

Valuing Our Ecosystems

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Vision

How the world is How we would like it to be

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Human influence on the earth system is now so large, that a new geologic era (*the Anthropocene*) has begun. We now live in a "Full World"



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Mapping the Anthropocene

The world is a complex, non-linear, adaptive system, with thresholds, tipping points, and surprises



THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL *Planetary Boundaries*



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A sustainable and desirable economy-in-society-in-nature



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KEY POINTS:

- Growth in material consumption is unsustainable: there are fundamental planetary boundaries.
- Growth in material consumption beyond a threshold already reached by many is undesirable: it has negative effects on social and natural capital and in overdeveloped economies does not increase well-being.
- Viable alternatives exist that are both sustainable and desirable, but they require a fundamental change of worldview and redesign of the entire "regime."

"Empty World" Vision of the Economy



"Full World" Vision of the Whole System





Ecosystem Services: the benefits people derive from functioning ecosystems



ARROW'S COLOR Potential for mediation by socioeconomic factors

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

Low Medium

High

──── Weak ─── Medium

Strong

Missing: Interaction with other forms of capital





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What is the science-policy interface?

Science-policy interfaces are social processes which encompass relations between scientists and other actors in the policy process, and which allow for exchanges, co-evolution, and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of enriching decision-making at different scales. This includes 2 main requirements:

a) that scientific information is relevant to policy demands and is formulated in a way that is accessible to policy and decision makers; and

b) that policy and decision makers take into account available scientific information in their deliberations and that they formulate their demands or questions in a way that are accessible for scientists to provide the relevant information. Click here for a graphic showing the cycle of

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NATURE VOL 387 15 MAY 1997

The value of the world's ecosystem services and natural capital

Robert Costanza, Ralph d'Arge, Rudolf de Groot, Stephen Farber, Monica Grasso, Bruce Hannon, Karin Limburg, Shahid Naeem, Robert V. O'Neill, Jose Paruelo, Robert G. Raskin, Paul Sutton & Marjan van den Belt 2nd most cited article in the Ecology/Environment area according to the ISI Web of Knowledge with more than 4000 citations



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The services of ecological systems and the natural capital stocks that produce them are critical to the functioning of the Earth's life-support system. They contribute to human welfare, both directly and indirectly, and therefore represent part of the total economic value of the planet. We have estimated the current economic value of 17 ecosystem services for 16 biomes, based on published studies and a few original calculations. For the entire biosphere, the value (most of which is outside the market) is estimated to be in the range of US\$16–54 trillion (10₁₂) per year, with an average of US\$33trillion per year. Because of the nature of the uncertainties, this must be considered a minimum estimate. Global gross national product total is around US\$18 trillion per year.

Summary of global values of annual ecosystem services (From:

Costanza et al. 1997)

Biome	Area (e6 ha)	Value per ha (\$/ha/yr)	Global Flow Value (e12 \$/yr)
Marine Open Ocean Coastal Estuaries Seagrass/Algae Beds Coral Reefs Shelf	36,302 33,200 3,102 180 200 62 2,660	577 252 4052 22832 19004 6075 1610	20.9 8.4 12.6 4.1 3.8 0.3 4.3
Terrestrial Forest Tropical Temperate/Boreal Grass/Rangelands Wetlands Tidal Marsh/Mangroves Swamps/Floodplains Lakes/Rivers Desert Tundra Ice/Rock Cropland Urban	15,323 4,855 1,900 2,955 3,898 330 5 165 165 200 1,925 743 1,640 1,400 332	804 969 2007 302 232 14785 9990 19580 8498 92	12.3 4.7 3.8 0.9 0.9 4.9 1.6 3.2 1.7
Total	51,625		33.3



Global estimates of the value of ecosystems and their services in monetary units

Rudolf de Groot^{a,*}, Luke Brander^{b,1}, Sander van der Ploeg^a, Robert Costanza^c, Florence Bernard^d, Leon Braat^e, Mike Christie^f, Neville Crossman^{g,h}, Andrea Ghermandiⁱ, Lars Hein^a, Salman Hussain^j, Pushpam Kumar^k, Alistair McVittie^j, Rosimeiry Portela¹, Luis C. Rodriguez^{g,h}, Patrick ten Brink^m, Pieter van Beukering^b





Figure S1. Map of global annual ecosystem services based on 2011 land areas and 2011 unit values

LandCover	Flow Value per Hectare per year	Legend	Area (millions of hectares)
Desert	\$0		2159
Tundra	\$0		433
Ice/Rock	\$0		1640
Open Ocean	\$491		33200
Marine Shelf	\$2,222		2660
Grass/Rangelands	\$2,871		4418
Temperate/Boreal Forest	\$3,013		3003
Lakes/Rivers	\$4,267		200
Tropical Forest	\$5,264		1258
Cropland	\$5,567		1672
Urban	\$6,661		352
Swamps/Floodplains	\$25,682		60
Tidal Marsh/Mangroves	\$193,845		128
Coral Reefs	\$352,249		28

							A. Original	B. Change unit values only	C. Change area only	D. Change both unit values and area
							area and 1997 unit values	area and 2011 unit values	area and 1997 unit values	area and 2011 unit values
		Area	I	U	nit valu	es	Agg	regate Glo	bal Flow V	alue
Biome	(e6	ha)	Change	20075	\$/ha/vr	Change		e12 20	07\$/vr	
	1997	2011	2011-1997	1997	2011	2011-1997	1997	2011	2011	2011
Marine	36,302	36.302	0	796	1.368	572	28.9	60.5	29.5	49.7
Open Ocean	33,200	33.200	0	348	660	312	11.6	21.9	11.6	21.9
Coastal	3,102	3,102	0	5.592	8,944	3,352	17.3	38.6	18.0	27.7
Estuaries	180	180	0	31,509	28,916	-2,593	5.7	5.2	5.7	5.2
Seagrass/Algae Beds	200	234	34	26,226	28,916	2,690	5.2	5.8	6.1	6.8
Coral Reefs	62	28	-34	8,384	352,249	343,865	0.5	21.7	0.2	9.9
Shelf	2,660	2,660	0	2,222	2,222	0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Terrestrial	15,323	15,323	0	1,109	4,901	3,792	17.0	84.5	12.1	75.1
Forest	4,855	4,261	-594	1,338	3,800	2,462	6.5	19.5	4.7	16.2
Tropical	1,900	1,258	-642	2,769	5,382	2,613	5.3	10.2	3.5	6.8
Temperate/Boreal	2,955	3,003	48	417	3,137	2,720	1.2	9.3	1.3	9.4
Grass/Rangelands	3,898	4,418	520	321	4,166	3,845	1.2	16.2	1.4	18.4
Wetlands	330	188	-142	20,404	140,174	119,770	6.7	36.2	3.4	26.4
Tidal Marsh/Mangroves	165	128	-37	13,786	193,843	180,057	2.3	32.0	1.8	24.8
Swamps/Floodplains	165	60	-105	27,021	25,681	-1,340	4.5	4.2	1.6	1.5
Lakes/Rivers	200	200	0	11,727	12,512	785	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.5
Desert	1,925	2,159	234	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
Tundra	743	433	-310	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
Ice/Rock	1,640	1,640	0	•		0		-	-	-
Cropland	1,400	1,672	272	126	5,567	5,441	0.2	7.8	0.2	9.3
Urban	332	352	20	-	6,661	6,661		2.2		2.3
Total	51,625	51,625	0	I			45.9	145.0	41.6	124.8
								-4.3	-20.2	

Table 3. Changes in area, unit values and aggregate global flow values from 1997 to 2011 (green are values that have increased, red are values that have decreased)



Source: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

Economic Reasons for Conserving Wild Nature

Costs of expanding and maintaining the current global reserve network to one covering 15% of the terrestrial biosphere and 30% of the marine biosphere

Benefits (Net value* of ecosystem services from the global reserve network)

*Net value is the difference between the value of services in a "wild" state and the value in the most likely human-dominated alternative = \$US 45 Billion/yr

= \$US 4,400-5,200 Billion/yr

Benefit/Cost Ratio = 100:1

(From: Balmford, A., A. Bruner, P. Cooper, R. Costanza, S. Farber, R. E. Green, M. Jenkins, P. Jefferiss, V. Jessamy, J. Madden, K. Munro, N. Myers, S. Naeem, J. Paavola, M. Rayment, S. Rosendo, J. Roughgarden, K. Trumper, and R. K. Turner 2002. Economic reasons for conserving wild nature. *Science* 297: 950-953)

Use of Valuation	Appropriate values	Appropriate spatial scales	Precision Needed
Raising Awareness and interest	Total values, macro aggregates	Regional to global	low
National Income and Well- Being Accounts	Total values by sector and macro aggregates	National	medium
Specific Policy Analyses	Changes by policy	Multiple depending on policy	medium to high
Urban and Regional Land Use Planning	Changes by land use scenario	Regional	low to medium
Payment for Ecosystem Services	Changes by actions due payment	Multiple depending on system	medium to high
Full Cost Accounting	Total values by business, product, or activity and changes by business, product, or activity	Regional to global, given the scale of international corporations	medium to high
Common Asset Trusts	Totals to assess capital and changes to assess income and loss	Regional to global	medium

Table 1. Range of Uses for Ecosystem Service Valuation

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Input-Output Framework for Classifying, Measuring and Valuing Ecosystem Services



Dozen Companies to Join Puma EP&L Coalition; Firm Now Reporting at Product Level



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Puma Researching Compostable Shoes



Sportswear company Puma has followed its environmental profit and loss (EP&L) process down to the product level, and is planning an industry coalition to broaden adoption of the sustainability accounting method.

The company will soon launch the InCycle collection of biodegradable and recyclable shoes, apparel and accessories, and has released EP&L results showing that the Puma InCycle Basket sneaker and a Puma InCycle shirt have 31 percent less environmental impact than their conventional counterparts.

The EP&L statement revealed that it takes 31 trucks with a load capacity of 13,000 kg to clear the waste that 100,000 pairs of conventional Puma suede sneakers cause during production, consumer life and disposal. In comparison, 12 trucks are needed to clear the waste that 100,000 pairs of biodegradable Puma InCycle Baskets cause, until they end up in an industrial composting facility system.

The environmental impacts of the InCycle Basket add up to €2.95 (\$3.82) per pair, 31 percent lower than that of the conventional Puma Suede at €4.29 per pair, the company said.

Speaking to the Guardian, Puma chairman Jochen Zeitz compared the product EP&Ls to nutritional labeling on cereal boxes. "Many of our customers do care about the environment but they may be confused by lots of labels, but this will change once we have standardized the calculation and put a tag on every product." he said.





THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION AND PRIMARY PROCESSING SECTORS ANALYZED IN THIS STUDY ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE UNPRICED NATURAL CAPITAL COSTS TOTALLING US\$7.3 TRILLION, WHICH EQUATES TO 13% OF **GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT** IN 2009.

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Table 1 – EcoServices classified according to their spatial characteristics

- 1. Global non-proximal (does not depend on proximity)
- 1&2. Climate regulation
- Carbon sequestration (NEP)
- Carbon storage
- 17. Cultural/existence value
- 2. Local proximal (depends on proximity)
- 3. Disturbance regulation/ storm protection
- 9. Waste treatment
- 10. Pollination
- 11. Biological control
- 12. Habitat/refugia
- 3. Directional flow related: flow from point of production to point of use
- 4. Water regulation/flood protection
- 5. Water supply
- 6. Sediment regulation/erosion control
- 8. Nutrient regulation
- 4. In situ (point of use)
- 7. Soil formation
- 13. Food production/non-timber forest products
- 14. Raw materials
- 5. User movement related: flow of people to unique natural features
- 15. Genetic resources
- 16. Recreation potential
- 17. Cultural/aesthetic

From: Costanza, R., 2008. Ecosystem Services: Multiple classification systems are needed. *Biological Conservation* 141:350-352

Table 2. Four levels of ecosystem service value aggregation (Kubiszewski and Costanza2013)

Aggregation method	Assumptions/approach	Examples
1. Basic value transfer -	assumes values constant over ecosystem types	Costanza et al. 1997, Liu et al. 2010
2. Expert modified value transfer	adjusts values for local ecosystem conditions using expert opinion surveys	Batker et al. 2010,
3. Statistical value transfer	builds statistical model of spatial and other dependencies	Liu and Stern 2008, deGroot et al. 2013
4. Spatially Explicit Functional Modeling	Builds spatially explicit statistical or dynamic systems models incorporating valuation	Boumans et al. 2002 Costanza et al. 2008 Nelson et al. 2009

Table 4

Meta-regression value function for inland wetlands.

Variable	Variable definition	Coeffs	Std. error
Dependent constant	Natural log of US\$/ha/annum	1.386	1.890
Study site area	Natural log of the study site area (ha)	-0.321***	0.055
Freshwater marsh	Dummy (1=freshwater marsh; 0=other)	0.576	0.443
Wooded marsh	Dummy (1=wooded marsh; 0=other)	0.681**	0.303
Salt-brackish marsh	Dummy (1=salt/brackish marsh; 0=other)	1.489***	0.480
GDP per capita	Natural log of country level GDP per capita (PPP USD 2007)	0.37****	0.118
Population	Natural log of population within 50 km radius of study site	0.339***	0.093
Wetland abundance	Natural log of area of wetlands within 50 km radius of study site	-0.203***	0.047
Lake and river abundance	Natural log of area of lakes and rivers within 50 km radius of study site	0.092	0.077
Hedonic pricing	Dummy (1=hedonic pricing; 0=other)	-1.219	1.112
Travel cost	Dummy (1=travel cost; 0=other)	- 1.658***	0.426
Replacement cost	Dummy (1=replacement cost; 0=other)	-0.567	0.403
Net factor income	Dummy (1=net factor income; 0=other)	- 1.355***	0.495
Production function	Dummy (1=production function; 0=other)	- 1.298**	0.635
Market price	Dummy (1=market price; 0=other)	- 1.391***	0.392
Opportunity cost	Dummy (1=opportunity cost; 0=other)	-0.726	0.804
Choice experiment	Dummy (1=choice experiment; 0=other)	-0.573	0.832
N=244	Adjusted $R^2 = 0.442$		

** Indicates statistical significance at the 5 percent levels.

*** Indicates statistical significance at the 1 percent levels.

From: de Groot, R., L. Brander, S. van der Ploeg, **R. Costanza**, F. Bernard, L. Braat, M. Christie, N. Crossman, A. Ghermandi, L. Hein, S. Hussain, P. Kumar, A. McVittie, R. Portela, L. C. Rodriguez, P. ten Brink, and P. van Beukering. 2012 Global estimates of the value of ecosystems and their services in monetary units. *Ecosystem Services*. 1:50-61





Global Storm Tracks 1980 - 2006

Data for Hurricane Bill (2003) Name Year Population GDP (2004) Herb Wets Total Damage Max Wind

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Bill	2003	5,170,620	6,073,836,979	687,415	16 Million	25.72

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The value of coastal wetlands for hurricane protection $\ln (TD_i/GDP_i) = \alpha + \beta_1 \ln(g_i) + \beta_2 \ln(w_i) + u_i$ (1)

Where:

TD_i = total damages from storm i (in constant 2004 \$US);

GDP_i = Gross Domestic Product in the swath of storm i (in constant 2004 \$US). The swath was considered to be 100 km wide by 100 km inland.

 $g_i = maximum wind speed of storm i (in m/sec)$

 w_i = area of herbaceous wetlands in the storm swath (in ha).

 $u_i = error$

Predicted total damages from storm i

$$TD_i = e^{\alpha} * g_i^{\beta_1} * w_i^{\beta_2} * GDP_i$$

Avoided cost from a change of 1 ha of coastal wetlands for storm i

$$\Delta TD_{i} = e^{\alpha} * g_{i}^{\beta_{1}} * \left((w_{i} - 1)^{\beta_{2}} - w_{i}^{\beta_{2}} \right) * GDP_{i}$$





•A loss of 1 ha of wetland in the model corresponded to an average \$33,000 (median = \$5,000) increase in storm damage from specific storms.

•Taking into account the annual probability of hits by hurricanes of varying intensities, the annual value of coastal wetlands ranged from \$250 to \$51,000/ha/yr, with a mean of \$8,240/ha/yr (median = \$3,230/ha/yr)

• Coastal wetlands in the US were estimated to currently provide \$23.2 Billion/yr in storm protection services.

From: Costanza, R., O. Pérez-Maqueo, M. L. Martinez, P. Sutton, S. J. Anderson, and K. Mulder. 2008. The value of coastal wetlands for hurricane protection. *Ambio* 37:241-248.



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Reconstruction of Ecosystem Services in the Lower Yangtze basin 1930-2000 from paleo records.



Source: John A. Dearing et al.. 2012. Extending the timescale and range of ecosystem services through paleoenvironmental analyses: the example of the lower Yangtze basin. *PNAS*



Figure 4: Spatial model results for the scenario where trade is enabled. Population density, forest condition, and settlement trade strength is shown at time step 200, 400, and 600. Darker colouring shows increased population density (blue) and trade strength (red), and forest condition depicts three states of cleared / cropped cells (yellow), secondary regrowth (light green), and climax forest (dark green).

Growing the ancient Maya socialecological system from the bottom up

Scott Heckbert, Christian Isendahl, Joel Gunn, Simon Brewer, Vernon Scarborough, Arlen F. Chase, Diane Z. Chase, Robert Costanza, Nicholas Dunning, Timothy Beach, Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach, David Lentz and Paul Sinclair



Figure 6: Real income of all simulated settlements over time by contributions from agriculture, ecosystem services, and trade value. Ecosystem services is eventually superceded by agriculture, and both by trade around time step 350



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Bohensky, E. L., J. Butler, R. Costanza, I. Bohnet, A. Delisle, K. Fabricius, M. Gooch, I. Kubiszewski, G. Lukacs, P. Pert, E. Wolanski. 2011. Future makers or future takers? A scenario analysis of climate change and the Great Barrier Reef. *Global Environmental Change* 21: 876-893

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To create a sustainable and desirable economy-in-society-in-nature requires: •Breaking our addiction to the "growth at all costs" economic paradigm, to fossil fuels, and to over-consumption

 Envisioning a more sustainable and desirable future that focuses on quality of life, recognizing the contributions of natural and social capital.



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