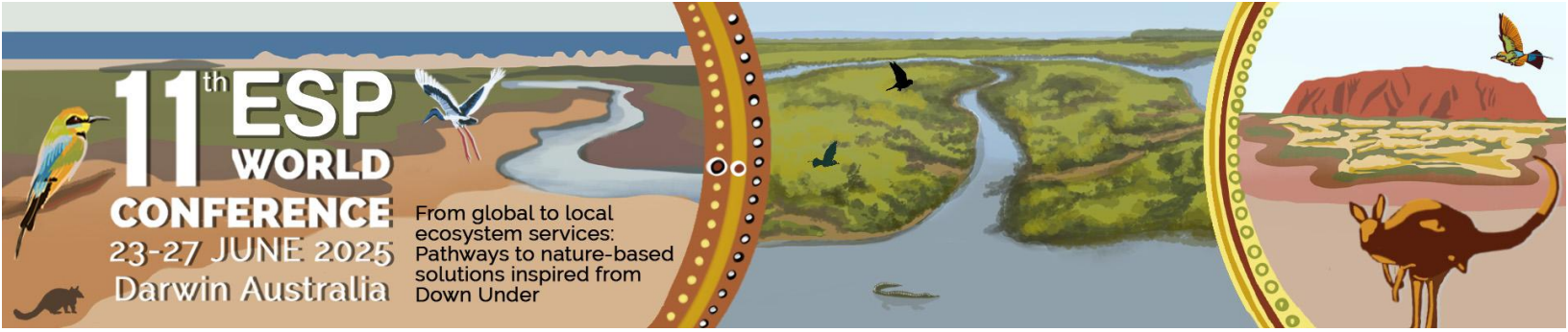

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

I. SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Implementing ecosystem services into multi-scale practices: from assessment to the realization of ecological product value

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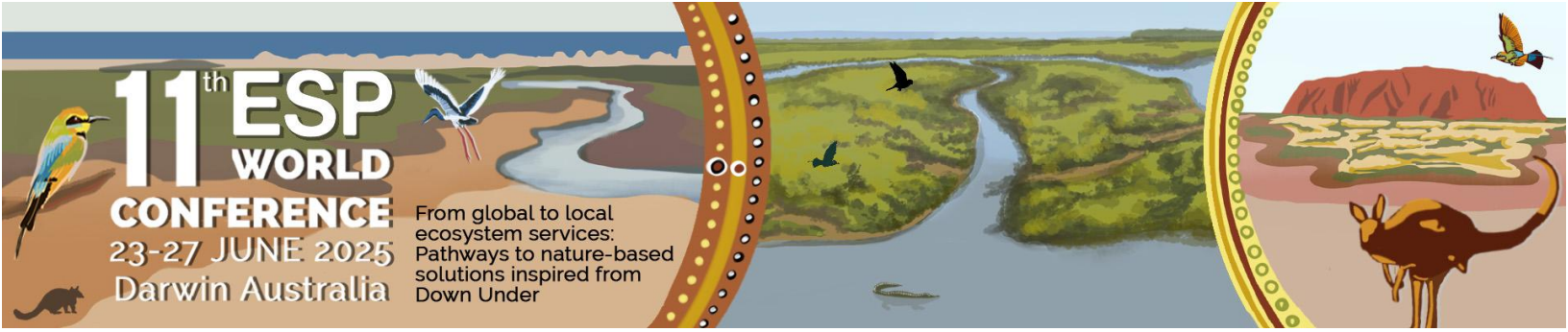
Abstract:

Ecosystem services are critical to human well-being; however, how their value can be fully recognized and effectively utilized and conserved is of even greater practical significance. Assessing ecosystem services ensures that the benefits people derived from nature are recognized and valued, while the realization of ecological product value makes nature conservation profitable thus providing a viable pathway to bridge science and policy-making, especially for those policy-driven countries and regions. Although notable progress has been made, implementing ecosystem services into practices still facing various significant challenges including lacking standardized data and scientific assessment methodology, difficulties in collateralizing or realizing the value of ecological products, etc. Therefore, this session focuses on the topic "from theory to practice", especially for connecting the information conveyed by ecosystem services modeling with decision-making to accelerate Nature-based Solutions implementation across different countries and regions. During the process of value transformation and decision-



making, scientifically grounded information on the values of ecosystem services is essential. Moreover, to transform ecological value into economic value and achieve a win-win outcome for both ecology and the economy, innovative approaches are urgently needed. These include institutional and policy advancements, such as ecological compensation systems and ecological credits, as well as new industrial development models like ecotourism. Simultaneously, we hope to integrate a multi-scale approach, as it can effectively promote the consideration of ecosystem services across different levels of governance—from local, regions to national and global policy-making.

Goals and objectives of the session:

1. This session aims to gather and exchange the frontiers in ecosystem services modelling from different countries and regions. We also hope to further explore and share diverse approaches to model construction and adaptation, ensuring their local applicability across various contexts.

2. This session focuses on in-depth sharing the typical cases, context-specific practices of ecological product value realization across different countries and regions. It aims at sharing experiences and the exchanging of solutions for ecological product value realization across different scales.

3. This session helps researchers and government agencies from various countries gain a comprehensive understanding of how policy-driven nations like China integrate ecosystem services with ecological product value realization. Furthermore, it enhances understanding of how the process of ecological product value realization adapts to local conditions to support informed decision-making at all levels.

Planned output / Deliverables:

1. Advancing ecosystem service assessment models and datasets across countries and regions at different scales.

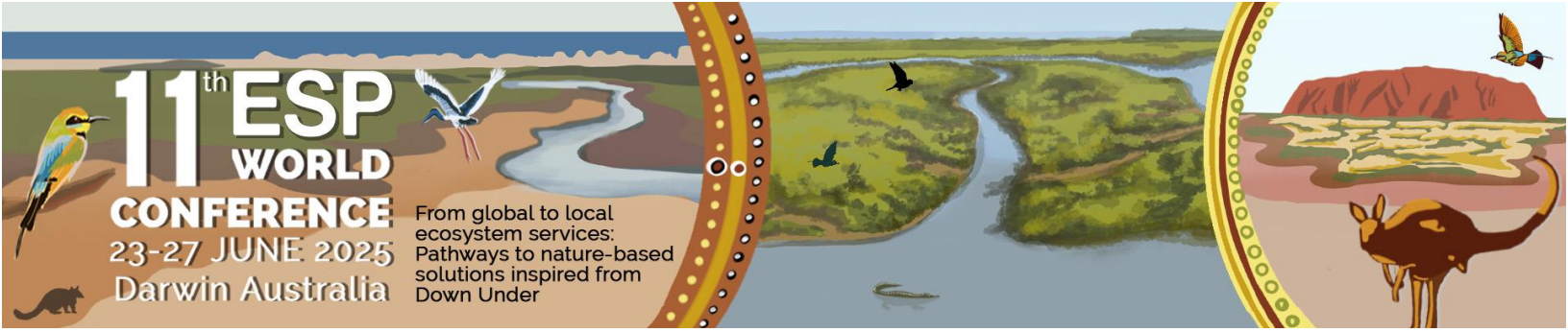
2. Expanding the approaches and pathways for realizing the value of ecological products in different countries and regions at different scales.

3. Sharing and popularizing extensive experience in ecosystem service assessment and value realization in countries with top-down policy management systems, such as China.

4. Establishing a structured and collaborative platform for the ESP China Network, and drafting a two-year action plan focused on network development, capacity-building initiatives, and regional collaborations.

II. SESSION PROGRAM

Room: Waterfront 1
Date of session: Monday 23 June 2025



Time of session: 14:00–17:15

Timetable speakers:

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14:30–14:45	Chrispo Babila	Dingha	University of Bamenda	Beyond unsustainable economic valuations: Implementing community-based valuation of wetland ecosystem services for inclusive conservation
14:45–15:00	Agnieszka	Sosnowska	Department of Landscape Architecture, Institute of Environmental Engineering, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland	Climate Change Challenges and Nature-Based Solutions in Medium-Sized Cities: A Case Study of Mińsk Mazowiecki, Poland
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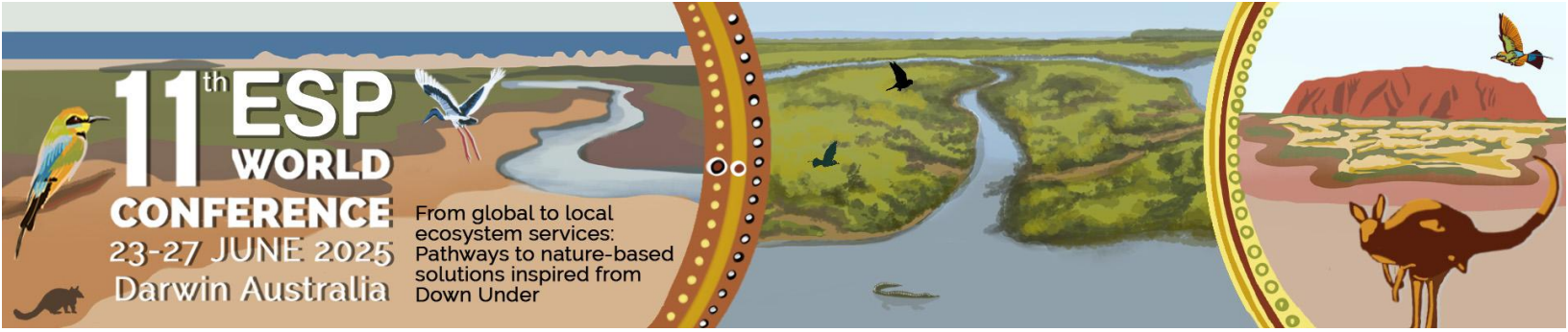

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16:00-16:15	Yasuo	Takahashi	Institute for Global Environmental Strategies	Corporate nature-positive action typologies and their potential contribution to ecosystem services: Empirical results from a regular corporate survey in Japan
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III. LIST OF ABSTRACTS

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1. Optimizing ecological compensation mechanisms through metacoupling of ecosystem Services

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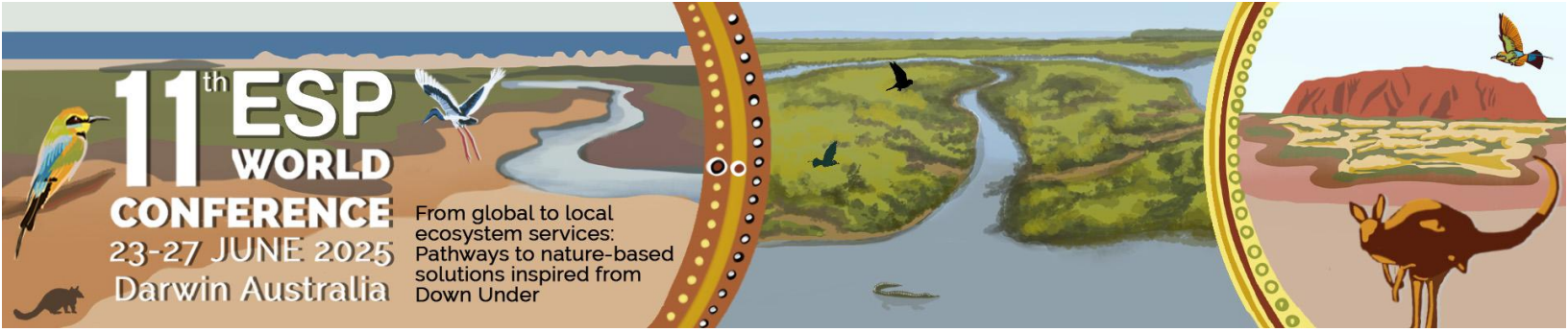

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Keywords: ecological compensation, metacoupling, ecosystem service flow

Constructing an effective ecological compensation mechanism requires a systematic understanding of ecosystem service flows and their interactions across spatial and temporal scales. This study develops a metacoupling framework for ecosystem service flows, focusing on carbon sequestration and food production, to optimize ecological compensation design. Using China, particularly Hubei, Hunan, and Jiangxi provinces, as the study area, we integrate supply-demand dynamics, spatial transfer processes, and stakeholder participation to propose a mechanism that enhances the precision and efficiency of compensation policies. Moreover, we incorporate a cost-benefit analysis in determining compensation standards to ensure economic feasibility and fairness. Quantitative models are employed to assess the spatial relationships and benefit distribution of carbon sequestration and food production services, aligning compensation with ecological contributions and socio-economic needs. The findings provide theoretical and methodological support for refining ecological compensation strategies, promoting sustainable regional development and ecological conservation.

2. Trade-offs in Ecosystem Services from Bamboo Forest Expansion: A Dual-Scale Analysis of Global Carbon Storage and Local Environmental/Disaster Risks

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The impact of bamboo forest expansion on ecosystem services may involve trade-offs at both global and local scales. Therefore, it is crucial to assess ways to enhance global carbon storage benefits while avoiding increased local environmental and disaster risks. This study employs the InVEST model to simulate changes in carbon storage, water yield, soil erosion, nutrient export, and habitat quality dynamics under different bamboo forest expansion scenarios in Nantou County, Taiwan. The results suggest that bamboo forest expansion is associated with increased carbon storage and reduced soil erosion and nutrient loss; however, it is also linked to a decline in water yield and degradation of habitat quality. Interestingly, certain regions exhibit a synergistic effect, where increases in carbon storage coincide with improvements in habitat quality. This finding suggests that evaluating bamboo forest expansion based solely on aggregate indicators may obscure localized environmental and disaster risks. Thus, incorporating localized indicators is essential for capturing spatial heterogeneity more accurately. Ultimately, we propose a replicable quantitative framework to provide scientific support for decision-makers, enabling them to balance global climate change mitigation with local community well-being and, in turn, promote environmental justice.

3. Beyond unsustainable economic valuations: Implementing community-based valuation of wetland ecosystem services for inclusive conservation

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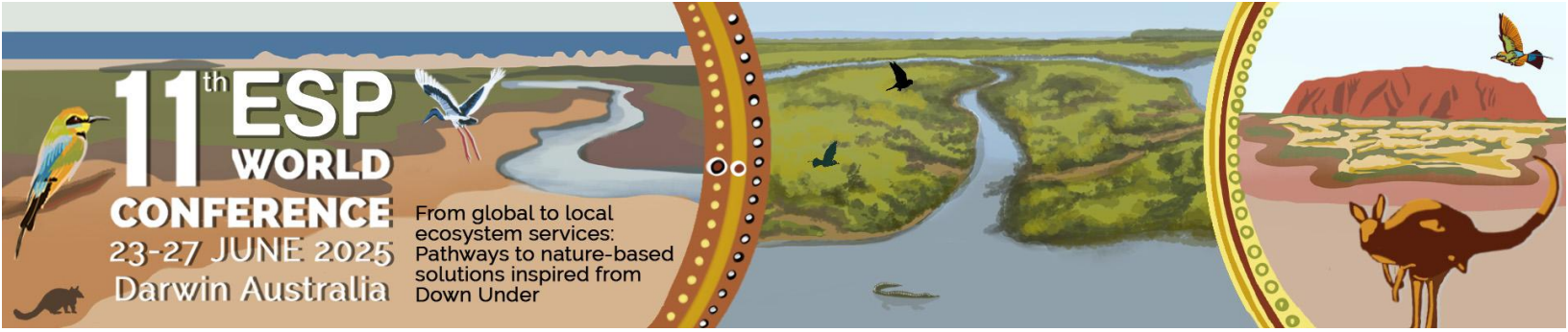
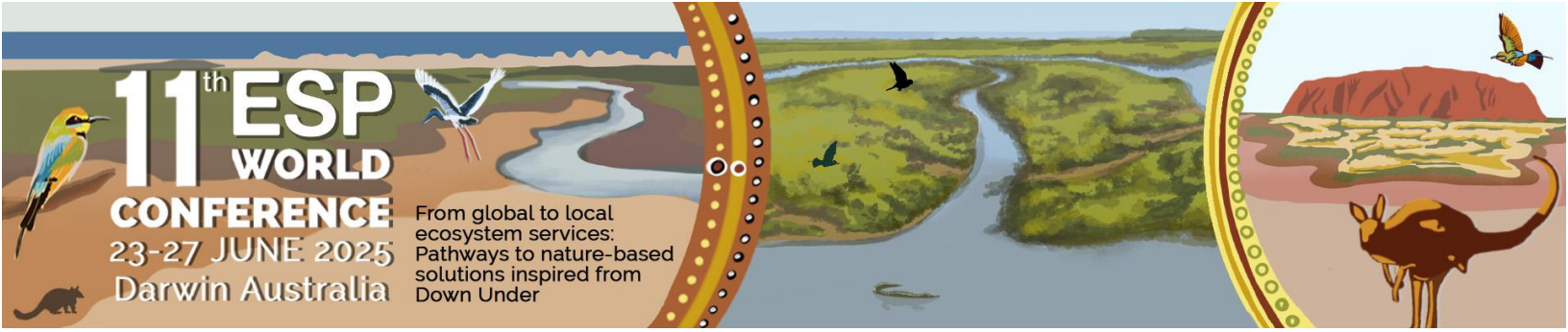
Keywords: Non-monetary valuation, Ecosystem service assessment, Local and indigenous people, Wetland management and livelihoods, Total economic value



Wetlands provide essential benefits in terms of provisioning, cultural, regulating and supporting ecosystem services to communities worldwide, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. However, the full recognition and integration of ecosystem service values into decision-making has remained challenging, impeding effective utilization and conservation. This can be explained by long-term unsustainable focus on the economic valuation of ecosystem services with infrequent integration of non-monetary valuation methods to capture community perceptions. On this basis, the community-based valuation of wetland ecosystem services project was launched in 2022. This paper assesses the value of ecosystem services provided by wetlands based on the perception of the local community in Bamenda, Cameroon. We explore if this perception is influenced by factors such as gender, education, and sub-division of residence in relation to the wetland area using a questionnaire administered purposively to 400 respondents living/carrying out activities in and around wetlands. We complemented this methodology with field observation to explore aspects of wetland utilization on the ground beyond the predefined survey questions assessing communities' perception of the importance of different ecosystem services. Data was entered into SPSS (version 20) for wrangling and visualization in R (version 4.3.0). The results indicate that the most valued wetland ecosystem services are directly linked to people's livelihoods, such as providing food, traditional agricultural practices, and supporting habitats for various plants and animals collected/hunted by local people. We also found a significant difference between the perception of the importance of ecosystem services based on educational level and sub-division of location in relation to wetlands (P-value ≤ 0.01), suggesting that communities living closer to the wetlands appreciate the importance of the ecosystem services relatively more than those living further away. Our results are relevant for improved recognition and integration of local community interest and engagement in ecosystem service assessment for inclusive wetland conservation and management.



4. Climate Change Challenges and Nature-Based Solutions in Medium-Sized Cities: A Case Study of Mińsk Mazowiecki, Poland

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Regardless of the size of the city or its population, the challenges posed by climate change remain unchanged. These include rising air temperatures, increased rainfall intensity, more frequent windstorms, and the urban heat island (UHI) effect. According to the OECD, 24.2% of people in Europe live in small and medium-sized cities (5,000 to 50,000 inhabitants), and when including larger cities (up to 500,000), the proportion rises to nearly half (44%).

Environmental issues in small and medium-sized cities are as significant as in larger ones, though on a different scale. Climate problems, like the UHI effect, depend on the size of the built-up area, may occur in cities with populations above 3,000, but its intensity is lower. Hydrological problems, such as flooding and flash floods, are more localized and depend on impermeable surfaces and relief, with impacts comparable to those in larger cities.

The research conducted is part of the IntegrateNbS project within the Driving Urban Transition program, which explores the potential for implementing nature-based solutions (NbS) in medium-sized cities. Our case study is Mińsk Mazowiecki, a medium-sized city, where potential exposure to climate change has been identified in terms of UHI occurrence and flooding. The spatial structure of the city was then analyzed to explore possibilities for implementing NbS.

The spatial structure of Mińsk Mazowiecki indicates potential significant problems with the city's adaptation to climate change. Currently, 67% of the city's area is built-up land, while agricultural areas and forests occupy only 26%. The problem intensifies with the increasing construction of multi-family housing in the densely built-up zone, which exacerbates issues related to rainwater management and the UHI. The implementation of NbS in the limited spaces available for adaptation reduces the catalog of possible solutions. Will the implementation of small-scale solutions be sufficient to improve quality of life for residents?

5. Greenspace exposure and its dual role as mediator and moderator in the relationship between urban density and mental health

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The relationship between urban density, urban green space (UGS) exposure, and mental health remains complex and understudied, particularly in rapidly urbanizing cities notably characterized by high-density development. Based on a survey of 824 respondents in Guangzhou, China, this study advanced prior research by systematically unraveling the dual roles of UGS exposure: UGS visitation played as a mediator and UGS availability served as a moderator in the urban density-mental health nexus—a critical gap in existing literature. Our key findings indicated that: (1) Urban density exhibited context-dependent effects: its impacts on three mental health indicators (depression, life satisfaction and sense of worthwhilenss) hinged on UGS availability. (2) Visiting community gardens, municipal parks, and waterfront UGS was particularly effective in reducing

depression risk, enhancing life satisfaction, and fostering a sense of worthwhileness, respectively. Engaging with communal gardens and municipal parks was positively associated with all three mental health outcomes. The effects of UGS visitation on mental health surpassed those of UGS availability and urban density. (3) Crucially, we revealed a dual mechanism: UGS visitation fully mediated the adverse effects of high density on mental health, while UGS availability moderated this relationship, mitigating negative impacts of high urban density. These findings provide novel empirical evidence for optimizing UGS planning: increasing UGS and its visitation can reduce the negative mental health impacts of high urban density and prioritizing communal gardens and municipal parks is advisable, given their positive effects on three mental health outcomes.

6. Assessing the impact of drought on ecosystem services and human well-being: Evidences from Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei urban agglomeration, China

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Recently, researchers have explored the impacts of drought on ecosystem services and human well-being, respectively. However, few studies have assessed the impacts of drought on the dynamic relationship between ecosystem services and human well-being. Therefore, taking the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei urban agglomeration (BTH), a region facing the challenge of increasing water deficiency, as the study area, we quantified annual drought index (SPEI), multiple ecosystem services (i.e., food supply, water yield, soil conservation, habitat quality and carbon sequestration) and multiple human well-being indicators from 2001 to 2022, and then analyzed their

associations using the structural equation modeling. The results showed that from 2001 to 2022, the drought in the BTH showed a fluctuating trend, with the average SPEI ranging from -1.62 to 0.83. The relationship between ecosystem services and human well-being is spatially heterogeneous under different drought levels. We also identified some changes in relationship between ecosystem services and human-being during the recovery after drought. The findings can shed lights on understanding ecological and societal recovery and resilience after extreme climatic disturbance.

7. Corporate nature-positive action typologies and their potential contribution to ecosystem services: Empirical results from a regular corporate survey in Japan

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Increasing number of companies are stepping up their nature-positive actions, responding to accumulating scientific evidence on unprecedented and exacerbating biodiversity loss and their economic consequences, as well as to global policy and business frameworks such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) and the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) recommendations. With this backdrop, the Japan business federation (Keidanren) Nature Conservation Council has started an annual questionnaire survey of Japanese companies focusing on the progress of biodiversity mainstreaming into business administration, corporate nature-positive actions aligned with KMGBF, information disclosure along the TNFD recommendations, as well as integrated carbon neutral and nature-positive actions. Using the 2024 survey data to which 281 companies responded across sectors including businesses and

financial institutions, we developed corporate nature-positive action typologies including Nature-based Solutions, and evaluated their potential contribution to safeguarding/enhancing ecosystem services and abating negative biodiversity impacts. Furthermore, we identified the drivers of and barriers for these corporate actions from financial, technical and socio-political perspectives. The results are inherently descriptive due to the contents of the questionnaire, but would provide critical foundation for future quantitative assessment of the contribution of corporate nature-positive actions to biodiversity and ecosystem services. These also would make important contribution to the discussion on the session theme, particularly for scoping biodiversity-related risks and opportunities for the financial sector.

8. How do changes in ecosystem services multifunctionality influence human wellbeing? Evidence from the Yangtze River Delta Urban Agglomeration in China

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A key goal of landscape management is to enhance the multifunctionality of ecosystem services (ESs) to support higher levels of human well-being (HWB). Although improving ES multifunctionality is often assumed to lead to better HWB, empirical evidence directly supporting this claim remains limited. This study examines the relationship between ES multifunctionality and HWB in rapidly urbanizing regions, using the Yangtze River Delta Urban Agglomeration in China as a case study. We quantified ES multifunctionality using the Gini-Simpson Diversity Index and identified ES multifunctional types through the bundle approach. HWB was assessed using both the HWB mean score and HWB evenness score, calculated with an improved radar chart

method. We then analyzed their relationships with ES multifunctionality using Spearman correlation analysis and the Kruskal–Wallis rank-sum test. The results revealed that: (1) ES multifunctionality exhibited varied relationships with HWB indicators but was significantly negatively associated with both the HWB mean score and HWB evenness score. (2) Each HWB indicator differed significantly across the identified ES bundles; however, no single bundle exhibited the highest values for all HWB indicators. (3) HWB mean scores and HWB evenness scores were generally higher in the peri-urban bundle and lower in the agricultural and forest bundles. Our findings suggest that peri-urban landscapes provide relatively higher and more balanced levels of HWB in urban agglomerations. This also implies that a "land-sharing" urban development model—one that integrates natural and built environments—may be more effective in enhancing ES multifunctionality and HWB compared to a "land-sparing" model, which separates natural and built areas.

9. Advancing the spatial optimization of ecosystem service supply-demand and flow to promote regional landscape sustainability

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Against the backdrop of global urbanization, the socio-ecological interactions between urban and rural areas are becoming increasingly complex and intense. Issues such as the degradation of ecosystem services, supply-demand deficits, and impeded flows triggered by these interactions have severe negative impacts on ecosystems. There exists spatial inequity in the supply and demand of ecosystem services in urban-rural regions, accompanied by significant

flows. Understanding the characteristics of ecosystem service supply, demand, and flows, as well as their trade-offs in urban-rural transitional landscapes, and conducting spatial optimization on this basis are crucial for promoting regional landscape sustainability. We aimed to answer the following questions: (1) How to classify or identify different types of urban-rural areas? (2) How can we not only consider the supply-demand relationships but also effectively integrate their trade-offs when optimizing ecosystem services? (3) How to optimize the ecosystem service flow and further improve the economic and ecological effectiveness? (4) How to optimize ecosystem service flow and simultaneously enhance residents' well-being, then ultimately promote urban-rural sustainability? Thus, we developed a novel transferable full- resolution convolutional neural network (FR-Net) to identify urban-fringe-rural areas. The methodological frameworks for ecosystem services supply-demand and flow optimization in urban-rural landscapes were also developed. Diferences in ecosystem services supply-demand relationships and trade-offs afected the necessity of optimizing ecological zoning in urban-rural landscapes. Assigning weights reasonably according to trade-of curves to determine priority regions could facilitate both efcient use of ecological resources. Also, strengthening regional connections and simultaneously effectively managing core transmission nodes are of great signiffcance for improving flow efffciency and ensuring urban-rural ecosystem services sustainable management.

10. Risk Assessment and Prevention and Control Pattern Construction of Non-point Source Pollution in Qiantang River Basin

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Keywords: Qiantang River basin; non-point source pollution; minimal cumulative resistance model; ecological corridor; risk prevention and control pattern

Non-point source pollution is a major ecological and environmental issue that constrains social and economic development. In this study, we took Qiantang River basin as the research area. The minimum cumulative resistance (MCR) model was used to establish the risk pattern of non-point source pollution, which combines seven main resistance factors, that is land use types, digital elevation model, normalized digital vegetation index, slope, population density, rainfall erosivity and soil erodibility. The Linkage Mapper tool was used to identify the migration paths of non-point source pollutants and pollution interception points based on the methods of ecological corridors and ecological nodes, thereby constructing a pattern for prevention and control of non-point source pollution risk. Results showed that the possibility of non-point source pollution in Qiantang River basin was relatively high, with areas of extremely high and high risk accounting for 69.16% of the total watershed area, showing a spatial distribution characterized by "high in the central urban area and low in the surrounding mountainous areas." A total of 23 source patches were extracted, covering an area of 409.26 km2, accounting for 3.25% of the total area of the study area. Additionally, 40 pollutant migration paths and 13 pollution interception points were identified, mainly distributed in Fuyang district, Jiande city, and Tonglu county. Combined with the regional development plan, an ecological network pattern of “ecological restoration-control-protection” was constructed. The research results can provide scientific guidance for the prevention and control of non-point source pollution risk in the Qiantang River basin, and its ecological protection and sustainable development.

11. Integrating Cultural Ecosystem Services into Ecological Restoration: Enhancing Mental Health through Landscape Transformation in Shenzhen

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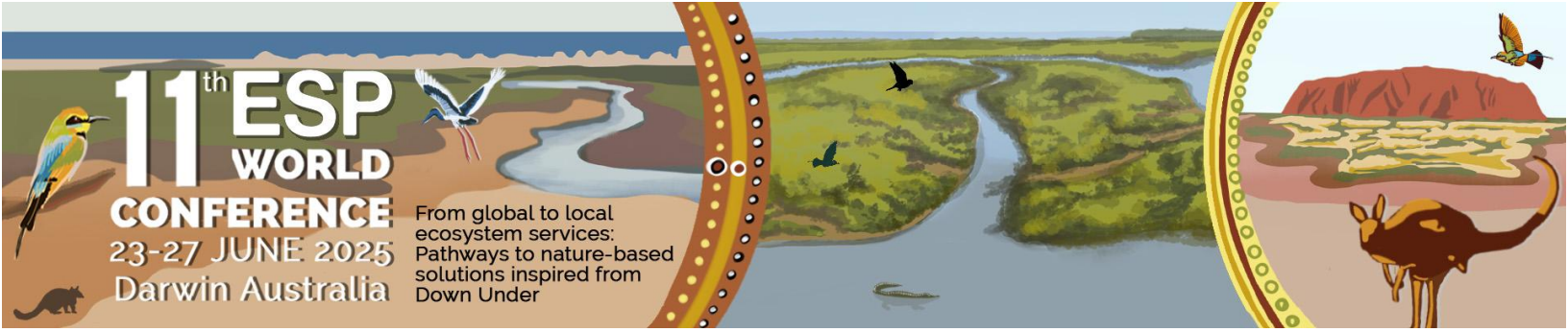

Keywords: Cultural ecosystem services, river restoration, physical and mental health, human perception, urban landscapes

Effectively integrating ecosystem services (ES) into multi-scale practices remains crucial, particularly concerning cultural ecosystem services (CES) and their impact on mental health. This study assesses how ecological restoration in the Maozhou River region of Shenzhen transforms landscapes and enhances residents' mental well-being. Employing an interdisciplinary approach—combining participatory mapping, questionnaires, interviews, and field observations—the research evaluates how restored urban green spaces, wetlands, and rivers influence local perceptions and psychological health. Results highlight that restored landscapes provide significant CES, including aesthetic appreciation, recreation, and cultural identity, positively affecting mental health. The study further emphasizes that diverse landscape combinations enhance CES benefits compared to single-type landscapes. By integrating CES assessments into ecological restoration practices, this research illustrates how scientifically informed evaluations can effectively support policy-making and value realization of ecological products, facilitating better governance and sustainable urban development across scales.