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Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service: Challenges for the Future

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A growing stock of evidence backs the pivotal role of biodiversity in supporting the capacity of ecosystems to provide a wide range of ecosystem services.

Nevertheless, the relationship between the different levels of biodiversity and the provision of ecosystem services is still poorly defined and assessed. Recent studies indicate that the current global erosion of biodiversity and the degradation of habitats are at the core of serious concerns for the future of human wellbeing.

The capacity of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services should be considered as non-rival and with interdependent objectives that have to be addressed by management options and policies at all scales. New ideas and results are needed in order to support and promote the role of biodiversity as a key component supporting ecosystem resilience, and as an insurance value for the sustainable provisioning of ecosystem services in socio-ecological systems.

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