





International Conference on Natural Capital, Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity

Moscow, 19-20 November 2019

Venue: Conference halls Smolensk of the hotel complex «Izmailovo» (Russia, Moscow, Izmailovskoe shosse, house 71, corps 4 G-D)

Organizer and host: BCC Moscow, IOER Dresden

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Aim of the Conference

The concept of ecosystem services (ES) is one of the most rapidly developing areas of environmental policy in the world. It allows to optimize nature management, receive sustainable benefits from the functioning of natural ecosystems and not to damage the living nature. At the global and continental level, ES assessments are currently being carried out by the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). National ES assessments on environmental and socio-economic sustainability are undertaken in a number of countries in the framework of UNEP TEEB project (www.teebweb.org) respective in the context of the MAES approach (Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystem Services) in EU countries in the framework of the EU-Biodiversity Strategy 2020. At the same time, indicators are developed and politically communicated in the context of National Biodiversity Strategies and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Additionally numerous activities are underway to improve the methodological recording and integration of natural capital into public decision-making processes (UN Forum of Experts on SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting).

The conference will uptake and review these processes. Focus of the first day are general questions: ecological transformation processes, assessments of ecosystem services and biodiversity, possibilities of the implementation of biophysical and economic ES in Russia, Germany and internationally as well as governance aspects, i.e. how these assessments can be incorporated into policy and management of land/resource use. The second day will focus on the results of the research project TEEB Russia II.

Conference languages: Russian and English

Speaking time: Presentations up to 20 minutes, short report up to 5 minutes.

Conference Program

	FIRST DAY, 19.11.2019					
9.00 – 10.00	Registration (Smolensk 1 hall)					
10.00 – 12.00	Moderation: Karsten Grunewald and Alexey Zimenko (Smolensk 1)					
2 h	Alexey Zimenko / Karsten Grunewald	BCC / IOER	Welcome notes, introduction			
	Konstantin Zhuravlev	Ministry of natural resources of the Russian Federation, chief specialist-expert of the Department of cooperation through intergovernmental commissions of the Department of international cooperation	Welcome speech			
	Christiane Schell	BfN Germany, Head of Directorate, Fundamental Issues of Nature Conservation	Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Natural Capital – Building bridges between policy and sci- ence: ecology, economics and accounting			
	Jana Tafi	EEA Copenhagen, Environ- mental assessment and ac- counting, ENI SEIS II East pro- ject	Ecosystem assessment and accounting on European Level – Approach, Results and Application in Policy			
	Salman Hussain	The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) / Eco- system Services Economics Unit, UN Environment, Geneva	TEEB for Agriculture and Food: Implementing change by assess- ing externalities and impacts for a particular sector			
	Arkady Tishkov	Institute of Geography RAS, Moscow	Biosphere functions and ecosystem services: importance for the economy and regional development of Russia			
	Discussion					
12.00 – 12.30	Coffee break (Smolensk 1 hall)					
12.30 – 14.00	Moderation: Alexey Zimenko (Smolensk 1)					
1,5 h	Vyacheslav Rozhnov	A.N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution of the RAS, Moscow	Modern processes in the study and conservation of biodiversity in Russia			
	Ivan Blokov	Greenpeace, Moscow	Reliability of statistics and envi- ronmental protection			

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	Alexey Yaroshenko	Greenpeace, Moscow	Why Russian forest industry can not avoid logging of last frontier forests when the annual allowed cut is used for less than 50%		
	Ksenia Avilova	MSU, Moscow	The natural complex of Moscow and the activities of the Moscow city Society for Nature Defense for its protection		
	Discussion				
14.00 – 15.00	Lunch				
15.00 – 16.20	Moderation: Karsten Grunewald (Smolensk 1)				
1 h 20 min	Elena Bukvareva	BCC, Moscow	The TEEB-Russia projects		
	Ralf-Uwe Syrbe, Karsten Grunewald	IOER, Dresden	Natural Capital Germany: the implementation in the frameworks of TEEB, MAES and SEEA		
	Tatiana Minayeva	Wetlands International/Care for Ecosystems	Ecosystem services as a driver for wetlands and peatlands restoration and wise use: experience from German-Russian project on peatlands restoration		
	Burghard Meyer	University Leipzig	Valuation of ecosystems and their services in Central Asia		
16.20 – 16.40	Break				
16.40 – 18.00	Moderation: Angela Lausch (Smolensk 1)				
1 h 20 min	Dmitry Zamolodchikov	CEPF RAS, Moscow	The assessment of forest ecosystem service to regulate the water discharge: from national to local scale		
	Alena Shushkova, Marine Elbakidze	NAS of Belarus, Centre for Biological Resources, Minsk, Swedish University of Agricul- tural Sciences	Linking ecosystem services, land- scape preferences and human wellbeing: a case-study from Bel- arus		
	Discussion: Further research and action at the science-policy interface				
		Policy Brief TEEB-Russia (Smolensk 1)			
18.30	Conference Dinner in Scandia Restaurant (21.30 end of the first day)				

Short input:

Christian Welscher (Succow Foundation): "Russian-German project activities in Romincka Forest – towards a UNESCO biosphere reserve in Kaliningrad Region (Russian Federation)".

SECOND DAY, 20.11.2019						
	Smolensk 1		Smolensk 2			
10.00 – 12.00 2 h	Section 1.1: Accounting of ecosystems and ES (physical and biodiversity indicators) Moderation: Elena Bukvareva		Section 2: Urban ecosystems and ES Moderation: Karsten Grunewald			
	Elena Bukvareva (BCC, Moscow)	Biodiversity Indicators in the Experimental Ecosys- tem Accounting in Rus- sia: Experience of the TEEB-Russia 2 Project	Konstantin Kivva (CNIIP MinStroy, Moscow)	Ecosystems of a mega- lopolis: state regulation dysfunctions		
	Tatiana Sviridova (BCC, IPEE RAS, Moscow), Michail Kalyakin, Olga Voltzit (MSU, Moscow)	Atlas of Breeding Birds of European part of Rus- sia and testing of its data for the development of bird diversity indicators (TEEB-Russia 2)	Oxana Klimanova (BCC, MSU, Moscow)	ES Mapping and Evaluation in Russia's Largest Cities: First Results (TEEB-Russia 2)		
	Andrey Scherbakov, Nadezhda Lyubeznova (BCC, MSU, Moscow)	Vascular plants plants diversity as indicator of ecosystems quality in TEEB-Russia 2	Olga Illarionova (MSU, Moscow)	Air purification ES of sub- urban forest in the Euro- pean part of Russia (TEEB-Russia 2)		
	Angela Lausch (UFZ, Leipzig)	Monitoring bio- geodiversity and ecosystem health by traits, remote sensing and data science approaches	Lilia Sulkarnaeva (University of Tyumen)	Urban ecosystems and ES in Tyumen / Experience in assessing Tyumen ecosystem services		
	Sergey Ostroumov (MSU, Moscow)	Scientific issues con- nected with aquatic eco- system services and their valuation	Tatyana Zubkova, Dmitri Kavtaradze (MSU, Moscow)	Soils of urban ecosystems, environmental and social risks		
	Discussion		Discussion			
12.00 - 12.30		Coffee	break			
12.30 – 14.30 2 h	Section 1.2: Accounting of ecosystems and ES (economic evaluation) Moderation: Arkady Tishkov		Section 3: ES mapping and assessment Moderation: Ralf-Uwe Syrbe			
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	Alexander Dumnov (RSAU, Moscow)	The problem of reflect- ing ecosystem services in the system of accounts	Robert Sandlersky (IPEE RAS, Moscow)	Remote sensing indication of regulating ES of European plain forests landscapes		

	Ivan Potravnyy (REA, Moscow)	Assessment of ES during ethnological expertise of projects in the territories of traditional nature management	Natalia Luzkova, Elena Rasputina (Istomina) (IG RAS, Zapoved- noye Podlemorye, Irkutsk)	ES mapping in Zabaikal- sky National Park	
	Vladislava Nemova (World Bank)	World Bank's experience with the natural capital evaluation in the Europe and Central Asia	Eugeny Kolbovsky (BCC, MSU, Moscow)	Mapping of ES of protection of soil erosion in TEEB-Russia 2	
	Artem Korzhenevych (IOER Dresden)	Economic drivers behind land consumption: empirical evidence from Bavaria (Germany)			
	Disc	cussion	Discussion		
14.30 - 15.30	Lunch				
15.30 -	Section 4: Influencing factors on ES		Section 5: ES importance		
16.50	Moderation: Burghard Meyer		Moderation: Ina Rohmann		
1h 20 min	Grigory Kuksin (Greenpeace, Moscow)	Fires on natural territo- ries in Russia in a chang- ing climate	Vasily Grabovsky (CEPF RAS, Moscow)	Carbon storage ES by natural ecosystems in Russia	
	Alexey Dymov (IB Komi SC RAS, Syktyvkar)	Logging impact on soils	Arkady Tishkov, Elena Belonovskaya, Nadezhda Tsarevskaya (IG RAS)	Valdai National Park Water-regulating services: assessment of the contribution to the state of the Verkhne-Volzhskaya and Nevsko-Ladoga water systems	
	Kseniia Aleksandriiskaia (MSU, Moscow)	The assessment of recreational ecosystem services: main approach and first results (TEEB-Russia 2)	Evgeny Kolbovsky (BCC, MSU, Moscow)	Assessment of the aesthetic value of ecosystems in the TEEB-Russia 2	
	Disc	cussion	Discussion		
17.00 -	Moderation: Alexey Zimenko and Karsten Grunewald (Smolensk 1)				
18.00	Summing up the work of the sections – short reports of the moderators (up to 5 min)				
1h	General discussion				
	Proposal and discussion of results/outcomes of the conference				
18.30	Conference Dinner in Scandia Restaurant (21.30 end of the second day)				

Short input:

Sophia Solovyova (Lomonosov Moscow State University) – Development of methods of economic assessment of ecosystem services.