



Methods for integrating ecosystem services into policy, planning and practice





¿What is ValuES?

Methods for integrating ecosystem services into policy, planning and practice

- **Objective:** Provide **practitioners** and **decision makers** in environment-related ministries and organisations with the **skills needed** to select and effectively use biophysical and/or economic **assessment methods** and instruments to identify, prioritize, value, assess and **integrate** ecosystem services into politics, planning and practice.
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- **Countries/Regions:** Colombia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, Ecuador, Central Asia, Vietnam, Philippines, Namibia and Ivory Coast
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From an E-Mail to TEEB@ufz.de (March 2014):

„Dear [Sir or Madam],

**..... Our environment minister promised us \$300K to do a
,TEEB‘. We have been asked to calculate our country’s
natural capital.**

Can you help us? Which methods can we use?

.....“



Why a methods inventory?

- Difficulty in accessing information on available tools and methods
- Ecosystem service assessment and valuation is a multidisciplinary undertaking
- Process as important as outcome (think of purposes, stakeholders, information needs, policy options)





The inventory is a „work in progress“.

**You are welcome to contribute with
content (methods, case studies).**

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