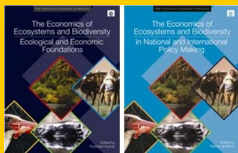


TEEBrief

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 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

From local analysis to national policies

This paper (Kumar et al., March 2013) highlights the benefits and limitations of the economic valuation of ecosystem services, identifies the challenges of designing regional or national policies and discusses how to scale up local/site findings to a national level. The paper builds on the key messages from the TEEB Study. [Download article.](#)

A corporation should be more than a money cow

The current accounting standards which judge the success of a corporation only based on its financial status and exclude its social and natural capital impacts, is fundamentally flawed says Pavan Sukhdev. [Read upsides.com interview with Founder -CEO of GIST and Chair, TEEB Advisory Chair.](#)

Valuation of Ecosystem Services provided by coastal wetlands in northwest Mexico

This paper (Vera Camacho-Valdez et al., March 2013) introduces a spatial component for classifying wetland types and further evaluation of their ecosystem services (ES), assessing their current distribution and extent using standardized remote sensing techniques for wetland mapping. The study found that saltmarshes were the most important wetland in terms of covered area and also that socio-economic variables, such as income, are important in explaining wetland values. [Download report.](#)

Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF) National Conference

The ICF National Conference will take place from 1-2 May 2013 in Glasgow, Scotland. The theme is Woodlands and the Green Economy: Capitalizing on Ecosystems Services, forestry and arboriculture professionals, policy makers and practitioners working across the whole spectrum of environmental services and related sectors are expected to attend.

TEEB for Business Coalition Release two Reports

On 21 March and 15 April TEEB for Business Coalition Release two Reports respectively titled *Organisational Change for Natural Capital Management: Strategy and Implementation*, exploring a model for organisational change for Natural Capital Management and *Natural Capital at Risk - The Top 100 Externalities of Business* ([link to press release](#) or [dedicated page](#)), identifying the financial risks from

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environmental externalities.

Latin America and the Caribbean Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Program launched

On 15 March The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) at the IDB Annual Meeting in Panama launched a Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services Program (BSE) to help Latin America and the Caribbean leverage its natural capital to protect the environment while promoting sustainable development. The goal of new program is to identify new biodiversity-friendly business and innovative South-South cooperation pathways.

Report assesses the natural capital of the Montreal Green Belt

This report prepared by the Groupe AGÉCO for the David Suzuki Foundation and Nature-Action Québec values ecosystem services in the Montreal Green Belt as a contribution to sustainable decision-making. [Download report \(in French\)](#).

Ecosystems Market Task Force releases final report

The Ecosystems Market Task Force on 5 March published its final report presenting the business case for why nature matters. Set up in 2011 to provide an overall assessment of the opportunities for UK businesses which value and protect nature's services. The Task Force report makes practical recommendations for both government and business on interventions which would assist in the creation and development of new markets, enhancing opportunities for growth and also benefit the environment. [Download report](#).

Blueprint for mapping and modelling ecosystem services

This paper (Crossman et al., March 2013) presents a standard approach or blueprint to mapping and modelling ecosystem services. The primary purpose is to provide a template and checklist of information needed for those beginning an ecosystem service modelling and mapping study and to provide, over time, a database of completed blueprints that becomes a valuable information resource of methods and information used in previous modelling and mapping studies. [Download report](#).

BalticSTERN Economics of Saving the Sea

The report "*The Baltic Sea - Our Common Treasure. Economics of Saving the Sea*" released this month is based on research conducted during 2009 - 2012. The report reveals that people in countries around the Baltic Sea attach a great value to the Sea and are willing to pay 3 800 million Euros per year to improve the Baltic Sea environment. This exceeds the costs by 1,000 - 1,500 million Euros annually. [Download report](#).

Special issue of Environmental Impact Assessment Review

This nine paper special issue includes theoretical frameworks, reviews, empirical applications and operational tools, covering a broad range of decision-making levels (from projects to policies) and sectors (from land use to river management, and from agriculture to development). The April 2013 issue aims at constructing a first body of literature to support the comprehensive integration of ecosystem

services into Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and identifies challenges, shortcomings and opportunities. Download special issue.

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