

# Methodological framework for the assessment of Ecosystem Services in Bulgaria and its relation to water management

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# Introduction

- In the context of global changes, the biodiversity loss and degradation of ecosystems and their services are the biggest *problems* of the planet now
- -> So, effective societal responses needed to manage complex *socio-ecological (SE) interactions*.

Knowledge base:

What **drives** the major European ecosystems and socio-ecological systems?

Information of policy and management:

How can Ecosystem Services be **sustainably secured** across all scales?


**Key questions**

# Context

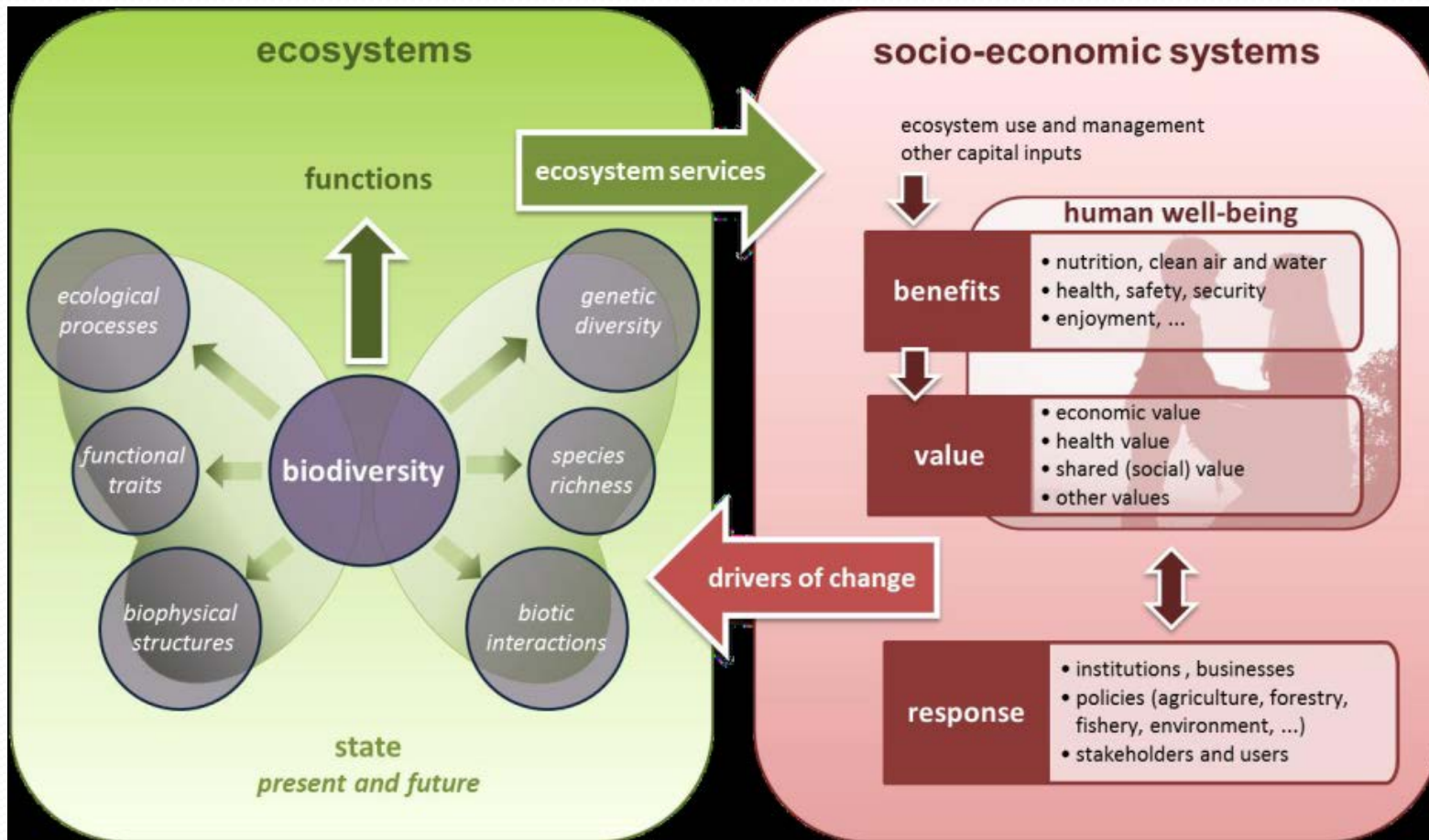
- **Action 5 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020** foresees that Member States will map and assess the state of ecosystems and their services in their national territory by 2014.
- The Working Group **MAES-EC**, which steers the implementation of Action 5 decided to test it based on the outcomes of six thematic pilots.

# Context

- Four of the pilots focused on Europe's main ecosystem types: **agro-ecosystems**, **forest ecosystems**, **freshwater ecosystems** and **marine ecosystems**. A further pilot focused on the use of conservation status data for assessing the state of ecosystems and of the associated delivery of services. The final pilot addressed the challenge of natural capital accounts.
- In these pilots EU institutions worked hand in hand with Member States to make a review of national and European data and indicators to assess the condition of ecosystems, to quantify biodiversity and to map and assess their services.

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- A coherent **analytical framework** has been developed to be applied by the EU and its Member States in order to ensure consistent approaches. It contributes to the ongoing discussion on the conceptual framework for sub-global assessments of ecosystems and ecosystem services under the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem services (IPBES).
  - The **second technical report** proposes indicators that can be used at European and Member State's level to map and assess biodiversity, ecosystem condition and ecosystem services.





*The institutional capacities to manage the earth's ecosystems are evolving more slowly than man's overuse of the same systems.*



## ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN WELL-BEING

*Opportunities and Challenges for Business and Industry*



MILLENNIUM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT



# Ecosystem services

*"The capacity of ecosystems to provide services derives directly from the operation of natural biogeochemical cycles that in some cases have been significantly modified".*

Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, 2000,2005

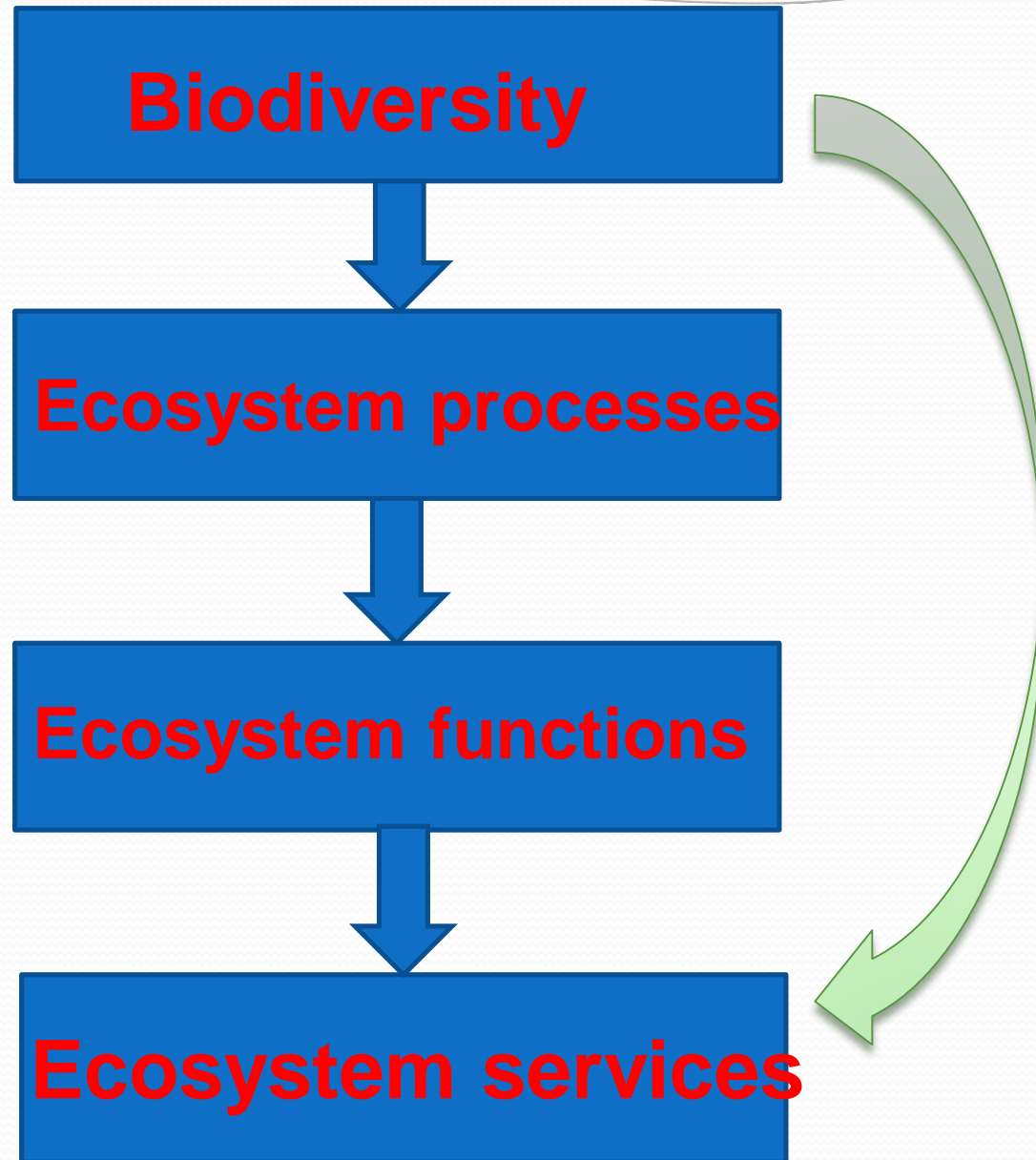
# Ecosystem services

- **ES are the benefits that people obtain from biodiversity, ecosystems and their functions.**
- **Biodiversity** has multiple roles supporting the delivery of ecosystem services and assessment the status of ecosystems. Connecting biodiversity to ecosystem state but also to particular ecosystem functions and ecosystem services entails thus defining multivariate combinations of these different dimensions of biodiversity and using them for mapping and assessment. (MAES 1&2)

# Introduction –some definitions

- **Ecosystems** are shaped by the interaction of communities of living organisms with the abiotic environment.
- **Biodiversity** - the variety of all life on earth - plays a key role in the structural set-up of ecosystems which is essential to maintaining basic ecosystem processes and supporting ecosystem functions.
- **Ecosystem functions** are defined as the capacity or the potential to deliver ecosystem services.
- **Ecosystem services** are, in turn, derived from ecosystem functions and represent the realized flow of services for which there is demand.

# Ecosystem functions and biodiversity

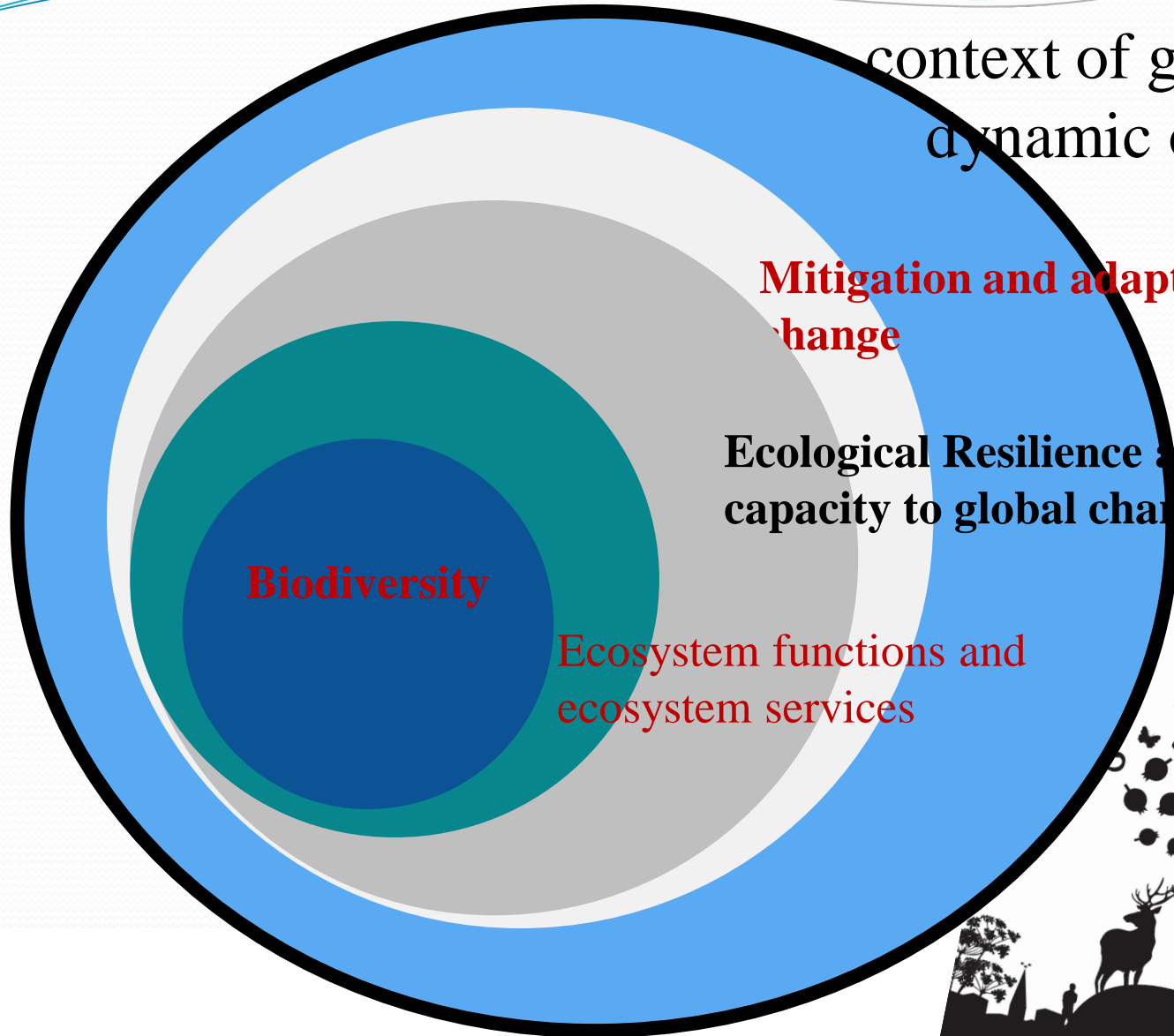




The **biodiversity** has a **crucial** role  
in the ecosystem processes



Sustainable development in the context of global change  
dynamic of SE system



**Biodiversity**

Ecosystem functions and ecosystem services

**Mitigation and adaptation to climate change**

**Ecological Resilience and adaptive capacity to global changes**

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND RESILIENCE  
CHANGE FOR A FUTURE  
GLOBAL CHANGES



- The concepts to analyse complex SE interactions: *ecosystem integrity, resilience and ecosystem services*
- The objective: to develop framework to assess *resilience of ecosystem services, based on DPSIR, indicators and scenarios*

# Ecosystem integrity - definition

The ability of ecosystem for **self organization and self maintenance** of ecosystem structures and functions

# Ecosystem structures & functions = Ecosystem integrity

<b>Abiotic heterogeneity</b>	1	structures
<b>Biodiversity</b>	2	
<b>Exergy Capture (Radiation)</b>	3	energy
<b>Metabolic efficiency</b>	4	
<b>Biotic waterflows</b>	5	water & matter
<b>Reduction of Nutrient loss</b>	6	
<b>Storage capacity (SOM)</b>	7	

## Indicators

Assessments of ecosystem functions and services across LTER Europe sites  
Stoll et al. | 23.5.2012

## Definitions of integrity components: potential indicators:

<p>The provision of <b>suitable habitats</b> for different species, for functional groups of species and for processes is essential for the functioning of ecosystems.</p>	<p><b>habitat diversity indices</b>  <b>heterogeneity indices, e.g. humus contents in the soil</b>  <b>number/area of habitats</b></p>
<p>The presence or absence of selected species, (<b>functional groups</b>) of species or species composition.</p>	<p><b>Indicator species representative for a certain phenomenon or sensitive to distinct changes.</b></p>
<p>Referring to the <b>water cycling</b> affected by plant processes in the system.</p>	<p><b>transpiration / total evapotranspiration</b></p>
<p>Referring to the <b>amount of energy</b> necessary to maintain a specific biomass, also serving as a stress indicator for the system.</p>	<p><b>respiration / biomass (metabolic quotient)</b></p>
<p>The capability of ecosystems to enhance the <b>input of usable energy</b>. <b>Exergy</b> is derived from thermodynamics and measures the energy fraction that can be transformed into mechanical work. In ecosystems, the captured exergy is used to build up biomass (e.g. by primary production) and structures.</p>	<p><b>Net primary production</b>  <b>Leaf area index LAI</b></p>
<p>Referring to the irreversible output of elements from the system, the <b>nutrient budget and matter flows</b>.</p>	<p><b>Leaching of nutrients e.g. N, P</b></p>
<p>Is referring to the <b>nutrient, energy and water budgets</b> of the system and the capacity of the system to store them when available and to release them when needed.</p>	<p><b>Solved organic matter</b>  <b>N, C<sub>org</sub> in the soil</b>  <b>N, C in biomass</b></p>



# Resilience of ecosystems

The resilience of ecosystems broadly refers to the capacity of an ecosystem to tolerate disturbance without collapsing into a qualitatively different state that is controlled by a different set of processes.

Focal questions:

- “*resilience of what to what? (Carpenter et al. 2001)*”
- “*resilience for whom*” (Lebel et al. 2006).
- Additional question: “*resilience by whom and how*”?

# Ecosystem services (ES)

- Four types of services:

- 1) **provisioning** (products obtained from ecosystems e.g. food, wood, water),

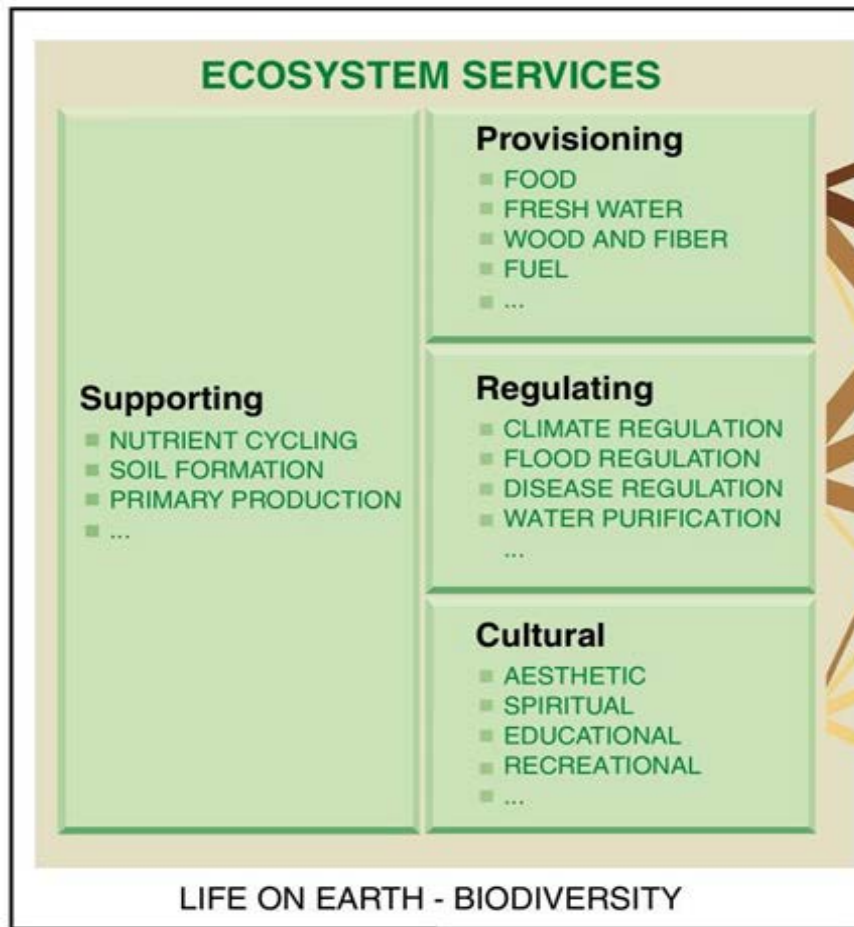
- 2) **regulating** (moderate or control of environmental conditions e.g. flood control; water purification by aquifers, carbon sequestration by forests, species balance),

- 3) **cultural** (non-material benefits obtained from ecosystems e.g. recreation, education, aesthetics), and

- 4) **supporting** (maintain all other services by for example primary production, soil formation, and water cycling) (MA 2003).

Choosing what ecosystem services to enhance is **political** -  
>trade-offs between changing societal objectives at local, national ore regional scale

## CONSTITUENTS OF WELL-BEING



Source: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

**ARROW'S COLOR**  
Potential for mediation by socioeconomic factors

- Low
- Medium
- High

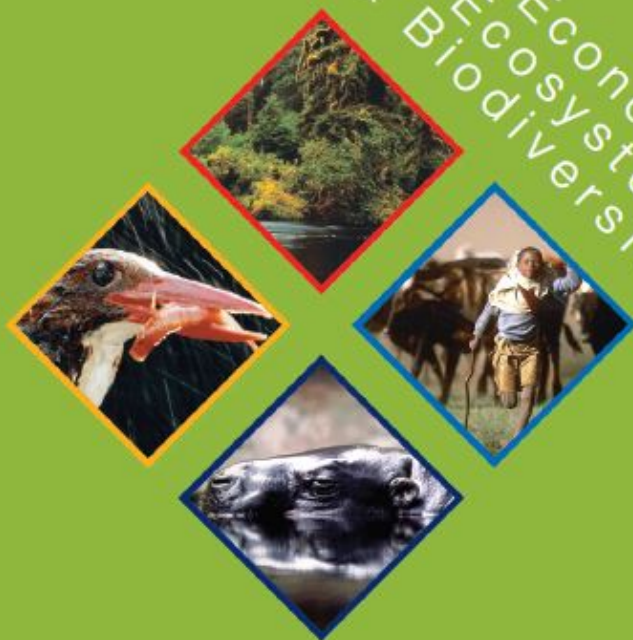
**ARROW'S WIDTH**  
Intensity of linkages between ecosystem services and human well-being

- Weak
- Medium
- Strong

Millennium ecosystem assessment, 2000, 2005

# TEEB, 2010

The Economics  
& of Ecosystems  
of Biodiversity



MAINSTREAMING THE ECONOMICS OF NATURE

A SYNTHESIS OF THE APPROACH, CONCLUSIONS  
AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF TEEB

	<b>TEEB classification</b>		
1	<b>PROVISIONING</b>		
2	Food		
3	Water (2)		
		16	<b>HABITAT</b>
		17	Lifecycle maintenance
		17	Gene pool protection
			<b>CULTURAL</b>
4	Genetic resources	18	Aesthetic information
5	Medicinal resources	19	Recreation & tourism
6	Ornamental resources	20	Inspiration for culture, art and design
	<b>REGULATING</b>		
7	Air purification	21	Spiritual experience
8	Climate regulation (incl. C-sequestration)	22	Information for cognitive development
9	Disturbance prevention or moderation		
10	Regulation of water flows		
11	Waste treatment (esp. water purification)		
12	Erosion prevention		
13	Maintaining soil fertility		
14	Pollination		
15	Biological control		

# Conceptual framework

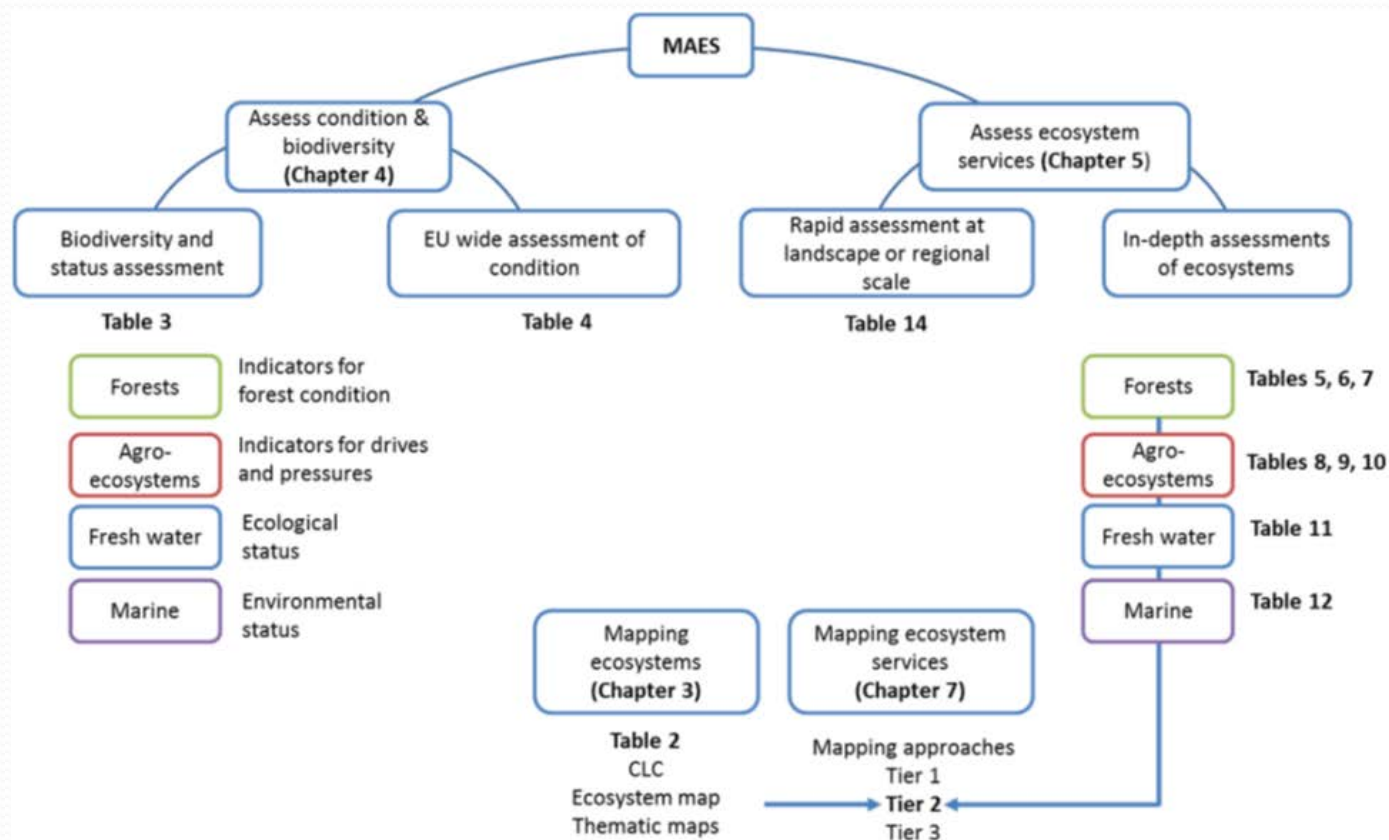




# MAES

- According to the description available at the EU website, “... the objective of the EU assessment is to provide a critical evaluation of the best available information for guiding decisions on complex public issues. The work being carried out is important for the advancement of biodiversity objectives, and also to inform the development and implementation of related policies, on water, climate, agriculture, forest, and regional planning. Robust, reliable and comparable data are also important for the planning and implementation of individual projects.”
- To achieve these objectives, MAES has so far adopted a **classification of ecosystem services** (in its Analytical framework of April 2013), as well as relevant indicators (Indicators of ecosystem assessment report, February, 2014). A Natural capital accounting guidance document is in its final stages of adoption.


The pilot studies contributed indicators, which can be used for mapping and assessing biodiversity, ecosystem condition and ecosystem services according to the Common International Classification of Ecosystem Services (CICES v4.3). The way information is structured is presented in a graph.



# CICES, 2013

Section – 3  
Division – 8  
Group – 20  
Class - 48

CICES for ecosystem service mapping and assessment				
CICES for ecosystem accounting				
Sector	Division	Group	Class	
Provisioning	Nutrition	Biomass	Cultivated crops	
			Reared animals and their outputs	
			Wild plants, algae and their outputs	
			Wild animals and their outputs	
			Plants and algae from in-situ aquaculture	
			Animals from in-situ aquaculture	
	Water	Surface water for drinking		
		Ground water for drinking		
	Materials	Biomass	Fibres and other materials from plants, algae and animals for direct use or processing	
			Materials from plants, algae and animals for agricultural use	
Water		Genetic materials from all biota		
		Surface water for non-drinking purposes		
Energy	Biomass	Plant-based resources		
	Mechanical	Animal-based energy		
Regulation & Maintenance	Mediation of waste, toxics and other nuisances	Mediation by biota	Bio-remediation by micro-organisms, algae, plants, and animals Filtration/sequestration/storage/accumulation by micro-organisms, algae, plants, and animals	
		Mediation by ecosystems	Filtration/sequestration/storage/accumulation by ecosystems Dilution by atmosphere, freshwater and marine ecosystems Mediation of smell/noise/visual impacts	
		Mediation of flows	Mass flows	Mass stabilisation and control of erosion rates Buffering and attenuation of mass flows
			Liquid flows	Hydrological cycle and water flow maintenance Flood protection
	Gaseous / air flows		Storm protection	
			Ventilation and transpiration	
	Maintenance of chemical, biological conditions	Lifecycle maintenance	Pollination and seed dispersal Maintaining nutrient populations and habitats	
		Pest and disease	Pest control	
			Disease control	
		Soil formation	Weathering processes Decomposition and fixing processes	
		Water conditions	Chemical condition of freshwaters	
			Chemical condition of salt waters	
		Atmospheric composition	Global climate regulation by reduction of greenhouse gas concentrations Micro and regional climate regulation	
		Cultural	Physical and experiential interactions with biota, ecosystems, etc.	Physical and experiential
	Intellectual and representative interactions			Scientific
				Educational
Heritage, cultural				
Spiritual, symbolic and other interactions	Entertainment			
	Aesthetic			
	Spiritual and/or symbolic		Symbolic Sacred and/or religious	
	Other cultural		Existence Recreation	



In Bulgaria, the ecosystems mapping and assessment process is so far organized on ad hoc basis but the need for closer cooperation is being seen by the involved **stakeholders**, notably central administrations and NGOs.

The legal basis is provided by Regulation 691/2011 and (for the forest ecosystems only) by a dedicated chapter in the Forestry law and its sublegislation.

# BG 03 Biodiversity and ecosystem services - EEA

PDP<sub>2</sub> Methodological assistance for ecosystem  
assessment and biophysical valuation

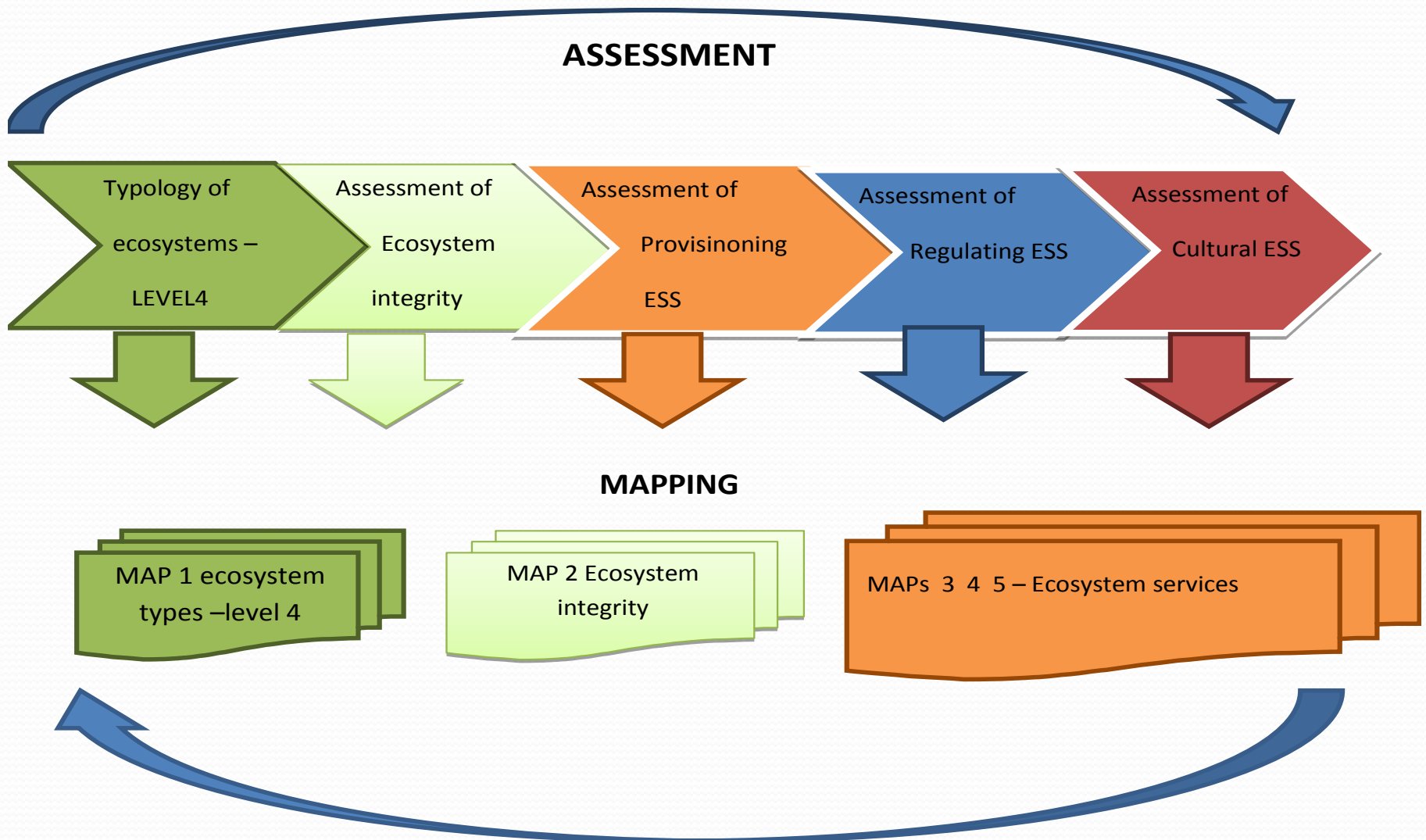


## Based on:

- EEA Technical report No 1/2014 - Terrestrial habitat mapping in Europe: an overview - Joint MNHN-EEA report
- MAES – documents – 2 Reports 2013,2014
- Concept of ecosystem integrity - ENVEurope Project – 2010-2013
- Burhard's matrix – 2009, 2010, 2013,2014

### 3 The process of mapping and assessment of ES and ESS

– BOX4 – MAES



(1)  
**Map ecosystems**

Urban  
Cropland  
Grassland  
Woodland and forest  
Heathland and shrub  
Sparsely vegetated land  
Wetlands  
Rivers and lakes  
Marine inlets and transitional waters  
Coastal  
Shelf  
Open ocean

**Land use land cover data, e.g.**  
Corine Land Cover  
Copernicus high resolution data  
Elevation data  
Seabed maps  
National datasets

**Models** for spatially delineating wetlands or natural, unmanaged ecosystems

(2)  
**Assess the condition of ecosystems**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Data</b>
Conservation status of habitats and species	Art.17 assessment
Ecological status of water bodies	WFD assessment
Environmental status of seas	MSFD assessment
Ecosystem status and biodiversity	data including air pollutant concentration, habitat connectivity, land use change, soil degradation, ...

(3)  
**Assess the ecosystem services delivered by ecosystems**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Data and models</b>
<b>Supply indicators:</b> Indicators for stock and flow of ecosystem functions and ecosystem services	Different sources of environmental data and models
<b>Demand indicators:</b> Indicators for the human demand for ecosystem services	Different socio-economic statistics



(4)  
**Integrated ecosystem assessment**  
How does condition relate to service provision?  
How do the various ecosystem types interact to provide their services?

# Indicators for assessment of ecosystem state

Ecosystem integrity – *Burchard&Muller* (2009, 2013) – ENVEurope Project

SEBI

WFD, MSFD

MAES

Ecological integrity indicators

Ecosystem types - level 2

Ecosystem types - level 3 (попълва се от всяка работна група)

Ecosystem structure

Biotic diversity

Table with 5 rows: flora diversity, fauna diversity, habitat diversity, additional variable (invasive species), additional variables (naturalness). Includes 'v' markers in various columns.

Abiotic heterogeneity

Table with 5 rows: soil heterogeneity, water heterogeneity, air heterogeneity, habitat heterogeneity, additional variables (pollution). Includes 'v' markers in various columns.

Ecosystem processes

Energy balance

Table with 5 rows: input (exergy capture), storage (exergy storage), output (entropy production), other state variables (meteorology), efficiency measures (metabolic efficiency). Includes 'v' markers.

Matter balance

Table with 6 rows: input (matter input), storage (matter storage), output (matter loss), other state variables (regeneration), other state variables (element concentrations), efficiency measures (nutrient cycling). Includes 'v' markers.

Water balance

Table with 5 rows: input (water input), storage (water storage), output (water output), other state variables (element concentrations), efficiency measures (biotic water flow). Includes 'v' markers.



CORINE land cover type:	Ecological Integrity $\Sigma$						Regulating services $\Sigma$						Provisioning services $\Sigma$						Cultural services $\Sigma$									
	Abiotic heterogeneity	Biodiversity	Biotic waterflows	Metabolic efficiency	Energy Capture (Radiation)	Reduction of Nutrient loss	Storage capacity (SOM)	Local climate regulation	Global climate regulation	Flood protection	Groundwater recharge	Air Quality Regulation	Erosion Regulation	Nutrient regulation	Water purification	Pollination	Crops	Livestock	Fodder	Capture Fisheries	Aquaculture	Wild Foods	Timber	Wood Fuel	Energy	Biochemicals and Medicine	Freshwater	Recreation/Aesthetic Values
Continuous urban fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discontinuous urban fabric	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial or commercial units	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road and rail networks	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port areas	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Airports	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mineral extraction sites	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dump sites	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction sites	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green urban areas	3	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sport and leisure facilities	2	2	2	1	4	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-irrigated arable land	3	3	3	4	5	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permanently irrigated land	3	2	5	2	5	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ricefields	4	5	1	1	1	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vineyards	3	2	3	1	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fruit trees and berries	4	3	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0
Olive groves	3	2	3	2	3	1	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0
Pastures	2	2	4	5	5	2	4	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual and permanent crops	2	3	3	2	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complex cultivation patterns	4	3	3	2	4	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agriculture & natural vegetation	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	1	0	0	0
Agro-forestry areas	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
Broad-leaved forest	3	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	3	2	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	5	1	5	0	0
Coniferous forest	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	3	2	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	1	5	0	0
Mixed forest	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	5	3	2	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	1	5	0	0
Natural grassland	3	5	4	4	4	5	5	2	3	1	1	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moors and heathland	3	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	3	2	2	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0
Sclerophyllous vegetation	3	4	2	3	3	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Transitional woodland shrub	3	4	2	3	3	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Beaches, dunes and sand plains	3	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bare rock	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sparsely vegetated areas	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burnt areas	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glaciers and perpetual snow	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inland marshes	3	2	4	4	4	3	5	2	2	4	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peatbogs	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	3	3	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salt marshes	2	3	4	3	3	3	5	1	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salines	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intertidal flats	2	3	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water courses	4	4	0	3	3	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	5	10	9
Water bodies	4	4	0	4	4	3	4	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	5
Coastal lagoons	4	4	0	5	5	3	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	4	0	1	0	0
Estuaries	3	3	0	5	5	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea and ocean	2	2	0	3	3	4	1	3	3	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

scale for assessing capacities:

- 0 = no relevant capacity
- 1 = low relevant capacity
- 2 = relevant capacity
- 3 = medium relevant capacity
- 4 = high relevant capacity
- 5 = very high relevant capacity




# Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

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“IWRM is a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources, in order to maximise the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the **sustainability** of vital ecosystems”

*(Global Water Partnership,  
Technical Committee).*

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- Integrated planning and management of water resources and land
  - Takes account of social, economic and environmental factors together
  - Integrates surface, groundwater and the ecosystems through which they flow

**Economic Efficiency**

**Equity**

**Environmental Sustainability**

**Management Instruments**

- Assessment
- Information
- Allocation Instruments

**Enabling Environment**

- Policies
- Legislation

**Institutional Framework**

- Central - Local
- River Basin
- Public - Private

Balance “**water for livelihood**” and “**water as a resource**”

# Fresh water *ecosystem typology*

## (Level 3)

1.		Description	Nomenclature(s)
<b>FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS</b>	Rivers = lotic (hydro) ecosystems, incl. riparian zones	Water courses of all kinds (streams, brooks, creeks, irrigation canals)	EUNIS (SEBI, Baseline), WWF, MA
	Lakes (marshes, water reservoirs) = lentic (hydro) ecosystems, incl. littoral zones & fringing communities	Water bodies incl. coastal lakes (without permanent connection to the sea)	Subtype

# Indicators ecosystem condition

- State (Conditions) indicators assess environmental states (climatic, chemical, physical, biological state of habitat) in fresh water ecosystems and describe the ecosystem integrity of them.
- We have defined and quantified 44 indicators that are relevant for the fresh water ecosystem conditions. The indicators represent the ecosystems structure and ecosystem processes of fresh water ecosystems types.



# Indicators for ES

- Assessment of ecosystem services in fresh water ecosystems focuses on indicators of final ecosystem services as developed in MAES (2013).
- The indicators for most provisioning services provide for a more complete understanding of the service than for most **regulating** and cultural services.

# Problems

- Detailed differentiation of ecosystem types – level 4
- Data sets
  - Data availability
  - Data formats
  - Data gaps
- Selection of indicators –state (potential) and services–supply
- Expert assessment
- Coupling state/services

The show go on...

*Thank you for your attention*

