What is this?







A water purification plant

A flood control mechanism

A food production factory

A god

A pollinator

An air conditioner

More than resources;
→Systems

Not just beasts & bugs; -->Services







15 of 24 ecosystem services are in decline

Provisioning Services		
Food	crops	^
	livestock	^
	capture fisheries	+
	aquaculture	^
	wild foods	4
Fiber	timber	+/-
	cotton, silk	+/-
	wood fuel	4
Genetic resources		+
Biochemicals, medicines		+
Fresh water		4

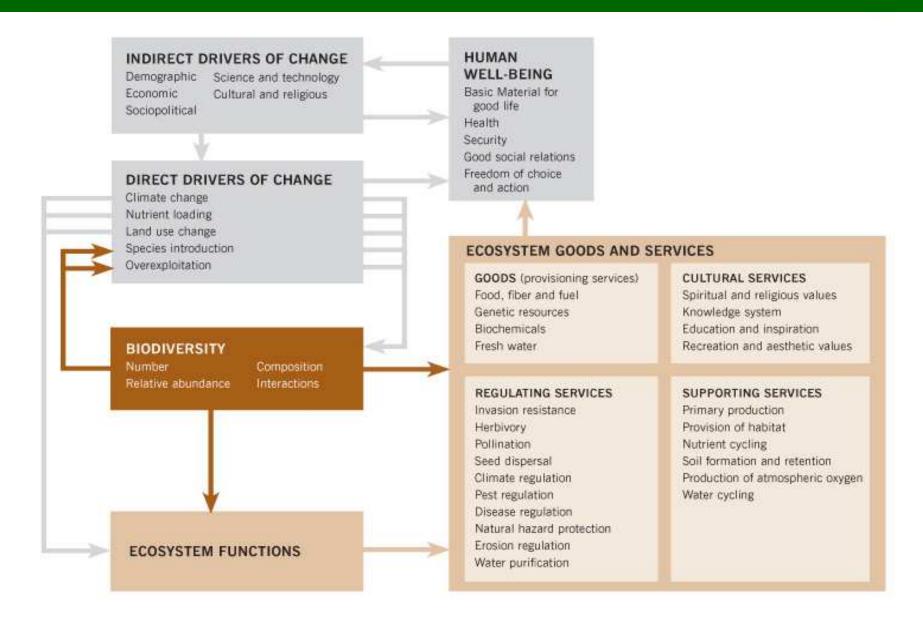
Regulating Services		
Air quality regulation	•	
Climate regulation – global	^	
Climate- regional and local	4	
Water regulation	+/-	
Erosion regulation	4	
Water / waste treatment	Ψ	
Disease regulation	+/-	
Pest regulation	Ψ	
Pollination	Ψ	
Natural hazard regulation	Ψ	

Cultural Services		
Spiritual / religious values	•	
Aesthetic values	•	
Recreation and ecotourism	+/_	

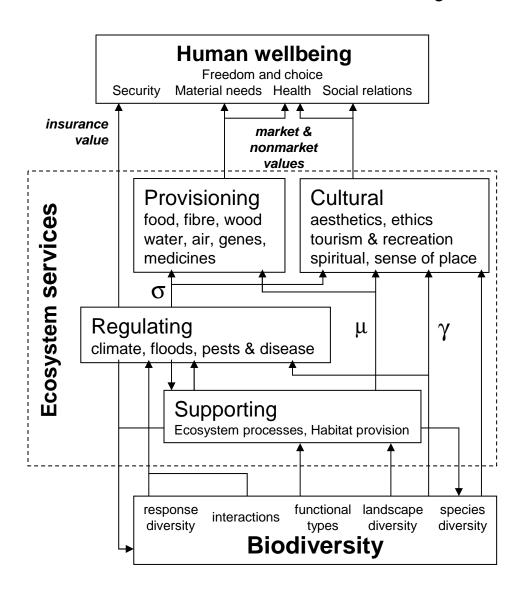
Consolidated NBSAP gudiance

- (g) Take into account the ecosystem approach;
- (h) Highlight the contribution of biodiversity, including, as appropriate, ecosystem services, to poverty eradication, national development and human well-being, as well as the economic, social, cultural, and other values of biodiversity as emphasized in the Convention on Biological Diversity, making use, as appropriate, of the methodologies and conceptual framework of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment;
- (i) Identify the main threats to biodiversity, including direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity change, and include actions for addressing the identified threats;

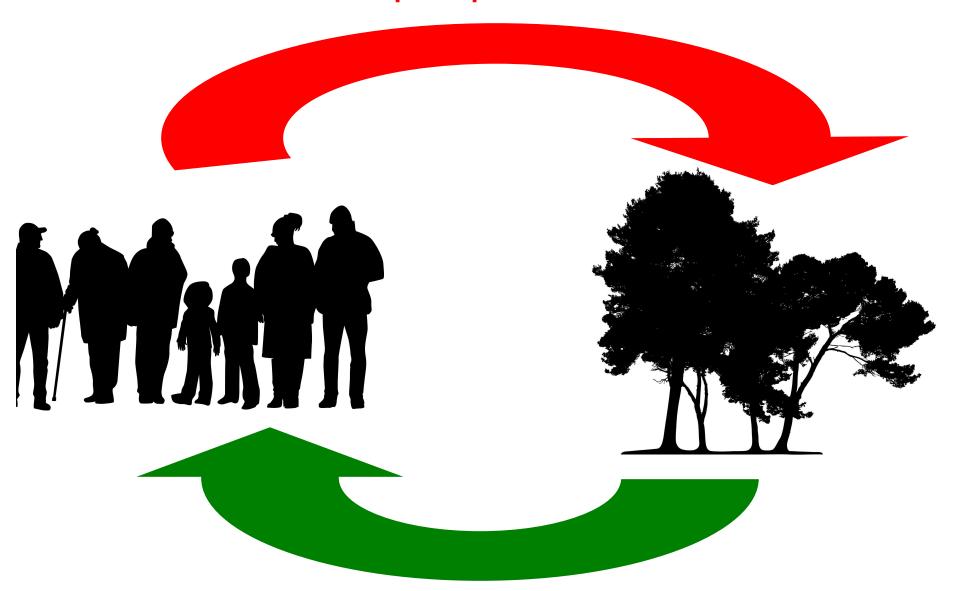
Biodiversity underpins ecosystem functioning and the services that support human well-being



Where does biodiversity fit in?

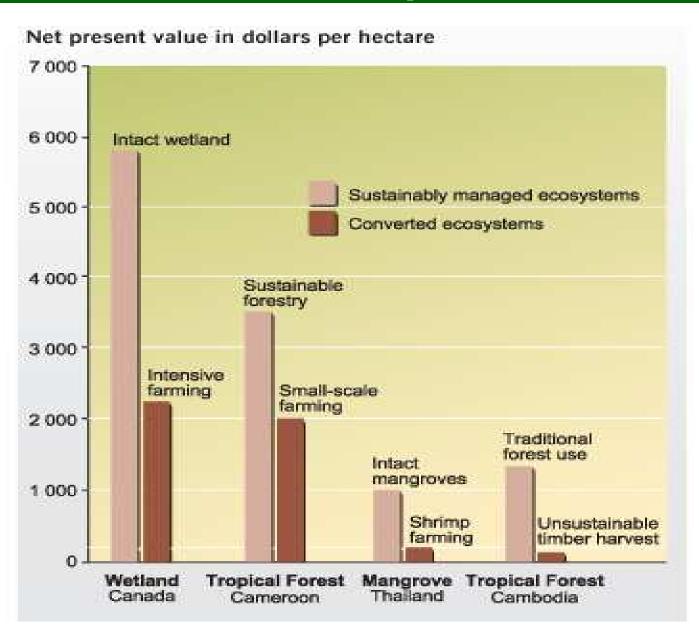


People impact nature

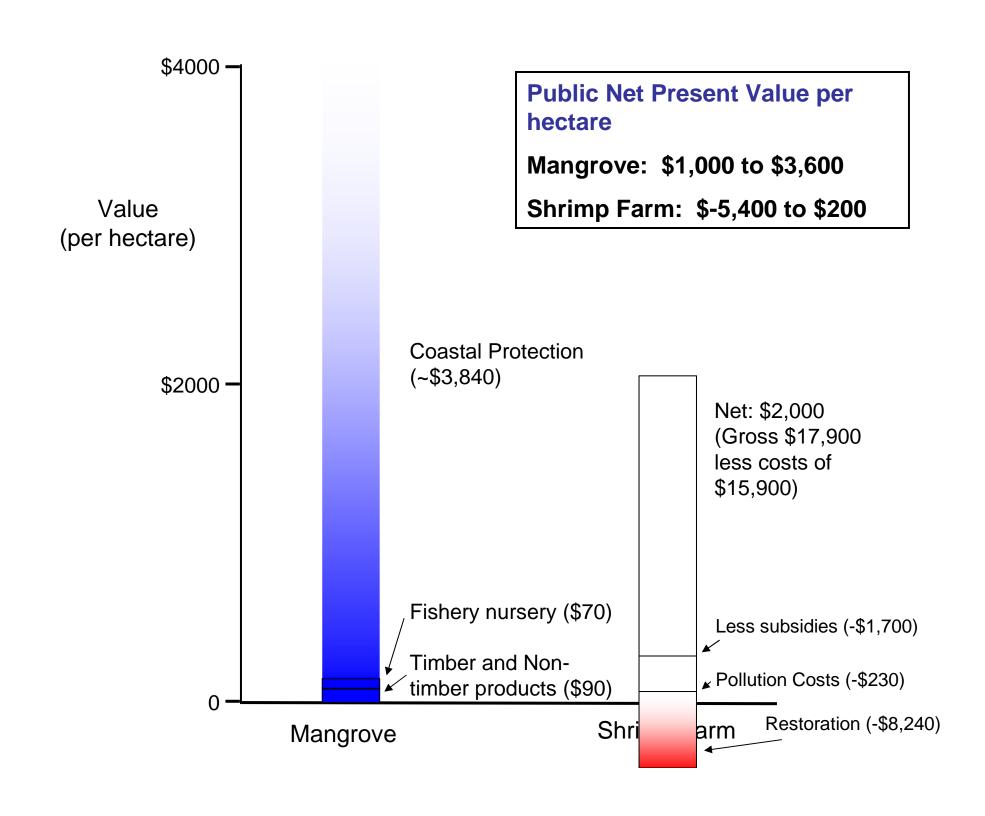


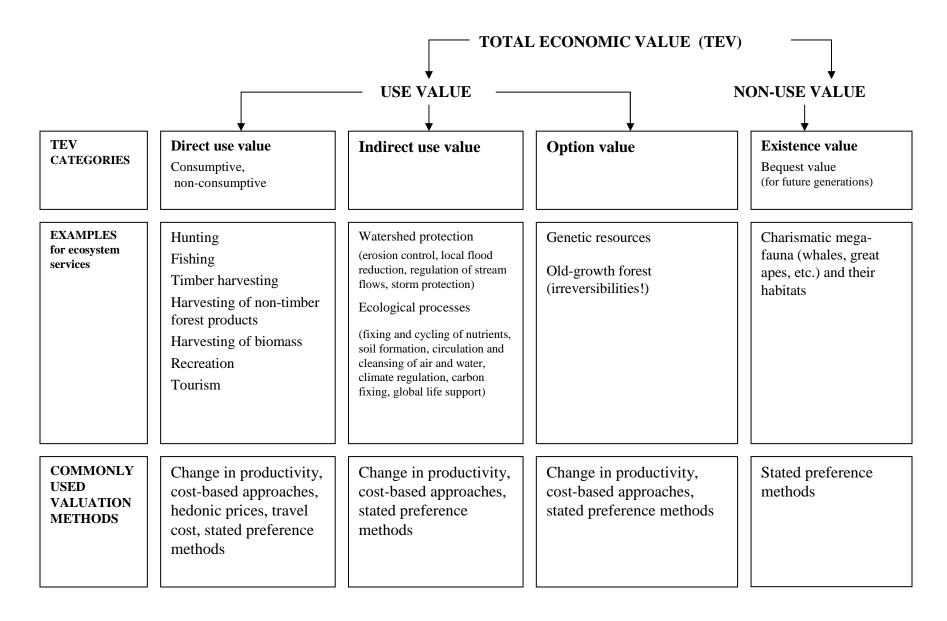
Nature provides people benefits

Les ecosystèmes intactes fournies les benefices économiques









TEV captures the <u>different motives</u> for valuing environmental assets NB: total economic value ≠ global value

Picking the low-hanging fruit in valuation...

Many valuation tools are costly and timeconsuming to apply, and require considerable technical expertise...

- Apply a cost-benefit-criterion to the valuation exercise itself
 - ✓ Aim to capture the most important ecosystem services/elements of TEV in a specific context – do not seek comprehensiveness at all cost
 - ✓ Use simpler tools whenever appropriate
 - Consider using qualitative/semi-quantitative representations; do not monetize at all cost

Exercise (Field Study Visit)

Case study:

- Identify ecosystem services
- Status and trends
- Main threats
- Benefits who benefits? (How do ES contribute to local livelihoods and to others, nationally & globally) (Qualitative valuation)
- Costs who pays for the protection of the ecosystem? (Qualitative valuation)
- Intervention (project, policy): mechanisms, institutions, management
- Monitoring & evaluation for adaptive managent

Principles of the Ecosystem Approach

- 1: The objectives of management of land, water and living resources are a matter of **societal choice**.
- 2: Management should be **decentralized** to the lowest appropriate level.
- 3: Ecosystem managers should **consider** the effects (actual or potential) of their activities on **adjacent and other ecosystems**.
- 4: Recognizing potential gains from management, there is usually a need to understand and **manage the ecosystem in an economic context**. Any such ecosystem-management programme should:
 - (a) Reduce those market distortions that adversely affect biological diversity;
 - (b) Align incentives to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;
 - c) Internalize costs and benefits in the given ecosystem to the extent feasible.
- 5: Conservation of ecosystem structure and functioning, in order to maintain ecosystem services, should be a priority target of the ecosystem approach.
- 6: Ecosystems must be managed within the limits of their functioning.
- 7: The ecosystem approach should be undertaken at the **appropriate spatial and temporal** scales.
- 8: Recognizing the varying temporal scales and lag-effects that characterize ecosystem processes, objectives for ecosystem management should be set for the **long term**.
- 9: Management must **recognize** that **change** is inevitable.
- 10: The ecosystem approach should seek the appropriate **balance** between, and integration of, **conservation and use** of biological diversity.
- 11: The ecosystem approach should **consider all forms of relevant information**, including scientific and indigenous and local knowledge, innovations and practices.
- 12: The ecosystem approach should involve **all relevant sectors of society** and scientific disciplines

Operational gudiance

- focus on functional relationships and processes within ecosystems
- enhance benefit sharing
- use adaptive management practices
- carry out management actions at the appropriate scale, decentralized to lowest appropriate level
- ensure inter-sectoral cooperation

Summary

- Objectives a matter of societal choice
- Manage the ecosystem in an economic context, consider distribution of costs and benefits
- Consider all forms of relevant information
- Conserve ecosystem processes and functions, to maintain ecosystem services
- Use adaptive management practices
- Carry out management actions at the appropriate scale, decentralized to lowest appropriate level
- Ensure inter-sectoral cooperation