Nick Davidson, Deputy Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, in the run up to World Water Week shared his views on how to integrate wetlands across all sectors. [Read more](#)

### Selected articles and publications

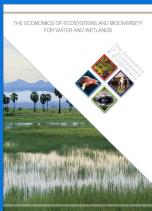
#### Water valuation: Building the business case

This new publication from the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) launched 4 September 2013, demonstrates the business case for companies to engage in water valuation. [Read more](#).

#### Norwegian expert commission on values of ecosystem services presents report

The Norwegian Expert Commission on the values of ecosystem services presented its conclusions and recommendations to the Norwegian Minister of the Environment on 29 August 2013. The Norwegian government will now undertake a public consultation of the commission's findings, and consider possible policy follow-up. [Read more](#).

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## Quicklinks

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## Improving water quality in England and Wales

This paper by Solino et al, summer 2013, tests how the 'departure' endowments influence the willingness to pay for water quality improvements. Results show the average willingness to pay appears to be insensitive to the water improvement intensity. [Read more](#).

## Attributes non-users highly value and will contribute towards

This paper by Kaffashir et al, June 2013, presents the results of an experiment to estimate the willingness to pay for environmental conservation in non-user communities adjacent to the Shadegan International Wetland (SIW) in Iran. Water quality improvement and biodiversity conservation were the most highly valued attributes. [Read more](#).

## Intertemporal valuation of river restoration

This paper by Andre Meyer, January 2013, argues that the willingness to pay for an environmental improvement is a function of how long it takes to deliver the improvement. [Read more](#).

## Economic valuation of regulating services provided by wetlands in agricultural landscapes

This paper presents a meta-analysis of the economic valuation literature on ecosystem services provided by wetlands in agricultural landscapes. [Read more](#).

## The value of achieving water quality improvements

This study by Meyerhoff et al, presents the survey results aimed at eliciting willingness to pay for improving the water quality of five river stretches in the metropolitan region of Berlin and Brandenburg. The findings suggest differences between urban and rural dwellers especially when the benefits are not spread evenly. [Read more](#).

## A review of water valuation methods

This paper by Mehrnaz 2013, is a summary of the economic value and economic valuation tools associated with freshwater management. [Read more](#)

## Post 2015 water thematic consultation report

This report presents the stakeholder consultation results during the 6-months "World We Want". [Read more](#).

## Partner news and events

### WBCSD calls for action on safe water

Calls on companies to commit to the pledge for access to safe water sanitation and hygiene.

### World Water Week in Stockholm

Stockholm, Sweden, 1-6 September 2013.

### Investing in Peatlands: Partnership for a new Peatland Era

York University, UK, 23-26 August 2013.

## UNECE, Eighth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management

Geneva, 25-26 September 2013

## First World Irrigation Forum

Mardin, Turkey, 29 September 2013

## The value of healthy wetlands

York University UK, 1-2 October 2013

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