

Accounting of forest related ecosystem services- Pilot accounts for habitat and species maintenance

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The 52nd United Nations Statistical Commission, on March 2021, has adopted the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting—Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA). This new statistical framework will enable countries to measure their natural capital and understand the immense contributions of nature to our prosperity and the importance of protecting it.



What is INCA

Eurostat:

Coordination of INCA, data provider, SEEA EEA alignment/ testing

DG Environment:

Provides policy context, manages MAES, principal user of INC outputs

European Environment Agency:

Developing shared data platform and ecosystem extent and condition accounts, dat ____

EC Joint Research Centre:

Operation of information systems, expertise in modelling ecosystem services, developing ecosystem services unts

DG Research and Innovation:

INCA

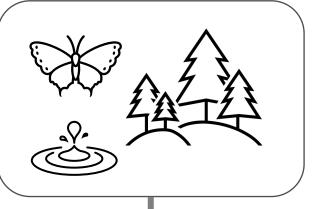
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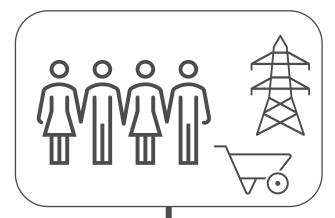


INCA approach on Ecosystem Services

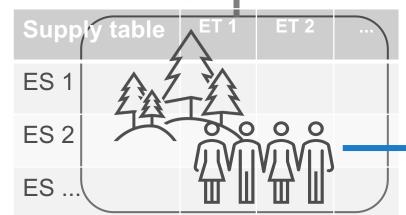
Ecological side



Socio-economic side



Match between the ecological and economic sides





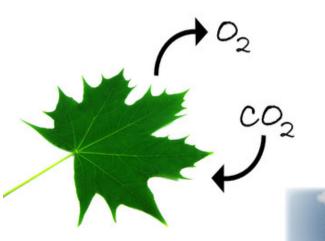
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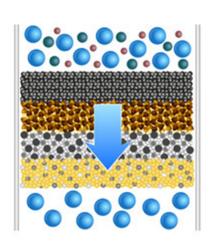


Ecosystem services provided by Forests

not only timber provision













Monetary valuation methods

SEEA EA: Chapter 9

Directly observable prices

Prices embodied in market transaction

Resource rent

Productivity change

Hedonic pricing

Prices based on revealed expenditures

Averting behavior

Travel cost

Prices based on expected expenditures

Replacement cost

Avoided damage

Simulated Exchange Values Prices for similar goods and services

Value transfer

Other:

- Shadow project cost
- Opportunity costs of alternative uses
- Stated preference methods
- Prices from economic modelling
- Qualitative methods



Methods used in INCA outputs

Ecosystem services	Valuation method	Specifics
Crop provision	Market price	Price of crop type Production function (tentative)
Timber provision	Market price	Price of forest trees and price of exports (due to missing data cases)
Crop pollination	Market price	Price of crop type
Carbon sequestration	Carbon price	Effective carbon rates (OECD report) VT-Social Cost of Carbon (tentative)
Soil retention	Replacement cost	Price of fertilizers
Flood control	Avoided damage	Damage functions and use of look up tables
Water purification	Replacement cost	Cost of constructed wetland
Habitat and species maintenance	Choice experiment	WTPs for HSM key features
Nature-based tourism	Market price	
Nature-based recreation	Travel cost method /Value transfer	Cost of fuel as proxy VT-Meta-regression model (tentative)
Air quality (tentative)	Value transfer	Value of Statistical Life



Supply aggregated for year 2012

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					E	osystem	osystem type				
	Urban	Oropland	Gassland	Available for wood and woodland for woodland subbly for woodland for w	Other	Wetland	Heathland and shrubland	Sparsely vegetated land	Rivers and lakes	Coastal/ intertidal area	Total
(million EUR)											•
Crop provision		11 407									11 407
Timber provision				22 714							22 714
Crop pollination		4 517									4 517
Soil retention		11 512									11 512
Carbon sequestration	_	_	-	(189	_	_	_	NA	NA	9 189
Rood control	89	1 015	3 129	11	1 388	333	357	1	NA	NA	16 312
Water purification	1 105	31 041	4 128	15	5 374	330	312	170	3 114	NA	55 576
Habitat and species maintenance (a)	NA	5 516	985	20	416	1 689	1 176	369	2 363	NA	32 515
Nature-based recreation	77	4 073	7 482	30	723	2 296	3 097	1 351	1 015	279	50 393
Total value	1 272	69 081	15 724	109	805	4 649	4 941	1 891	6 493	279	214 134
EUR/km ²	6 026	42 972	31 014	69	051	47 525	27 361	32 202	59 586	14 531	48 877
% ecosystem type	0.6 %	32.39 %	7.3 %	5	1.3 %	2.2 %	2.3 %	0.9 %	3.0 %	0.1 %	

(a) Welfare value is reported for this ES.

NA: Not Available



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Use aggregated for year 2012

Economic units							
	Primary s	sector	y and ectors		ıty		
	Agriculture	Forestry	Secondary a	Households	Global society	Total	
(million EUR)							
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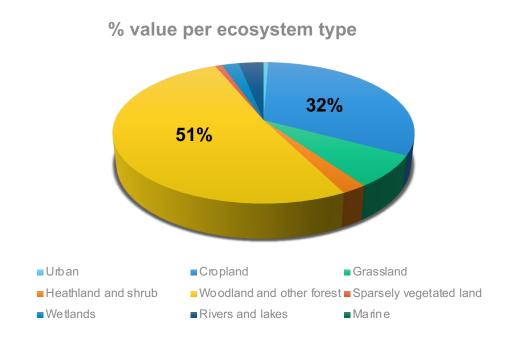
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Indicators revealed from SUT tables (1)



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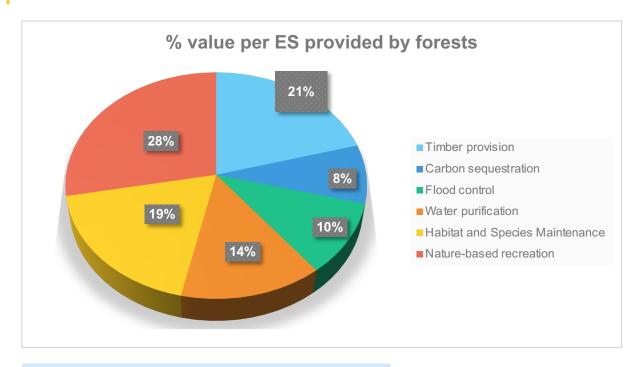
All ES per all ecosystem type

Contribution of forests

Total value: 214 billion Euro



Indicators revealed from SUT tables (2)



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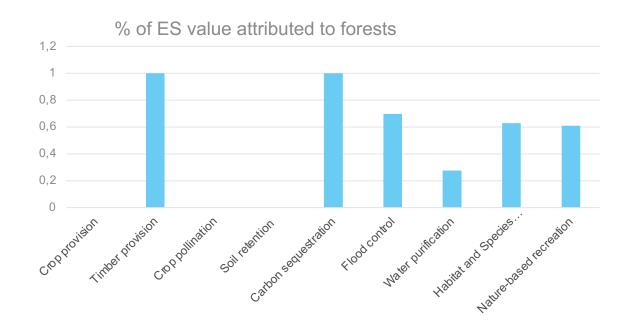
All ES supplied by forests

Relative value of ES supplied by forests

Total value: 109 billion Euro



Indicators revealed from SUT tables (3)



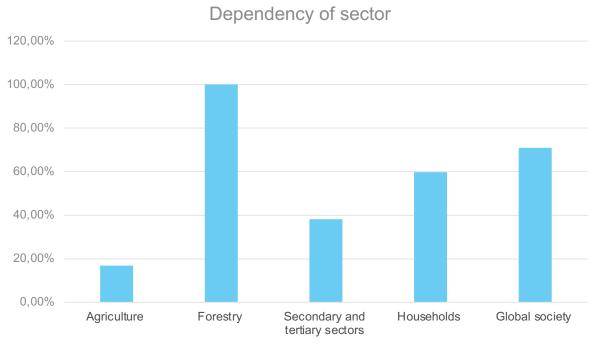
Supply table:

$$A_{forest} = \frac{value \ of ES_i}{\sum value \ of ES_i}$$

Attribution of value of ES to forests



Indicators revealed from SUT tables (4)



Supply and Use tables:

All ES supplied by forests to all economic units

$$D_{econ.sector} = \frac{\sum A_{forest} * value \ of \ ES_i}{\sum value \ ES_i}$$

Dependency of economic sector to forests



Habitat and Species Maintenance using CE method



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How much do Europeans value biodiversity?

A choice experiment exercise to estimate the "habitat and species maintenance" ecosystem service

> Alexandra La Notte, Sivia Ferrim, Demenico Phans, Gaetano Grifi, Idanno Grammatikopoulou, Sara Vallechio,



Attributes

Land use type levels	
Chemicals reduction	25%, 50%, 75% 100%
Biodiversity	
Size	Small, medium, large
Price	Euro 25,50,75,150,200, 300

CE card

	Option A	Option B	No change
Land use	8	8	
Chemicals	Reduced by 50%	Reduced by 50%	1
Impact on biodiversity	Large improvement	Medium improvement	
Size	Large (100 hectare as 150 football pitches)	Small (14 hectare as 20 football pitches)	2 20 GO Chinage
Costs (annual tax)	€300	€25	
Which would you choose?	0	0	

Value of HSM

WTP estimates (euros/household/year):

Aggregation: WTPs *number of households

~30 billion euros/year (EU-27)

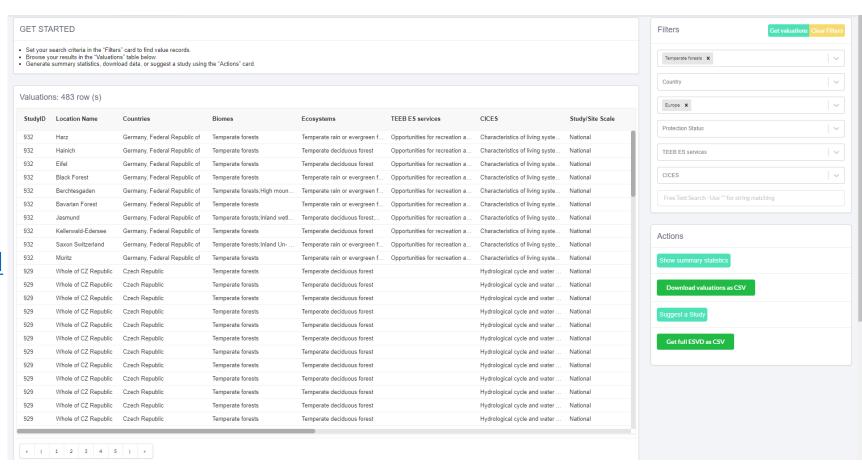
Compare with the foreseen financial flow of

20 billion/year for biodiversity (in 2030 Biodiversity Strategy)



Source of values

- Primary studies
- Use of Value Transfer
 - Valuation databases
 - https://www.esvd.net/esvd





How accounts can be of use for PES design

- Identification and eventually assessment of ES provided by "woodland and forests"
- Availability of reference monetary value of each ES (Euro/ha) spatially explicit for tailored PES
- Identification of direct users: SUT explicitly link the ES provided by "woodland and forest" to economic sectors and households and provide monetary estimates
- Identification of indirect users: for overarching environmental targets (such as climate change and biodiversity loss) a monetary valuation of non-use values

is provided

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