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NOTIFICATION

Questionnaire on “The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity” (TEEB) global study

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is a partner in the important global study on “The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity” (TEEB), which is a cooperative effort of researchers from North and South, led by Pavan Sukhdev, supported by the CBD Secretariat and funded by the European Union and several governments. TEEB draws attention to the local and global benefits of biodiversity and to the social and economic costs of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation. The initiative to prepare this study was welcomed at the CBD ninth Conference of the Parties (COP9) and Parties were encouraged to contribute. The results of the TEEB study will be presented at CBD COP10 next year in Nagoya.

The TEEB should take into account as many views as possible from governments and from all the UN regions. Other opportunities will be given to Governments to peer-review the documents under preparation. **The purpose of this message is thus to request your country to provide insights to help inform the “The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity” (TEEB) Secretariat on a voluntary basis so that the TEEB has good global coverage and integrates experiences and perspectives from all continents.** The TEEB Secretariat would very much welcome your response to the short questionnaire attached. Kindly send replies to teeb@ufz.de at your earliest convenience **but no later than 31 May 2009**.

Please see the attached background document for more information about the TEEB Initiative and consult www.teebweb.info for further details including several TEEB Calls for Evidence.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif

Executive Secretary

To : CBD National Focal Points





Questionnaire for policy-makers

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you very much for taking the time to share some of your country's experiences on policies and policy needs to address the value of ecosystems and biodiversity with the TEEB (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity) initiative (for background information on the TEEB, please visit www.teebweb.info). This will help TEEB have a fuller global coverage of practice and perspectives.

TEEB is an initiative of the European Commission and German government, launched at the G8+5 meeting and supported by the UNEP, Defra (UK), the CBD Secretariat and other institutions and countries to assess and communicate the urgency of action to address ecosystems and biodiversity loss and to provide policy makers with the tools they need to incorporate the true value of ecosystem services into their decisions.

Please find below some questions that will facilitate the submission of your needs and the sharing of your experiences. The first 6 questions are related to your experience and vision as regards policies to address the biodiversity challenges and the last 2 questions are on your potential interests from TEEB. This will be useful for the two of the TEEB reports under preparation- "TEEB for Policy Makers" (that focuses on the international and national policy makers) and "TEEB for Local and Regional Policy Levels" (see the attached background document or go to www.teebweb.info for more information on the contents of these reports). Thank you for taking the time to answer as many questions as you feel appropriate.

We very much appreciate your willingness to contribute to the TEEB-study. Please send replies to teeb@ufz.de at your earliest convenience but **no later than 31 May 2009**. If you would like to explore in more depth the TEEB for Policy Makers report (TEEB D1) and how your insights and experiences can be taken on board, please contact Patrick ten Brink, the Co-ordinator of the TEEB D1: ptenbrink@ieep.eu.

Questions on Biodiversity, Ecosystems, Economics and Policy

- 1 Do you see any particular benefits to society (now and in the future) on some ecosystem services (and if so which), e.g. tourism, carbon storage, biofuel production or cultural values? Do you see a particular dependency of society on some ecosystem services, e.g. energy or water supply, raw materials, etc.?**

Response:



- 2 Do you see connections between policies aiming at safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystems and other highly important societal challenges (e.g. climate, water, poverty, UN Millennium Development Goals) and how?**

Response:

- 3 What are you doing to address the loss of biodiversity and ecosystems that you are proud of and that other countries might wish to look at and learn from?**

Response:

- 4 What practice in other countries do you see as interesting practice to learn from?**

Response:

- 5 Where is there concrete potential to improve policies and instruments, e.g. realigning subsidies, strengthening environmental liability or creating markets for biodiversity and ecosystem services, e.g. mitigation banking?**

Response:

- 6 Have you carried out any assessments of the value of ecosystem services and biodiversity? What were the results? Have they proven useful to policy making? If yes, describe how.**

Response:



Questions on TEEB and your needs

It is important that TEEB be as useful as possible to national policy makers. What would help you most?

- 7 What are your hopes and expectations for a guiding document such as the “TEEB D1 Report for Policy Makers” and “TEEB D2 Report for Local and Regional Policy Levels”?**

Response:

- 8 What are the most urgent information needs at local/regional/national level regarding biodiversity policy and management?**

Response:

Name of respondent:

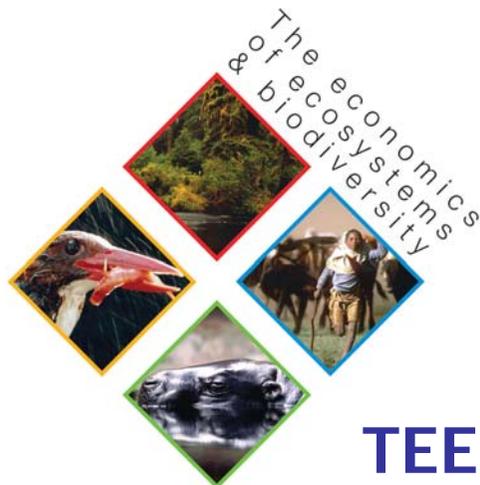
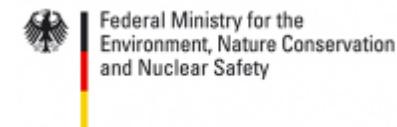
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Please send replies **no later than 31 May 2009** to teeb@ufz.de
Thank you very much!



The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)



TEEB for Policy Makers D1

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Introduction

This presentation includes some questions for countries to help input into the TEEB process. It will be invaluable for the TEEB reports to integrate insights and practice on biodiversity and ecosystem services from countries across the world.

Structure of this presentation:

- **Background TEEB &**
- **TEEB D1 Report for Policy Makers**
- **TEEB D2 Report for Local and Regional Policy Level**

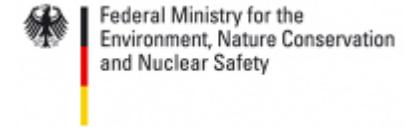
Please send your feedback/response to at teeb@ufz.de – ideally before the 15th of May. If interested to provide further insights please get in touch directly with the co-ordinators or submit your evidence via the “Call for Evidence”.

www.teebweb.info

Thank you for your interest and involvement.



TEEB: The starting point



**Potsdam 2007:
Meeting of the Environmental Ministers of the G8+5**

“Potsdam Initiative – Biological Diversity 2010”

The economic significance of the global loss of biological diversity

In a global study we will initiate the process of analysing

*the global economic **benefit of biological diversity,***

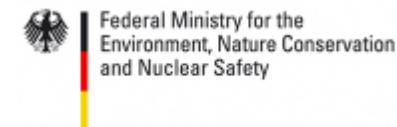
*the **costs of the loss of biodiversity and***

the failure to take protective measures versus the costs of effective conservation.



TEEB: The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Planned Reports for 2009 & 2010



Science & Economics
Foundations, Policy
Costs & Costs of Inaction



Policy opportunities for
National & International
Policy-Makers



Decision Support
for Local Administrators



Business Risks
& Opportunities



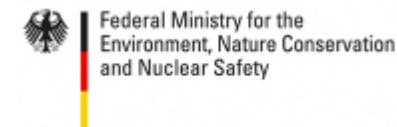
Citizen / Consumer
Ownership





TEEB For Policy Makers

Report Structure



Ch	Title
1	The Biodiversity Policy Challenge
2	Policy Responses: Actors and instruments
3	Measuring to Manage our Natural Capital
4	Evaluation Tools that (can) Integrate the Value of Biodiversity
5	Policies to Reward (unrecognised) Benefits of Ecosystems and Biodiversity
6	Aligning Today's Subsidies to Tomorrow's Priorities
7	Policies to Address the Losses of Biodiversity
8	Protecting areas, ecosystems, habitats and species
9	Using the whole Policy Toolkit to address the challenge



Introduction: biodiversity loss as local and regional policy challenge

- What are we loosing?
- Why are we loosing it?
- What can we do about it at local/regional level?
- Valuation: Good in theory but difficult to realize?
- Objectives of the study
- Roadmap: Reading instructions for different user groups

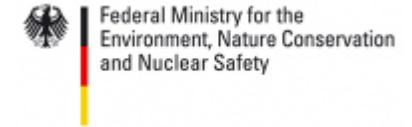
Overview of assessment approaches and methods

- Approaches for considering the benefits of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity
 - Total Economic Value,
 - Millennium Ecosystem Assessment,
 - Ecological Approaches,
 - Impacts on livelihoods
- Frameworks and methods
 - Cost-Benefit-Analysis: A framework
 - methods for monetary value,
 - methods without monetizing,
 - decision tree: what method to use when



TEEB For Local / Regional Level

Report Structure



Applying valuation in different policy fields and public management

- Spatial Planning
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Natural resource use and extension programmes
- Market based approaches
- Protected Areas

For each policy field: experiences, prerequisites, challenges

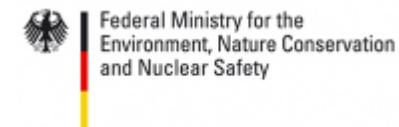
Conclusions: summary of key messages

- Summary of key issues
- Summary of key messages
- Outlook: Global politics for the local level

- Appendix: project funding procedures, lists with links



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Further information:

<http://www.teebweb.info>

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