



## SESSION DESCRIPTION

**ID: B3**

Ecosystem services from African tropical forests

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**Abstract:**

Tropical forests are biodiversity rich and unique ecosystems, which provide numerous ecosystem services benefitting humankind in many ways. They provide water, timber and non-timber forest products, hazard prevention, climate modulation and carbon sequestration. They are also important

to local communities' identity and cultures. This session will review current research and findings on the ecosystem services provided by African tropical forests (in both lowlands and mountains), and we will discuss the outline of a future review paper on cultural services from tropical forests in Africa. The session will also help create a network of experts working on these valuable ecosystems in Africa (e.g. a sub-working group of ESP) so we can help inform both conservation interventions and sustainable development in Africa.

**Goals and objectives of the session:**

- Identify the ecosystem services provided by African tropical forests, with examples from case studies
- Create an outline for a future paper
- Help create a network of experts working on African tropical forests

**Planned output / Deliverables:**

This session will have two deliverables: (i) a review paper on the cultural services provided by African tropical forests, and (ii) a network of experts working on these ecosystems (e.g. a sub-working group of ESP).



**Voluntary contributions accepted:**

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

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