



# Methods for integrating ecosystem services into policy, planning and practice





# ¿What is ValuES?

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- **Objective:** Provide **practitioners** and **decision makers** in environment-related ministries and organisations with the **skills needed** to select and effectively use biophysical and/or economic **assessment methods** and instruments to identify, prioritize, value, assess and **integrate** ecosystem services into politics, planning and practice.
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**From an E-Mail to TEEB@ufz.de (March 2014):**

**„Dear [Sir or Madam],**

**..... Our environment minister promised us \$300K to do a  
,TEEB‘. We have been asked to calculate our country’s  
natural capital.**

**Can you help us? Which methods can we use?**

**.....“**



## Why a methods inventory?

- Difficulty in accessing information on available tools and methods
- Ecosystem service assessment and valuation is a multidisciplinary undertaking
- Process as important as outcome (think of purposes, stakeholders, information needs, policy options)





**The inventory is a „work in progress“.**

**You are welcome to contribute with  
content (methods, case studies).**

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