

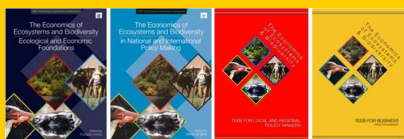


TEEB*Brief*

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](#).

TEEB Georgia scoping study

This scoping study report (published 1 October 2013) takes stock of the work undertaken on biodiversity and ecosystem services assessments in Georgia; prioritizes economic sectors and highlights critical relationships to biodiversity and ecosystem services; formulates questions that may be answered by a full TEEB Country Study and provides an implementation roadmap for undertaking this. [Read more](#)

Natural benefits - On the values of ecosystem services

This Report (August 2013) from an expert commission appointed by the Norwegian Government, presents the status, trends and development of biodiversity and ecosystem services and recommendations on how to sustainably manage the country's natural capital. [Read more](#)

Natural capital must be the way forward

Julia Marton-Lefèvre, IUCN Director General and TEEB Advisory Board member, shared her views with the Guardian (11 November 2013) on the role of business in nature conservation, ahead of the natural capital forum. [Read more](#)

The values of water and wetlands for climate change

Wetlands values for adaptation and mitigation was the focus of the training workshop "Wetlands conservation and management under climate change" which took place October 20-22, 2013 in Dongying City, Shandong Province, China. The workshop built on the TEEB for Water and Wetlands report and was organized by Wetlands International China, the Office of Wetland Management and Conservation (OWMC) of the State Forestry Administration (SFA), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Yellow River Delta National Nature Reserve and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BFN). [Read more](#)

Selected articles and publications

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biodiversity

Whilst nations are committed to conserving biodiversity, they often lack means to assess and value their ecosystem services concluded 300 international experts from 72 countries attending the IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation meeting held (3 November 2013) in Malaysia. [Read more](#)

India - Diagnostic assessment of select environmental challenges

This report published by the World Bank (June 2013) provides estimates of social and financial costs of environmental damage in the agricultural sector, from soil salinity, water logging, and soil erosion, range land degradation, deforestation and natural disasters. [Read more](#)

Building inclusive green economies: Success stories from south-south cooperation

This report (UNEP, November 2013) highlights how countries are pursuing initiatives to green key sectors of the economy such as agriculture, energy manufacturing and waste. [Read more](#)

Climate Earth launches the Natural Capital Management System

This newly launched system aims to help companies manage natural capital assets by providing them with data on their dependence on natural capital; the hidden costs within their supply chains, in order that they can go beyond natural capital accounting towards action oriented management. [Read more](#)

Forging ahead towards a sustainable Africa

Representatives from governments and development partners (7-8 October 2013) discussed how to operationalize the objectives from the 2012 Gaborone Declaration for Sustainability in Africa, which include integrating the value of natural capital into national accounting and development planning. The government of Botswana will serve as the interim secretariat and will be supported by Conservation International to implement the declaration. [Read more.](#)

Lifeweb launches zero extinction campaign

The Zero Extinction Campaign, unveiled (15 October 2013) aims to provide countries with a platform to profile their financial needs in order to prevent species extinction and achieve related targets as a key accomplishment in the effort to stem biodiversity loss. The Campaign was launched during the Seventeenth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical & Technology Advise of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal..[Read more.](#)

Partner news and events

World Forum on Natural Capital

Edinburgh, 21-22 November 2013

Responsible Business Forum on Sustainable Development

Marina bay Sands, Singapore 25-26 November 2013

Training TEEB for Water & Wetlands

Kampala, Uganda, 25-27 November 2013

Training and Awareness Workshop on Valuing Nature

Beijing, China, 28 November 2013

The Economics of Oceans

Washington D.C, USA 3-4 December 2013.

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