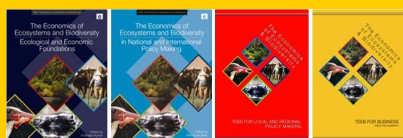


# TEEBrief

## 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 be found on the [website](#).

## Training on mainstreaming the values of water and wetlands

A training workshop is to take place on 31 August in Bali, Indonesia, during the 6 Annual Ecosystems Services Partnership (ESP) Conference. The training draws from the findings of the TEEB for Water and Wetlands Report. [Read more.](#)

## Natural Capital Legislation study

The study, published by Global International, was launched by TEEB study leader Pavan Sukhdev during the 1st GLOBE Natural Capital Summit, held at the German Bundestag in Berlin on 7-8 June 2013. It assesses national capacities, policies and ongoing processes towards the implementation of natural capital accounting in eight countries. [Read more.](#)

## Natural Capital Declaration celebrates first anniversary

The Natural Capital Declaration was officially launched one year ago, at the Rio+20 Earth Summit. One year later, the project is making progress towards implementing this finance-led initiative to account for natural capital. [Read more.](#)

## Selected articles and publications

### GEO-5 for Business

The report, published by UNEP, SustainAbility and Green Light Group, outlines specific risks for sectors such as construction, chemicals, mining, food, and other industries once critical environmental thresholds are surpassed. [Read more.](#)

### Little Green Data Book

The World Bank's Little Green Data Book is a pocket-sized ready reference on key environmental data for over 200 economies. Key indicators are organized under the headings of agriculture, forestry, biodiversity, energy, emission and pollution, and water and sanitation. [Read more.](#)

### Scaling-up finance mechanisms for biodiversity

This OECD report (May 2013) examines six mechanisms that can be used to scale-up financing for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and to help meet the 2011-20 Aichi Biodiversity



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## Bringing Ecosystem Services into Economic Decision-Making: Land Use in the United Kingdom

Land-use decisions are based largely on agricultural market values. However, such decisions can lead to losses of ecosystem services, the magnitude of which may overwhelm any market agricultural benefits. In this paper, Bateman et al (July 2013) estimate the value of these net losses. [Read more.](#)

## Towards wealth accounting - Natural capital within comprehensive wealth

This paper (Khan, June 2013) provides an overview of wealth accounting, the conceptual basis of including natural capital into extended income and wealth accounts, and shares the Office for National Statistics (ONS) plans for improving the natural capital estimates within the comprehensive wealth framework. [Read more.](#) See here for other papers related to the Ecosystem Accounting project, also published on 26 June.

## Ecosystem services and ethics

This paper (Jax et al, June 2013) argues that when using the concept of Ecosystem Services its important to be clear about what different dimensions of value are involved and be aware of the ethical issues that might be associated with the concept. [Read more.](#)

## Impacts of land change on biodiversity

This paper (Nagendra et al, June 2013) investigates the processes by which biodiversity alterations induced by land cover change impact ecosystem functioning. [Read more.](#)

## Partner news and events

### TEEB for Buisness Coalition

Dorothy Maxwell interviewed (envision, June 2013) on how delaying measurement and management of natural capital carries a significant business risk for companies' competitive advantage. [Read more.](#)

### UNESCO-IHE Forum on Wetlands

Kigali, 8-12 July 2013.

### WBCSD Business Ecosystems Training (BET)

Washington DC, 11 July 2013.

### International Congress for Conservation Biology

Baltimore, MD, 21-25 July 2013.

### World Forum on Natural Capital

Edinburgh, 21-22 November 2013.

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