

The Economics of Ecosystems & Biodiversity

TEEBrief

An update of natural capital news

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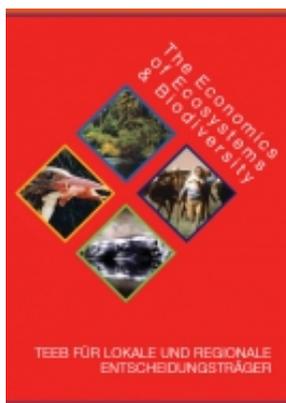
TEEB challenges and responses

If economic arguments could make such a strong case for early action and policy change to address the threats of climate change, then could the same be possible for biodiversity loss? TEEB has been exploring this question since the initiative was launched in 2007. This publication traces the progress, challenges and responses towards mainstreaming the economics of nature. [Read more](#)



TEEB study to demonstrate the value of mangroves for Liberia

The recommendation of participants attending the TEEB workshop in Liberia in June 2014 was to focus on revealing the economic and cultural benefits gained from conservation or restoration of wetlands in five study sites along the coast of Liberia. The workshop pre-dates the escalation in the Ebola outbreak. [Read more](#)



TEEB for local and regional policy makers report now available in German

The publication addresses local policy makers, calling on them to recognize the value of their natural capital and the services it provides in local policy areas such as urban management, spatial planning and protected areas management. [Read more](#)

Project to advance natural capital accounting in 7 countries

TEEB, the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, supported by the Government of Norway, have embarked on a project to advance Natural Capital Accounting in 7 pilot countries namely Bhutan, Chile, Indonesia, Mauritius, Mexico, South Africa, and Vietnam. [Read more](#)

Selection of online articles

Rethinking prosperity: exploring alternatives to the economic system

Guardian, 15 September 2014

A closer look at the Ebola epidemic in the context of ecological health

New York times, 9 September 2014

Bio-cultural community protocols and the future of conservation

OUP Blog, 8 September 2014

Can valuation save ecosystems and the services that they provide?

Elgar blog, 5 September 2014

Conservation of Amazon threatened by poor social conditions of its people - study

Reuters, 23 August 2014

Selection of publications

Handbook on the economics of ecosystems services and biodiversity

In recent years, there has been a marked proliferation in the literature on economic approaches to ecosystem management. This Handbook edited by Paulo A.L.D. Nunes and published August 2014, addresses new concepts and their applications. It identifies knowledge gaps and provides recommendations. [Read more](#)

Integrating ecosystem services into investor due diligence and corporate management

The BSR paper published September 2014 addresses corporate decision-makers and offers a snapshot of the state of practice related to applying ecosystem services concepts and approaches in companies. [Read more](#)

Better growth, better climate

The Climate Economy Report published September 2014 by the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate, presents research and recommendations addressing economic decision-makers on how to create lasting economic growth whilst tackling climate change. [Read more](#)

A new vision of value: Connecting corporate and societal value creation

This report published September 2014 by KPMG International, identifies key drivers that are transforming value, bringing new risks and opportunities with significant implications for corporations. The publication introduces a methodology termed 'KPMG True Value' to account for externalities as economic, social and

environmental forces transform the business landscape. [Read more](#)

Global environment outlook for Small Island Developing States

The report launched by the United Nations Environment Programme September 2014, presents four integrated themes for action to support the transformation of SIDS towards becoming the environmental economies of the future. They include building a diversified blue-green economy, technological leapfrogging, giving priority to island culture and reconnecting with nature. [Read more](#)

Human values and biodiversity conservation

This book by Clement A Tisdell published September 2014, explores the influence of human values on the willingness to pay for the conservation of wildlife species. [Read more](#)

What is the value of an ecosystem? Teacher's kit

These educational resources developed by the Critical Thinking Consortium provide instructors with innovative materials, lesson plans and case study assignments to accompany the 2013 release of the Human Activity and the Environment article, "Measuring ecosystem goods and services in Canada. [Read more](#)

Green infrastructure: Guide for water management

The guide from UNEP published September 2014, raises awareness about the benefits of Green Infrastructure(GI) solutions for water resources management. It takes a pragmatic approach to water management, and shows that GI can provide significant water management benefits and co-benefits. [Read more](#)

Towards greener and more inclusive economies

This brochure published September 2014 presents an overview of UNEP's global actions in countries and with strategic partners to deliver on Rio+20 and the future we want. [Read more](#)

Quote end quote

"I will link arms with those marching for climate action. We stand with them on the right side of this key issue for our common future."

Ban Ki-moon, *United Nations, Secretary General*

"Biodiversity holds our future. Biodiversity holds solutions to many of the world's current and future issues. By reducing this portfolio, we reduce our options for the future. Therefore, we need to take care of this diversity, so that we keep all our options open."

Anne Larigauderie, *Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental platform on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services.*

Upcoming events

Convention on Biological Diversity- 12th Conference of the Parties

6-17 October, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

Training Session on Ecosystem Natural Capital Accounts: A Quick Start Package

10-12 October, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

Natural Capital Summit 2014

6-7 November, London, UK

New York Times Food for Tomorrow Conference

11-12 November, New York

IUCN World Parks Congress

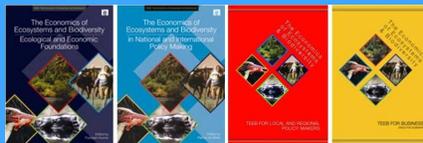
12-19 November, Sydney, Australia

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The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) is a global initiative focused on drawing attention to the economic benefits of biodiversity and highlighting the growing cost of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation.

TEEB draws together expertise from the fields of ecosystem science, economics and development policy to support the mainstreaming of biodiversity and ecosystem considerations into policy-making.



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