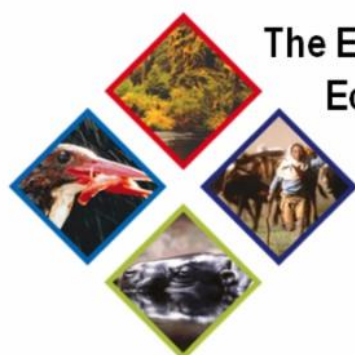


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Valuing natural capital prerequisite for long term economic growth ?

Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze, Georgia's Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, spoke to UNEP about the TEEB scoping study for the country, and the next steps towards including natural capital within economic planning. [Read more](#)



Valuing natural capital what next and why ?

Pavan Sukhdev CEO of GIST Advisory and TEEB Study Leader, in this article by the Huffington post says engaging businesses and accountancy regulators in an international effort is the next step in valuing natural capital. [Read more](#)



The vital role of ecosystem valuation for decision-making

The Ecosystem Alliance, an international program of IUCN NL, Wetlands International and Both Ends, organized a training July 2014, in Kenya about how to apply TEEB approaches to ensure a shift in how wetlands are currently valued.

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Selection of online articles

How can we measure the contribution of ecosystems to our prosperity ?

PhysOrg, 7 July 2014

Our bees ourselves - Bees and colony collapse

New York Times, 14 July 2014

Making agriculture cool

Huff Post Green, 10 July 2014

Our mismeasured economy

New York Times, 6 July 2014

Inequality and the nature of capital: A reminder to economists?

YALE Globe Online, 17 June 2014

Natural capital helps businesses put environmental metrics into context

The Guardian, 8 July 2014

Selection of publications

Global biodiversity finance

Scholars and practitioners have argued that international beneficiaries of ecosystem conservation should help pay for the supply of services from which they benefit. This volume (2014) edited by Joshua Bishop and Chloe Hill, is full of insights for scaling payments for environmental services to the international level. [Read more](#)

The value of forests- PES in a green economy ?

This publication a joint effort of UNEP, UNECE and FAO, discusses the concept of Payment for Ecosystem Services, the various approaches, applications and resulting benefits for Europe. [Read more](#)

UNEP Year Book 2014- Emerging issues in our environment

The report launched July 2014 highlights emerging issues such as from the changes in the nitrogen cycle essential for plant growth, the emergence of infectious diseases to the implication of fish farming in marine ecosystems. [Read more](#)

Healthy lands and healthy economies

The report published July 2014 is a comprehensive economic valuation of natural capital and ecosystem services in the San Francisco Bay Area's Santa Clara county. The report is published by the Open Space Authority and Earth Economics. [Read more](#)

How business values natural capital- Taking stock and looking forward

This study by the Global Nature Fund (2014) informs companies of the existing approaches, methods and is an initial guide on implementing valuation projects. [Read more](#)

Paying the polluter- Environmentally harmful subsidies and their reform

Pledges to reform environmentally harmful subsidies (EHS) have increased over the past few years at both global and national levels. This publication (2014) edited by Frans H. Oosterhuis, addresses the issues to be considered when embarking upon these necessary reforms. [Read more](#)

Net positive natural capital ambitions

The paper (June 2014) presents the views and opinions of Forum members to the Association of Chartered Certified Accounts on the ease to apply the concept of net positive impact on natural capital. [Read more](#)

Quote end quote

"It's the Wild West on the high seas..These last remaining underwater bio gems are being destroyed because there isn't proper enforcement or sufficient cooperation among governments to protect them." [Leonardo Dicaprio Hollywood Actor](#)

"Coral cover has reportedly declined by more than 80% since the 1970's, virtually all the large fishes, sharks, and turtles are gone and the threats of global climate change loom increasingly ominously for the future."
[Status and Trends of the Caribbean Coral reefs \(1970-2012\)](#)

News and Announcements

Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources & equitable sharing of benefits comes into force 12 October 2014. [Read more](#)

Natural Capital Coalition selects IUCN and WBCSD led consortia to develop the Natural Capital Protocol. [Read more](#)

UN Development Programme joins Partnership for a green economy.
[Read more](#)

IUCN releases an economic framework for analyzing forest landscape restoration decisions. [Read more](#)

Hollywood star Leonardo Dicaprio pledges USD 7 Million to help protect oceans. [Read more](#)

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Upcoming events

World Water Week 2014- Energy and water
31 August - 5 September, Stockholm, Sweden

B4E Climate Summit- Moving toward a restorative economy
29 September, London

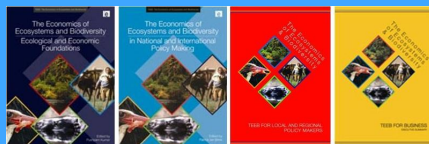
7th Conference of the Ecosystem Services Partnership 8 -12 September, Costa Rica

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