

Linking Integrated Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Landscape Management

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Ecosystem services (ES) assessment has become a widely used approach in the field of applied science and research; concurrently, its links to planning and decision-making practice have long been recognized. However, these links have not been satisfactorily elucidated to date, which is one of the most discussed pitfalls of this concept (Costanza et al. 2017). To move forward, integrated valuation of ecosystem services has been proposed, which recognizes diverse values and plural approaches to valuation.

The concept of integrated landscape management (ILM) has been also recently promoted, following, e.g., the challenges of climate change, water scarcity, and food insecurity. ILM involves long-term collaboration among different groups of land managers and stakeholders to achieve their multiple objectives and expectations within the landscape for local livelihoods, health, and well-being (FAO 2020). As such, ILM can be viewed as one of the prerequisites for the implementation of sustainable development.

The aim of the Special Issue is to address various aspects of ecosystem service valuations and assessments related to landscape management applications.



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