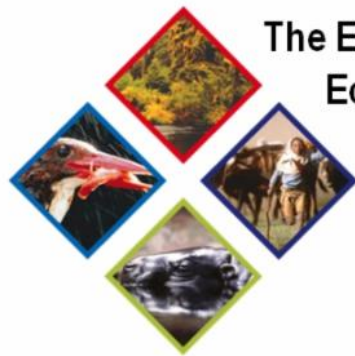


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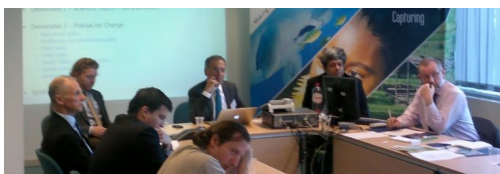
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TEEB updates



Dr. Salman Hussain appointed TEEB coordinator

Dr. Salman Hussain, a contributing author of the TEEB reports launched in 2010, joined the TEEB Secretariat in January 2014 from Scotland's Rural College, where he directed the University of Edinburgh's Masters programme in Ecological Economics and headed a team focusing on marine ecosystem economics. [Read](#)

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Scoping workshop connects the dots that link ecosystems to agriculture

The TEEB Secretariat with support from UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) organized a scoping workshop in Brussels from 22-23 January 2014, to develop the structure and define the content for a forthcoming study on

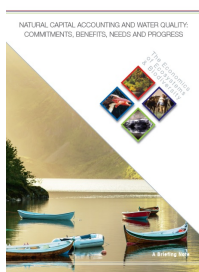
Agriculture and Food. [Read more](#)



Concept note TEEB for Agriculture & Food Study

The Concept Note published (February 2014) presents the case for and proposed outline content for a TEEB for Agriculture & Food study. The study will review the inter-dependencies between agriculture and food systems and natural ecosystems.

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Briefing note on accounting for water quality

The Briefing Note published (31 December 2013) is titled Natural Capital Accounting and Water Quality: Commitments, Benefits, Needs and Progress, and outlines existing guidance and examples on water quality accounting. [Read more](#)

Articles & publications

Nature in the Balance- The Economics of Biodiversity

This book published (January 2014) edited by Dieter Helm and Cameron Hepburn, sets out the building blocks of an economic approach to biodiversity and in particular brings together conceptual and empirical work on valuation, international agreements, policy instruments, and institutions. [Read more](#)

System of environmental economic accounting 2012

The report published (2014) by the United Nations and others presents a statistical framework that presents statistics on the environment and its relationship to the economy in order to guide policy-making, analysis and research. [Read more](#)

Working towards a more valuable ocean

These short essays published (February 2014) from the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, highlight perspectives on the economic capacity of healthy ocean ecosystems from the House of Sweden's Ocean Forum held in December 2013. [Read more](#)

Targeted Scenario Analysis: A new approach to capturing and presenting ecosystem service values for decision-making

This guide book developed by UNDP and published (December 2013) captures and

presents the value of ecosystem services to help make the business case for sustainable policy and investment choices. [Read more](#)

State of watershed payments

This Executive Summary for Business published (January 2014) by Bennett et al. tracks the size, scope, and outlook for investments in watershed services and the ecological infrastructure from which they flow, focusing on transactions between investors and watershed service providers. [Read more](#)

A global analysis of the impacts of urbanization on bird and plant diversity

This research paper from Aronson et al. (published January 2014) finds that despite the decline in density of bird and plant species, cities still retain endemic native species, thus providing opportunities for regional and global biodiversity conservation, restoration and education. [Read more](#)

Global priorities for marine biodiversity conservation

This paper published by Selig et al. (January 2014) identifies priority areas where marine biodiversity is most and least impacted by human activities, both within Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) and Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ). [Read more](#)

Quote end quote

"The message is clear: Europe's seas and oceans are not in good shape. But we depend on these seas, and we need to find a balance. That means finding ways to reap their economic potential without increasing the pressure on an already fragile environment, creating growth and jobs that are secure in the long term."

Janez Potočnik, [EU Environment Commissioner](#)

"The Great Bear Rainforest is the largest temperate rainforest in the world. This huge and pristine wilderness depends on an unlikely source for its long-term survival - the salmon which spawn in its rivers and creeks."

BBC Power of nature series

"World Wildlife Day provides occasion to celebrate the wonder and beauty of the world's wild fauna and flora and to reflect on the multitude of benefits provided by wildlife"

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary CBD

Announcements

Natural capital gets its own business hub. [Read more](#)

The 7th Conference of the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP): "Local action for the common good", will be held in Costa Rica 8-12 September 2014. [Read more](#)

TEEB for Business Coalition re-brands to Natural Capital Coalition.
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Request for proposal to develop and test the Natural Capital Protocol.
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