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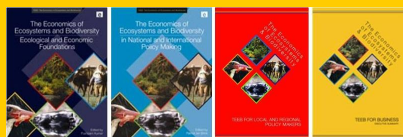
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Special issue on Water and Biodiversity

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

International Day for Biological Diversity

TEEB for Water and Wetlands

The Executive Summary of the TEEB for Water and Wetlands report is now available in Arabic, Chinese and Russian. [Download summaries](#). The full report in English can be downloaded [here](#).

Natural solutions for water security

This booklet *Natural Solutions for Water Security*, published by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity, explains why biodiversity is central to achieving the vision of a water secure world. In particular, it reviews the economic advantages of natural infrastructure. [Download the booklet](#). [Read more](#) information on the International Day for Biological Diversity.

Selected articles and publications

Investing in water for a green economy

This book edited by Mike Young and Christine Esau, provides a global and interdisciplinary overview of the condition of the world's water resources and the infrastructure used to manage it. It shows how accelerated investment in water-dependent ecosystems, in water infrastructure and in water management can be expected to expedite the transition to a green economy. [Read more](#)

White Paper: Valuing water to drive more effective decision-making

A White Paper for Yarra Valley Water, developed by Trusocst (April 2013) calls for industry and regulators to integrate the total economic value of water into decision-making and to consider the true costs and benefits of infrastructure, technologies and practices that conserve water. [Read more](#)

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



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How mussel farming could help clean fouled waters

Along the shores of New York harbor, scientists are investigating whether mussels can be grown in urban areas, as a way of cleansing coastal waters of sewage, fertilizers and other pollutants. [Read more](#) (Yale Environment 360, 9 May 2012)

Men are from marsh!

If he sees a polluted water body, Arun Krishnamurthy literally cleans it. The 26-year old has cleaned up 17 lakes in the country so far, including five in Chennai and in cities such as Delhi, Kolkata and Hyderabad. [Read more](#) (The Hindu, 9 May 2013)

WBCSD report sharing water: Engaging business

The report *Sharing Water: Engaging Business* (WBCSD, April 2013) emphasizes the role of business in ensuring responsible management of water resources and encourages greater collaboration across sectors. It finds that leading companies have begun shifting their perspective beyond merely managing operational water use, to becoming more conscious of how corporate actions impact local and regional water resources, and how water resources and watersheds impact business. [Read more](#).

From Kenya to China: The spread of innovative water solutions

[Green Water Credits](#), were first used in 2007 in Kenya's Tana River Basin, and they work by compensating upstream farmers for incorporating soil and water conservation activities into their farming. Their use has since spread to Morocco, Malawi and China. [Read more](#) (Ecosystem Marketplace, 14 May 2013)

Partner news and events

Register for World Water Week

Online registration is now open for this year's World Water Week, to take place in Stockholm, Sweden 1-6 September. The theme this year is "*Water Cooperation Building Partnerships*." TEEB Water and Wetlands will be showcased during a side event on 2 September 2013. [Read more](#).

Water in the Anthropocene: Challenges for science and governance

The conference organized by the Global Water System Project, will provide a platform to present global and regional perspectives and experiences on the responses of water management to global change, in order to address issues such as variability in supply, increasing demands for water, environmental flows, and land use change. It will take place 21 to 22 May at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany. [Read more](#).

Call for abstracts - Nexus 2014

The Water Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will host the "*Nexus 2014: Water, Food and Energy Nexus Conference*", on 3-7 March 2014. Building on the Water, Food and Energy Nexus Conference held in Bonn Germany in 2011, this Conference aims to address the connected but distinct relationships between water, food, climate, energy, security, sustainability and

development. [Read more.](#)

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