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revised and fully updated this textbook provides a detailed yet accessible introduction to the key aspects of ecosystem services ecosystem services is one of the most powerful guiding principles for ecology biodiversity conservation and the management of natural resources it provides the basis of assessing the multiple values and services that ecosystems can provide to humankind including diverse issues such as carbon sequestration flood control crop pollination and aesthetic and cultural services the second edition of ecosystem services key issues has been fully revised and updated to address policy and scientific developments as well as new and emerging issues such as nature based solutions zoonotic diseases and environmental justice it includes new and updated case studies from across the world and each chapter contains further reading learning objectives and discussion questions to aid student learning the book details the historical roots of ecosystem services in the second half of the twentieth century through initiatives such as the millennium ecosystem assessment the common international classification of ecosystem services cices and the united nations sustainable development goals it shows how ecosystem goods and services can be categorised and valued in economic as well as non monetary terms while also highlighting some of the difficulties and limitations of valuation techniques the author describes how themes such as systems thinking social ecological resilience and natural capital relate to ecosystem services and how these can contribute to more sustainable and equitable development this book will be essential reading for students and scholars of ecosystem services ecology environmental science biodiversity conservation environmental economics natural resource management and sustainable development it will also be of use to professionals and policymakers who are looking to integrate ecosystems and their services into their decision making processes

ecosystem services are the resources and processes supplied by natural ecosystems which benefit humankind for example pollination of crops by insects or water filtration by wetlands they underpin life on earth provide major inputs to many economic sectors and support our lifestyles agricultural and urban areas are by far the largest users of ecosystems and their services and for the first time this book explores the role that ecosystem services play in these managed environments the book also explores methods of evaluating ecosystem services and discusses how these services can be maintained and enhanced in our farmlands and cities this book will be useful to students and researchers from a variety of fields including applied ecology environmental economics agriculture and forestry and also to local and regional planners and policy makers

this book aims to identify present and discuss key driving forces and pressures on ecosystem services ecosystem services are the contributions that ecosystems provide to human well being the scope of this atlas is on identifying solutions and lessons to be applied across science policy and

practice the atlas will address different components of ecosystem services assess risks and vulnerabilities and outline governance and management opportunities the atlas will therefore attract a wide audience both from policy and practice and from different scientific disciplines the emphasis will be on ecosystems in europe as the available data on service provision is best developed for this region and recognizes the strengths of the contributing authors ecosystems of regions outside europe will be covered where possible

ecosystem services global issues local practices covers scientific input socioeconomic considerations and governance issues on ecosystem services this book provides hands on transdisciplinary reflections by administrators and sector representatives involved in the ecosystem service community ecosystem services develops shared approaches and scientific methods to achieve knowledge based sustainable planning and management of ecosystem services professionals engaged in ecosystem service implementation have two options de emphasize the ecological and socioeconomic complexity and advance in the theoretical abstract field or try to develop research that is policy relevant and inclusive in an uncertain environment this book provides a wide overview of issues at stake of interest for any professional wishing to develop a broader view on ecosystem service science and practice examines a broad scope of relevant issues to create common understanding in the ecosystem services community includes contributions from several backgrounds providing a broad multidisciplinary view offers recommendations to develop a thorough understanding and management of ecosystem services based on tools and research in larger territories as well as on local scales

this open access book elaborates on the role ecosystem services play in relation to establishing and enhancing rural urban synergies it draws on the concept of ecosystem services ess as the ecological characteristics functions or processes that directly or indirectly contribute to human wellbeing that is the benefits that people derive from functioning ecosystems the empirical and theoretical research that supports the various contributions in this book was developed in the context of the project h2020 robust rural urban outlooks unlocking synergies ga 727988 the project was structured in five communities of practice cop as groups of researchers sharing a common thematic interest one of these cop was dedicated to ess and aimed to investigate its role in unlocking synergies across rural and urban territories strategic approaches to integrate ess in spatial planning were developed associating ess use and delivery to planning instruments and governance models at multiple scales the approach assumes the engagement of multiple actors both as users of ess but also in their position as planners regulators land owners or other type of decision making role to explore the role of ess in enhancing rural urban synergies the purpose has been to ensure the balance between supply and demand of ess seeking instruments and the governance models for public policy market and science and technology that will encourage alternative practices and policy integrated goals

thus enabling resilience and social well being ultimately the purpose has been to generate transition processes towards the recognition of socio ecological systems inclusive of new ess based societal values leading rural urban synergies in other words such inclusive of socio ecological systems are seen as a condition for human well being theoretical investigation in five core themes and its implementation in six different living laboratories form the more substantive content of this book in addition ess is analysed in the context of its integration with other relevant themes in a cross sectoral perspective overall the purpose of the book is to communicate the multiple and constructive roles played by ess in rural urban synergies using multiple lenses looking particularly into challenges and merits and into different imaginative forms of making such as abstract concept more concrete operational and recognized by stakeholders in the field

aquatic ecosystems are rich in biodiversity and home to a diverse array of species and habitats providing a wide variety of benefits to human beings many of these valuable ecosystems are at risk of being irreversibly damaged by human activities and pressures including pollution contamination invasive species overfishing and climate change such pressures threaten the sustainability of these ecosystems their provision of ecosystem services and ultimately human well being ecosystem based management ebm is now widely considered the most promising paradigm for balancing sustainable development and biodiversity protection and various international strategies and conventions have championed the ebm cause and the inclusion of ecosystem services in decision making this open access book introduces the essential concepts and principles required to implement ecosystem based management detailing tools and techniques and describing the application of these concepts and tools to a broad range of aquatic ecosystems from the shores of lough erne in northern ireland to the estuaries of the us pacific northwest and the tropical mekong delta

this thought provoking book draws together prominent international authorities to discuss the key methodological issues and challenges in valuing ecosystem services covering a cross section of ecosystems and services in different sites countries and

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the degradation of ecosystems including forests and the associated loss of biodiversity particularly due to human induced threats and climate change has gained increased attention from scientists and policymakers the millennium ecosystem assessment presented a new conceptual framework that puts ecosystem services at the centre and links human well being to the impacts on ecosystems of changes in natural resources the economics of ecosystems and biodiversity initiative drew further attention to the economic benefits of conserving ecosystems and biodiversity supporting the idea that economic instruments if appropriately applied developed and interpreted can inform policy and decision making processes only a few ecosystem services however have explicit market value

and are traded in open markets many especially those categorized as having passive use value remain invisible and are rarely accounted for in traditional economic systems the failure to appropriately consider the full economic value of ecosystem services in decision making enables the continued degradation and loss of ecosystems and biodiversity most ecosystem services are considered public goods and tend to be overexploited by society many methods have been applied to the economic valuation of ecosystem services the use of these methods as well as the interpretation of their results requires familiarity with the ecological political normative and socio economic context and the science of economics recognizing demonstrating and capturing the value of ecosystem services can play an important role in setting policy directions for ecosystem management and conservation and thus in increasing the provision of ecosystem services and their contributions to human well being the aim of this manual is to enhance understanding of ecosystem services and their valuation the specific target group comprises governmental officers in planning units and field level officers and practitioners in key government departments in bangladesh responsible for project development including the ministry of environment and forests and its agencies most of the examples and case studies presented herein therefore are tailored to the bangladesh context but the general concepts approaches and methods can be applied to a broad spectrum of situations this manual focuses on valuing forest related ecosystem services including those provided by trees outside forests it is expected to improve valuation efforts and help ensure the better use of such values in policymaking and decision making among other things the manual explores the basics of financial mathematics e g the time value of money discounting cost benefit analysis and profitability and risk indicators the main methods of economic valuation examples of the valuation of selected ecosystem services and inputs for considering values in decision making

natural environments provide enormously valuable but largely unappreciated services that aid humans and other earthlings it is becoming clear that these life support systems are faltering and failing worldwide due to human actions that disrupt nature s ability to do its beneficial work ecosystem services charting a path to sustainability documents the national academies keck futures initiative conference on ecosystem services at this conference participants were divided into 14 interdisciplinary research teams to explore diverse challenges at the interface of science engineering and medicine the teams needed to address the challenge of communicating and working together from a diversity of expertise and perspectives as they attempted to solve a complicated interdisciplinary problem in a relatively short time ecosystem services charting a path to sustainability describes how ecosystem services scientists work to document the direct and indirect links between humanity s well being and the many benefits provided by the natural systems we occupy this report explains the specific topics the interdisciplinary research teams addressed at the conference including the following how ecosystem services affect infectious and chronic diseases how to identify what resources can be produced renewably or recovered by developing

intense technologies that can be applied on a massive scale how to develop social and technical capabilities to respond to abrupt changes in ecosystem services how to design agricultural and aquacultural systems that provide food security while maintaining the full set of ecosystem services needed from landscapes and seascapes how to design production systems for ecosystem services that improve human outcomes related to food and nutrition how to develop appropriate methods to accurately value natural capital and ecosystem services how to design a federal policy to maintain or improve natural capital and ecosystem services within the united states including measuring and documenting the effectiveness of the policy how to design a system for international trade that accounts for impacts on ecosystem services how to develop a program that increases the american public's appreciation of the basic principles of ecosystem services

nature provides us with many services seemingly for free recharged groundwater fertile soil and plant biomass created by photosynthesis we human beings draw extensive benefits from these ecosystem services or as food water supply recreation and protection from natural hazards major international studies such as the millennium ecosystem assessment have addressed the enormous role of biodiversity and ecosystems to human well being and they draw particular attention to the consequences resulting from the reduction or loss of these services these very topical issues are being addressed by authors scientists in a wide variety of disciplines and their approaches terminologies and methodological specifics are just as diverse what for example does the efficacy of nature or natural capital mean which values of nature are particularly important how are they distributed in space and time and how can they be assessed and the relevant knowledge promoted can all ecosystem services be quantified and even monetarised what should be done to ensure that the multiple services of nature will be available also in future this book explains the multifaceted concept of ecosystem services provides a methodological framework for its analysis and assessment and discusses case examples particularly from germany it is addressed to scientists and practitioners in the administrative volunteer and professional spheres especially those who deal with environment landscape management and nature conservation and regional and land use planning the target group includes experts from the business community politicians and decision makers students and all those interested in fundamental ecological economic ethical and environmental issues

a major challenge in trading ecosystem services is the need to quantify and commoditise services for monitoring and verification as well as for trade this is relatively straightforward for goods such as forest honey or shade grown coffee but potentially complex for services such as water purification reducing risk from floods or other disasters or carbon sequestration developing certification systems for forest ecosystem services is one potential way to define quantify and verify these services in a way that buyers can trust and this is why certification of ecosystem services is promoted by a

number of environmental and forestry ngos certification of ecosystem services is a useful concept but many practical and theoretical obstacles must be addressed before it can be put into practice this paper is a review of existing development in certification of ecosystem services with information useful for designing and implementing projects to evaluate the efficacy of new systems we discuss the potential use of more holistic concepts for measuring management sustainability which are to date undeveloped and untested and recommend developing pilot projects that are specifically designed to address a number of challenges inherent to ecosystem service certification

mountain forest ecosystems provide a wide range of direct and indirect contributions to the people who live in the mountains and surrounding areas occupying steep slopes at high elevation these ecosystems provide services such as stabilizing slopes regulating hydrological cycles maintaining rich biodiversity and supporting the livelihoods of those who are diverse in culture but vulnerable to poverty and food security this paper i reviews several tools for assessing the sociocultural economic and ecological values of mountain forest ecosystem services ii demonstrates case studies of tool applications from several countries namely bhutan india indonesia iran and nepal and iii discusses assessment challenges that should be considered in the application of these tools in bhutan an application of benefit transfer showed that the average total value of forest ecosystem services was over usd 14.5 billion per year in india an application of stakeholder and household analyses indicated that a total of 29 different ecosystem services are available and sustain livelihoods of local communities near the maguri mottapung wetland in indonesia an application of q methodology identified anticipated benefits and concerns of forest watershed stakeholders related to certification applications for a payment for ecosystem services in iran an application of the integrated valuation of ecosystem services and trade offs tool showed that the regulation of ecosystem services has been declining in hyrcanian forests despite the forests critical roles in the region in nepal an application of a spatial analytical approach and participatory assessment techniques identified key mountain ecosystem services for community forests at the charnawolti sub watershed of dolakha and demonstrated forest restoration on degraded lands over the last two decades several challenges exist for the assessment of mountain forest ecosystem services and these must be reflected in assessment design these challenges include the complexity of defining and classifying ecosystem services limited availability of data on ecosystem services uncertainties associated with climate change complex relationships among services including trade offs and synergies and limitation of assessments to build successful payments for ecosystem services

human wellbeing depends on the capacity of the earth's natural systems to provide ecosystem goods and services however the millennium ecosystem assessment chillingly concludes that unless we take action to mitigate the current decline in ecosystem services the cost to society will be substantial in this publication iucn defines three key challenges that will need to be addressed in the

near future in order to deliver internationally agreed development goals actions for implementation for all three challenges are also proposed as well as some first steps that should be initiated now if we are to secure our future

abstract nature provides a range of benefits ecosystem services that underpin human and socio economic well being many of these benefits and the associated economic values are not acknowledged in decision making as a result nature remains almost invisible in the political and individual choices made this report presents a synthesis of the socio economic importance of ecosystem services in the nordic countries the study was initiated by the nordic council of ministers ncm and the ncm finnish presidency in 2011 following in the footsteps of the economics of ecosystems and biodiversity teeb initiative the study reveals that nordic ecosystems play an integral role in supporting socio economic wellbeing however a number of gaps in the existing information base still need to be addressed to ensure that these benefits are fully integrated into the nordic decision making processes

this book aims to quantify and discuss how societies have directly and indirectly benefited from ecosystem services in patagonia not only in terms of provisioning and cultural services but also regulating and supporting services patagonia a region that stretches across two countries ca 10 in chile and 90 in argentina is home to some of the most extensive wilderness areas on our planet natural grasslands comprise almost 30 of the americas including the patagonian steppe while patagonian southern temperate forests are important for carbon sequestration and storage play a pivotal role in water regulation and have become widely recognized for their ecotourism value however profound changes are now underway that could affect key ecosystem functions and ultimately human well being in this context one major challenge we face in patagonia is that ecosystem services are often ignored in economic markets government policies and land management practices the book explores the synergies and trade offs between conservation and economic development as natural landscapes and seascapes continue to degrade in patagonia historically economic markets have largely focused on the provisioning services forest products livestock while neglecting the interdependent roles of regulating services erosion and climate control supporting services nutrient cycling and cultural services recreation local identity tourism therefore the present work focuses on ecosystem functions and ecosystem services as well as on trends in biodiversity and the interactions between natural environments and land use activities throughout patagonia

this edited book covers major importance of tropical forest diversity and its values to vegetation wildlife and the local community it addresses the current issues and opportunities in the southeast asia s tropical forests this book lays the groundwork for a better understanding of tropical forest

ecosystem services ecosystem services has four concepts provisioning regulating cultural and supporting services in an era of rapid population growth and increasing pressure on tropical natural resources ecosystem services have become central to the discussion of climate change mitigation the values of tropical forest ecosystem services deserve to be the highlighted when it comes to shaping responsible behaviors towards sustainable development goals sdgs this book is of interest and useful to researchers and academics teaching in the field of tropical forest conservation tropical ecosystems tropical products technology ecotourism forest plantation management bio industrial economy agroforestry business and marketing professionals foresters industrial entrepreneurs ecologists and a valuable source of reference to the relevant researchers and students in the region

this book highlights the latest advances in the science and practice of using ecosystem services to inform decisions for economic development in the context of the developing countries the development of the ecosystem services paradigm has enhanced our understanding of natural capital as an indispensable form of capital asset along with produced and human capital this book addresses what could be the possible pathways to mainstream natural capital assets into development policies and what is currently known about the economic values of ecosystem services a series of innovative tools to help policy makers and planners account for natural capital and ecosystem services in sectoral and macroeconomic policies have been explored and their application at the national and regional scale has been demonstrated several detailed case studies are presented in which the understanding of ecosystem services values has successfully informed decisions including examples from chile south africa tanzania trinidad and tobago vietnam and the aral sea in central asia these provide the critically important insights lessons learned and means and mechanisms for policy makers to incentivize protection and discourage degradation of ecosystems and the services they provide mainstreaming natural capital and ecosystem services into development policy is designed to help decision makers at all levels including governments businesses multilevel development banks and individuals to integrate ecosystems and their services into their decision making

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