Session Description

ID: B10d

Ecosystem Services in and Beyond Cities

Format: hybrid

Hosts

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Abstract

Urban areas today host about 55% of the world's population. The unprecedented level of resource consumption makes cities a major cause of disturbances in the environments which provides the ecosystem services cities depend upon. Despite of this, cities are not listed as a main driver of change to ecosystem services, or are mistakenly associated solely to land use change. Cities, however, cannot be understood only by the area they take but should be captured in their integrity, including their ability to appropriate resources near and far. This should be an important step to have cities recognized as important instances to advance the agenda towards promoting ecosystem services.

Goals & Objectives

The goal is to collect a number of relevant work discussing the interlinkages between urban areas, biodiversity and ecosystem services in LAC that can help shed light at these Intricate connections. It also aims to promote a network of researchers interested in cities and ecosystem services.

Planned output

The planned output of the session is a short report of the main points raised concerning urban areas and ecosystem services.

Session format

Participants will present their work in a short format called PechaKucha, so that the session stimulates discussion. The PechaKucha 20x20 presentation format is a slide show of 20 images, each auto-advancing after 20 seconds. Participants have 400 seconds to tell their story, with visuals guiding the way. The session host will moderate the discussion. In total the session should not take more than an hour.

Acceptance of voluntary contributions

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review.

Relation to ESP Working Groups or National Networks

Biome Working Groups: BWG 10 - Urban systems