



Ecosystem services and biodiversity: What is the link between the two?

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To contribute to the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, ALTER-Net, the long-term biodiversity, ecosystems and awareness network, and the Scientific service of the French Embassy / French Cultural Institute in Austria will organise a conference on biodiversity and ecosystem services.



Objectives

- To explore into the links between society, ecosystem services and biodiversity and how they affect each other
- To find means/possibilities to manage ecosystem services in a way that promotes ecological sustainability.

Who is the conference for?

- Researchers of different disciplines from ALTER-Net and non-ALTER-Net organisations
- Invited experts from research, policy and international conservation communities.

Structure

3 November, morning: Research & policy needs and actions (EC and national keynote presentations)
3 November, afternoon & 4 November, morning: Evidence of links between ecosystem services and biodiversity (key note introductions, presentations and posters)
4 November, afternoon: How to manage ecosystem services in Europe: changes required in governance, research knowledge and practical management (focus group discussions to produce statements).

Costs

- There is no participation fee
- Travel and accommodation costs of invited speakers outside the ALTER-Net consortium will be reimbursed by the ALTER-Net secretariat
- Travel and accommodation costs of ALTER-Net researchers will not be reimbursed by ALTER-Net.

Call for contributions

The organising committee invites researchers and other experts to send an abstract for a presentation or a poster for the Conference. Contributions are invited from various disciplines to demonstrate or discuss the various links between society, ecosystem services and biodiversity from the sustainability point of view. **Deadline: 22 July 2010.** Please send abstract to Jiska.van.dijk@nina.no

Outcomes:

- Summary Statement with key outcomes and advice to the EU commission with respect to post 2010 targets on halting the biodiversity loss, to be delivered to the EU commission, the scientific community and relevant stakeholders
- Messages from the conference will be communicated in the ALTER-Net *Ecosystem Services and Governance* process
- Key outcomes will be further elaborated upon during the ALTER-Net workshop on our Common Research Strategy (5 November 2010, Vienna).
- Ideas will feed into the biodiversity component of the PEER (Partnership on European Environmental Research) project on Research on Ecosystem Services (PRESS).



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