

SESSION DESCRIPTION

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The role of Ecosystem Services as a tool for successful multilevel governance of protected areas

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Abstract:

This session deals with the governance schemes across protected areas in Europe and aims to the instrumentation of the ecosystem services approach as holistic tool for sustainable management. The presentations should focus on policies for the conservation management of species, habitats, ecosystems, and ecosystem services as issued by the European and National Strategies for Nature and the EU Green Deal. Modern approaches for the assessment and mapping of ecosystem condition and ecosystem services actual and potential supply, with examples at national, regional, and local level of protected areas are welcome, in order to highlight their importance in bottom-up support of decision-making at the various governance levels.

Goals and objectives of the session:

The session aims to highlight how protected areas governance practice should be guided by multifaced approach to comply simultaneously with the national and EU targets and legislation, as well as to socio-cultural needs from the local to international level, especially in the times of crisis and socio-economic uncertainty.

Planned output / Deliverables:

Session outputs will include a collection of case studies related to protected areas management and governance schemes. Discussion will conclude to general guidelines for integrating ecosystem services studies in protected areas management and for the designation of new areas providing (or potentially providing) unique and/or important ecosystem services. Bottlenecks will be highlighted, and current and future challenges will be pointed out.

Session format:

Discussion forum

Voluntary contributions accepted:

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

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