

Special Issue

Assessment of Ecosystem Services at Different Scales

Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of ecosystem services is a significant and still growing research topic, especially related to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. The assessment of ecosystem services seems to be at the center of research agendas, due to its foreseen applicability in biodiversity and other land use policies. In this Special Issue, we would like to invite a wide range of papers that deal with the assessment of ecosystem services at different scales, e.g. business entity, settlement, region, country, continent, or even at a global scale. Assessments of a single service or a set of services including provisioning, regulation, and maintenance and cultural services are all welcome. However, especially, in the case of provisioning services, we would like authors to discuss related sustainability issues. Methodologies can cover qualitative, quantitative, or monetary methods as well as mapping. We encourage authors to reflect on the methodological challenges of the assessment at the given scale. It would be also nice to see how the results of the assessments might assist certain land use decisions.

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