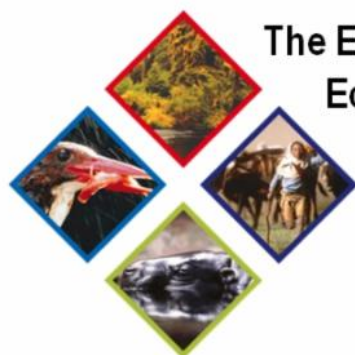


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Call for expression of interest - Evaluation of eco-agri-food systems complex

Animal husbandry, rice and maize have been identified as being key agri-business sectors with demonstrably significant economically invisible impacts (both positive and negative) on ecosystems and human well-being. TEEB is looking for technical research institutions to contribute to the assessment of major 'externalities heavy' sectors'. Deadline for submission of interest is **23 April 2014**. [Read more](#)



Call for expression of interest - Evaluation of major externalities heavy global industry sectors

TEEB has embarked on a project to advance Natural Capital Accounting for governments and businesses, supported by funding from the Government of Norway. The project's overall focus is agriculture namely livestock, maize, rice and cement. TEEB is looking for technical institutions to propose and extend the scope to two additional sectors. Deadline for submission of interest is **23 April 2014**. [Read more](#)



Call for expression of interest - The scoping study for the Baltic Sea Region

TEEB is looking for technical institutions and researchers to participate in the scoping study for the Baltic Sea region and contribute to the economic argument for reducing eutrophication in the Baltic Sea. Deadline for submission of interest is **30 April 2014**. [Read more](#)

Articles & publications

Blue natural capital: towards a new economy

This brochure highlights the vision, goal and study scope of the Gulbenkian Oceans Initiative, which seeks to improve scientific knowledge including public and political perception of the benefits of marine and coastal ecosystems. [Read more](#)

Natural capital accounting in Brazil

This study report published (20 March 2014) by Trucost recommends that companies incorporate the economic value of biodiversity and ecosystems services in decision making and become conscious of their environmental impacts. [Read more](#)

UK state of natural capital

The UK Government's Natural Capital Committee released (March 2014) it's second report recommending a 25-year plan and proposal on natural capital. [Read more](#)

Building natural capital: How REDD+ can support a green economy

This report published by UNEP and the International Resource Panel, (March 2014) examines the causes of deforestation & forest degradation, and outlines solutions. [Read more](#)

Natural capital: breakthrough or buzzword?

As the concept of valuing nature gains popularity, Marc Gunther (the Guardian) asks whether it will be a game-changer or a waste of time. [Read more](#)

Private sector engagement with ecosystem services

This working paper by Sissel Waage and Corinna Kester (March 2014) tracks companies uptake of ecosystem services concepts and documents the growing list of companies that publicly mention natural capital. [Read more](#)

Green growth best practices

This synthesis report published by the Green Growth Best Practice Initiative, (March 2014) outlines the actions of countries implementing green growth initiatives. [Read more](#)

Increasing homogeneity in global food supplies and the implications for food security

The narrowing diversity in crop species contributing to the world's food supplies is considered a potential threat to food security. This study by Khoury et al. (March 2014) assess the global and national trends from the last 50 years. [Read more](#)

Incorporating the social-ecological approach in protected areas in the Anthropocene

This article by Palomo et al. (March 2014) discusses the limitations faced by protected areas for long-term conservation, the ecosystem service approach to overcome these limitations and proposes a social-ecological approach for protected areas to maintain high biodiversity. [Read more](#)

Which components or attributes of biodiversity influence dimensions of poverty?

There is an explicit assumption in international policy statements that biodiversity can help in efforts to tackle global poverty. This map by Roe et al. (March 2014) highlights the gaps in the evidence base. [Read more](#)

Networking nature

How is technology transforming conservation? This essay by Jon Hoekstra, published by the Council of Foreign Affairs (March/April 2014 issue) narrates. [Read more](#)

Quote end quote

"For many natural systems there is new or stronger evidence for substantial and wide-ranging impacts of climate change. These systems include the cryosphere, water resources, coastal ecosystems and ecosystems on land and in the ocean."

Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, IPCC Working Group II AR5

"The challenge for twenty-first century governance is to embrace the multiple aspects, roles and benefits of water, and to place water at the heart of decision-making in all water-dependent sectors, including energy."

World Water Development Report 2014, Water and Energy

Announcements

TEEB vacancy announcement - Consultant SEEA experimental ecosystem accounting. [Read more](#)

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy calls for a new economic paradigm and receives 11 Million USD to support country level action. [Read more](#)

GLOBE UK launches GLOBE Natural Capital Initiative in the UK Parliament. [Read more](#)

Webinar - Natural capital markets for watershed Services: Actors, mechanisms and impacts 16th April 2014. [Read more](#)

Request for Proposals under the Natural Capital Protocol project is extended by three weeks to 11 April 2014. [Read more](#)

IPBES calls for nomination of experts, deadline 8 June 2014. [Read more](#)

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Upcoming events

The Economic Case for Restoring Coastal Wetlands

9 April, Washington DC, USA

Second Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity

9-14 April, Quito Ecuador

Global Ocean Action Summit for Food Security and New Growth

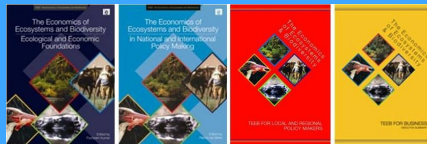
22-25 April, Hague, Netherlands

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