



## LANDSCAPE EUROPE Newsletter – April 2016

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Dear Landscape Europe Network readers,

We have prepared a new issue of the Landscape Europe News.

In this issue you can find:

- a call for experts to IPBES,
- information about European LTER website,
- information about Oppla virtual hub,
- information about 9<sup>th</sup> International Biennial Of Landscape Architecture and Rosa Barbara Prize,
- new events in 2016,
- new summer schools,
- a new event in 2017
- and finally some tips for publications.

Thank you those who supported us with new information from the Landscape Ecology area.

We would appreciate if you could find some time to write us and share your knowledge, tips, information about projects you are working on, interesting articles you come across or about your publication activities with the whole Landscape Europe community.

Wishing you interesting reading and looking forward to receive your comments and inputs for the next issue of the LE-News.



With kindest regards

**Jana Borovská and the ILE SAS team**  
*Network Coordination Office*



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## CALL FOR EXPERTS TO IPBES GLOBAL ASSESSMENT AND TO SCOPING OF SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY

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UNs Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) calls for nominations of experts to participate in

- the global assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- the scoping of sustainable use of biodiversity



See <http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5da0fed71c7e4399fb28ab549&id=e546c21a52>

This is an opportunity for landscape researchers to join in this interdisciplinary UN initiative. There is a great need of scientists from social science and the humanities.

If you are interested, please contact your national focal point in IPBES to get more information on the conditions for nomination. You find your national focal point here <http://www.ipbes.net/about/members/nfps>

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## EUROPEAN LTER WEBSITE

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LTER-Europe

eLTER H2020

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Long-Term Ecosystem Research in Europe

European LTER website: <http://www.lter-europe.net/>

You can use the website to share news about European LTER activities. Users are tweeting about European LTER via @eLTER\_EU ([https://twitter.com/eLTER\\_EU](https://twitter.com/eLTER_EU)).

If you have any news to share, please send them to the web manager:

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**Here are some examples of the kinds of news we could share:**

- Recent developments at your site or network such as new equipment, facilities, experiments, etc.
- New projects your LTER site or network is involved in
- New LTER datasets that are available to people
- Recent publications relating to your LTER work
- LTER-related opportunities such as training courses, studentships, work placements, summer schools, etc.
- LTER-related events (conferences, workshops, etc.)

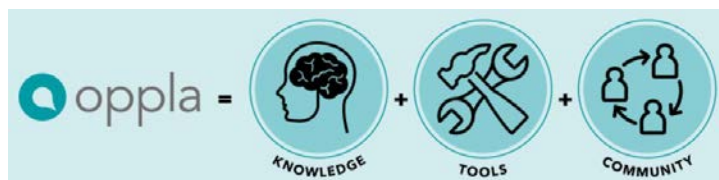
‘Lighter’ items such as great photos from your site, interesting species you’ve observed, interesting weather events, etc. Are also welcome. Also LTER-videos are possible to share on a YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/LtereuropeNetwork>).

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## OPPLA

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**Oppla** is a new virtual hub where the latest thinking on nature-based solutions is brought together from across Europe.



It is currently in development and will be launching in September 2016.

Oppla will provide access to a wide range of resources, drawn from the most innovative communities of science, policy and practice - within and beyond the environmental sector.

**The purpose of Oppla** is simple: to be a ‘one stop shop’ for the latest knowledge and good practice. Whether you’re an expert or a newcomer to nature-based solutions, Oppla will help you to find useful advice, tools and techniques, quickly and easily.

**Oppla has ambition** to grow into Europe’s foremost platform for sharing environmental knowledge, where the outputs of research can achieve greater impact. It will feature a marketplace for promoting useful products and services (both commercial and publicly available), whilst encouraging co-design and innovation. It will also feature a range of networking services, helping members to collaborate and work together across different sectors in developing solutions to today's challenges.

**Membership of Oppla** will remain free and all services (apart from commercial products) will be free at point of use.

**Over 60 universities, research institutes, agencies and enterprises** are currently developing the Oppla prototype as part of a joint activity between the OPERAs and OpenNESS projects, funded by the European Commission FP7 Programme.

Link: <http://oppla.eu/>

**9 INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
ROSA BARBARA PRIZE  
BARCELONA, SPAIN  
29 September - 1 October 2016**

**9th Barcelona Landscape Biennial  
Tomorrow Landscapes**



Due to our circumstances most territorial and cultural disciplines are ranging from anxiety and emergence. Thus, the IX International Biennial of Landscape Barcelona claims to be both a catalyst for doubt and a driver to illusions and changes in the field of Landscape Architecture. The announcing of this year's event suggests interest in discovering new ways of action, while exploring inhospitable areas and guiding discussion towards rethinking old certainties and providing new sensitivities certitudes. Tomorrow Landscapes wants to be present at the discussion of what should be the landscape design and planning nowadays and provide a plausible (and exciting) future.

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**Rosa Barba International Landscape Prize by Fundació Banc Sabadell**

The Rosa Barba Landscape Prize, sponsored by Fundació Banc de Sabadell, will be announced within the framework of the 9th International Biennial of Landscape Architecture which will take place on the 29th, 30th September and 1st October 2016 in Barcelona. The Rosa Barba Landscape Prize is open to submissions to all kinds of landscape projects and planning developed around the world from 2011 to 2016. There is a sole award, which has an economic endowment of 15.000 Euros. It will not be declared null under any circumstances. The winner and finalists will present their projects during the symposium that will take place on the 29th September 2016. The projects selected by the International Jury will be published in the catalog of the 9th Biennial, featured in the Rosa Barba Prize exhibition sponsored by Fundació Banc Sabadell and displayed on the Biennial digital archive.

To participate, fill out the online registration form clicking here:  
[http://www.coac.net/landscape/premi\\_e.html](http://www.coac.net/landscape/premi_e.html)

Call for entries is open until the 5th May 2016.

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## EVENTS 2016

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### FOURTH ROMANIAN-BULGARIAN-HUNGARIAN-SERBIAN CONFERENCE

### GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH AND CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION WITHIN THE LOWER BASIN OF THE DANUBE

### VIDIN – BULGARIA

15–17 SEPTEMBER 2016



#### Aim

This interdisciplinary and cross-cultural meeting welcomes presentations on geographic research and cross border cooperation within the Danube basin. The event targets a broad spectrum of participants, recognizing the multidisciplinary research in geography and other related disciplines.

#### The conference aims to:

- present the status of scientific approaches within the Danube lower basin
- discuss the role of geographical research in cross-border issues
- bring together scientists, academics, practitioners with a view to strengthening and promoting
  - the cross-border cooperation
  - define the priorities concerning various aspects of geographical research.

#### Themes

1. Geography, Governance and Local Development
2. Cross-border and Transnational Cooperation
3. Environment, Risk Assessment and Management
4. Climate Change and Water Resources
5. GIS, Landscape Analysis and Landscape Planning
6. Cultural and Political Challenges in Geography
7. Population trends, Human Mobility and Emigration
8. Sustainable Tourism Policy, Planning and Development
9. Geography Education(NEW)

**Abstracts submission deadline – 20 April 2016.**

**FIELD TRIP**

Belogradchik, Belogradchik rocks and Fortress

<https://round.me/tour/23053/view/56132/>

Magura cave

<https://round.me/tour/23073/view/56182/>

**Second announcement and registration form can be found at:**

<http://forumgeografic.ro/events/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact: [danube2016@gmail.com](mailto:danube2016@gmail.com)

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**SWISS-AUSTRIAN MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP 2016**

**UNIVERSITY OF BERN, SWITZERLAND**

**9 - 10 JUNE 2016**



The workshop will generate new ideas for future activities and for the future funding and extension of a CH-AT-like structure. It provides a platform for a critical review of CH-AT activities, a presentation of success stories, and a reflection on the lessons learned since the Mountain Days 2013 in Mittersill. The Creative Space format allows participants to work on their own projects!

Bring your experience and your willingness to share insights, further elaborate projects and discuss new collaborations. There is no need for extensive preparations as there will be sufficient time at the event to reflect on achievements and to outline next steps.

**The event is limited to 50 participants: please register soon!**

Programme: <http://www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/programme.html>

Registration: <http://www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/registration.html>

Links: <http://www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/>

<http://mri.scnatweb.ch/en/>

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# AgroEcology2016

*Ecology - Agroecology - Environmental Health Monitoring and Protection  
1st International Conference / 3-6 October 2016 / Athens, Greece*

## **1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "AGROECOLOGY 2016, ECOLOGY-AGROECOLOGY-ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MONITORING AND PROTECTION"**

**3 - 6 OCTOBER 2016**

**AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS, GREECE**

The Conference is organized by **the Laboratory of Ecology and Environmental Sciences** of the Agricultural University of Athens, the most important academic Institution in Greece devoted to Agriculture and Rural Development and it will be held on the University premises.

### **Scientific Topics:**

#### **TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY**

- Biodiversity protection and conservation
- Agrobiodiversity (i.e. landraces, crop wild relatives)
- Genetic Biodiversity
- Species Biodiversity
- Natural Ecosystems Biodiversity
- Anthropogenic Ecosystems Biodiversity (including agroecosystems and urban ecosystems)
- Biodiversity and climate change
- Landscape Ecology
- Ecosystems Services
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Services
- Ecological Risk Assessment

#### **AGROECOLOGY**

- Sustainable Agroecosystems (design, management, etc)
- Organic Farming
- Ecological Processes - Application to Agriculture
- Natural Resources management (soil, water, etc)
- Agroecology and Climate Change
- Efficient Energy Use
- Precision Agriculture and Environmental Protection
- Agroecology and Certification
- Sustainable Food Production
- Socio-Economic and Cultural components of Sustainable Farming Systems
- Green infrastructures in farming practice



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MONITORING & PROTECTION

- Environmental health monitoring and biomonitoring (Environmental health indices, water, air and soil pollution monitoring and biomonitoring)
- Environmental Protection
- Environmental Restoration
- Impacts of Environmental Changes
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Management Systems
- Agroecology indicators
- Ecotoxicology
- Ecosystem Health Indicators
- Public Participation and Education
- Environmental Governance and Legislation

### **General Submission Guidelines**

**All abstracts must be submitted on-line no later than 1st July 2016.**

The abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Scientific Committee. The presenting author will be notified about the final decision regarding the acceptance or rejection of the paper latest by 15th July 2016.

Abstract presenters must pay their registration fees no later than 30th July 2016 in order for their presentation to appear in the proceedings.

Authors should select their presentation preferences between the 3 thematic topics.

Final decision on the presentation type will be made by the Conference Scientific Committee.

The Conference Scientific Committee reserves the right to allocate abstracts into sessions as they see fit in accordance with the overall program objectives.

Submitting authors will be notified as to whether their abstract has been accepted, as well as the date, time and form of their presentation.

### **Instructions for preparing abstracts and submissions**

All abstracts must be written in English.

**Presenter Name & Title & Address**— List the full name and title of the person who will present the paper. List the name of the department, institution and full postal address (including zip/postal code and country, e-mail)

Give emphasis to objectives, results and conclusions of your study

Abstract should not be more than 300 words

Please be informed that your abstract will be reproduced exactly as submitted.

Changes are not permitted after submission deadlines.

### **Instructions for poster presentation**

The entire poster must be mounted on a 70 x 100 cm board



The board must be oriented in the upright position

A banner displaying your poster title, name, and department should be positioned at top-center of the board

Text should be readable from 2 meters away. Use a minimum font size of 18 points

Lettering for the title should be large (at least 70-point font). Use all capital letters for the title.

#### **Application form:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q0L1bMjda-FuAn\\_R2qcHF6n46zp2MB5fTsmklr-tjOY/viewform?ct=t%28Invitation to the AgroEcology 2016 2 10 2016%29](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q0L1bMjda-FuAn_R2qcHF6n46zp2MB5fTsmklr-tjOY/viewform?ct=t%28Invitation+to+the+AgroEcology+2016+2+10+2016%29)

#### **Payment details**

- Senior participants: 300 EUR / Person
- Students: 100 EUR / Person

The above fees do not include the following optional events:

- Official Dinner: 40 EUR / Person
- One - day trip to Nafplio - Mycenae - Epidaurus: 60 EUR / Person
- Guided visit to Acropolis and Acropolis Museum: 30 EUR / Person
- Private walk in the historic center of Athens: 10 EUR / Person

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**EUROPEAN ECOSYSTEM SERVICES  
2016 CONFERENCE: C HELPING  
NATURE TO HELP US  
ANTWERP, BELGIUM  
19-23 SEPTEMBER 2016**



This conference will be the biggest European event in 2016 that links science, policy and practice on ecosystem services and natural capital. With strong focus on practice and implementation will showcase excellent knowledge and research, share working examples from business, land management, policy and local practice.

The conference is organised by the research projects OPERAs, OpenNESS, and ECOPLAN and the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP).

Please click here for more information regarding this collaboration:

<http://www.esconference2016.eu/86157/wiki/163016/about#.VxSk9Xp5Io9>

#### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, STANDS AND POSTERS**

You are invite to submit an abstract for a presentation, a poster or a stand. Please have a look at the session descriptions to select which session suits your expertise best and to prepare your abstract.

The online abstract submission system will be open from 1 april to 15 may 2016.

#### **REGISTRATION**

More information regarding conference registration will be published soon. Conference registration will open mid-April.

More ESP Conferences at: <http://www.es-partnership.org/esp/79104/5/0/50>

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## WORLD CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

24 – 26 OCTOBER 2016

VALENCIA, SPAIN

## World Conference on Climate Change

October 24-26, 2016 Valencia, Spain

The **main theme** of the conference is “*Updating our Understanding: Earth's Climate is Warming*” which covers a broad array of vitally key sessions.

For details regarding **Scientific Tracks, Submission of Abstract and Registration** please click at: <http://climatechange.conferenceseries.com/>

### Benefits

- all accepted abstracts will be published in the respective Group Journals (free abstract publishing)
- each abstract will receive a DOI provided by CrossRef

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## 11th ALTER-NET SUMMER SCHOOL 2016

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### BIODIVERSITY, ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF SOCIO-ECOSYSTEMS

7-17 September 2015

Peyresq, France



**The deadline for applications is 29 April 2016.**

The ALTER-Net Summer School is open to young graduate and post-graduate scientists from both within and outside the ALTER-Net network partners, as well as young professionals in related fields. The aim of the Summer School is to create an environment for studying the challenges relating to biodiversity and natural resources in an inter- and trans-disciplinary way.

You can find more information on the Summer School website: <http://www.alter-net.info/summer-school>, including the programme, and you can access the registration form directly. Please, contact Marie Vanderwalle ([marie.vandewalle@ufz.de](mailto:marie.vandewalle@ufz.de)) if you have any questions.

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## THE SUMMER SCHOOL EUROPEAN COASTAL LANDSCAPES: PAST, PRESENT AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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The Summer School European Coastal Landscapes: Past, Present and sustainable Future (**2 - 9 July 2016**) focuses on the historical identity, topical issues and future strategies of coastal landscapes. **The UNESCO World Heritage Coast of the Wadden Sea Region (The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark)** will act as a living lab for lectures, debates and workshops in the lively historic student town of Groningen and the charming Wadden Sea Island of Texel in The Netherlands.

Renowned landscape specialists like Professor Theano Terkenli, University of the Aegean, Professor Theo Spek, Centre for Landscape Studies University Groningen, dr. Meindert Schroor, Waddenacademie, professor Jos Bazelmans, Cultural Heritage Agency and VU University Amsterdam, will among others lecture at the Summer School.

The Summer School is inviting **students from 18 to 35 years** old attending any European university.

Contact information:

Landscape History, Centre for Landscape Studies

Organization Summer School European Coastal Landscapes 2016

E-mail: [cursus.landschap@rug.nl](mailto:cursus.landschap@rug.nl)

Link:

[http://www.rug.nl/education/summer-winter-schools/summer\\_schools\\_2016/european\\_coastal\\_landscapes/](http://www.rug.nl/education/summer-winter-schools/summer_schools_2016/european_coastal_landscapes/)

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## EVENTS 2017

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**WOODED RURAL LANDSCAPES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: BIODIVERSITY,  
CULTURAL LEGACY AND CONSERVATION**

**20–22 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**UNIVERSITY OF RZESZÓW, POLAND**

**WITH OPTIONAL STUDY TRIP TO WOOD  
PASTURES IN BÜKK NATIONAL PARK,  
HUNGARY**



**Objective:**

The conference aims at fostering interdisciplinary discussion and analysis. We seek to encourage the sharing of knowledge from researchers studying wooded rural landscapes and representing from across disciplines: from taxonomy and ecology, from paleo-ecology and environmental history, from ethno-ecology, from spatial planning and landscape architecture, from land use economy involving ecosystem services. We believe such a platform will provide a theoretical foundation for the development of a new management and conservation approach that is essential for sustaining the richness and values of wooded rural landscapes in Central and Eastern Europe.

**Thematic scope:**

- Wooded pastures and silvo-pastoral woods: their status in contemporary Europe (abundance and geographic distribution, syntaxonomic status, conservation); ecology (including ecological history, paleoecology, processes and factors); their biodiversity; how they will fare under climate change
- Local and traditional knowledge connected to wooded rural landscapes: gathering and using the wisdom of farmers, herders, conservationists or others
- Wooded landscapes in contemporary land use economy and policies: what does modern farming and forestry, tourism and recreation, nature conservation, landscape architecture and spatial planning need from these systems.
- Towards future sustainable social-ecological systems: assessment of ecosystem services in the region, the cultural heritage: threats and opportunities in eco-development.

**Important dates**

April 2016 – 1st announcement

31 May 2016 – 2nd announcement with the revised conference schedule

31 August 2016 – launch of the conference website

31 December 2016 – 3rd announcement with details on the recruitment of contributions, travel and accommodation options

15 April 2017 – deadline for abstract submission

15 May 2017 – editorial decision of the Scientific Committee on submitted abstracts; deadline for conference registration

**Link:**

<http://www.ur.edu.pl/wydzialy/biologiczno-rolniczy/wooded-rural-landscapes-of-central-and-eastern-europe-biodiversity-cultural-legacy-and-conservation>

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## PUBLICATIONS



### LANDSCAPE PLANNING AT A LOCAL LEVEL IN EUROPE

**SALA, PERE; LAURA PUIGBERT, LAURA; BRETCHA, GEMMA (EDS.) (2015).** LA PLANIFICACIÓ DEL PAISATGE EN L'ÀMBIT LOCAL A EUROPA = LANDSCAPE PLANNING AT A LOCAL LEVEL IN EUROPE. OLOT: LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORY OF CATALONIA; ANDORRA LA VELLA: GOVERNMENT OF ANDORRA. (DOCUMENTS; 2). ISBN 978-84-617-3805-2.

At last, the landscape has reached the local world. This is how it had to be as the local scale is the most immediate one, the closest one to managing everyday landscapes. The local administrations are aware of this and have started to see the landscape as a driving force behind the development of the territories they administer. With this in mind, the Landscape Observatory of Catalonia, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of the Andorran Government, has carried out **a study to get to know the main landscape planning tools and experiences in the local area** that exist in Europe in greater depth, to be able to analyse their link to local planning. Therefore, this document should be understood as a tool that is being offered to the local world to be able to find points of reference, ideas and concepts that are applicable or adaptable to each reality.

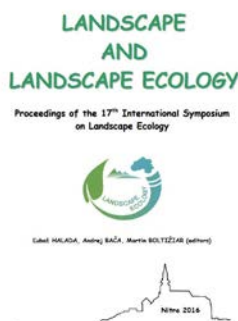
**Landscape Planning at a Local Level in Europe. Complete version in English**

[http://www.catpaisatge.net/fitxers/publicacions/planificacio/landscape\\_planning.pdf](http://www.catpaisatge.net/fitxers/publicacions/planificacio/landscape_planning.pdf)

**La planificació del paisatge en l'àmbit local a Europa. Complete version in Catalan**

[http://www.catpaisatge.net/fitxers/publicacions/planificacio/planificacio\\_paisatge.pdf](http://www.catpaisatge.net/fitxers/publicacions/planificacio/planificacio_paisatge.pdf)

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In May 27 – 29, 2015 in Nitra, Slovakia, took place the

**17<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Landscape and Landscape Ecology.** Now, it is possible to download the

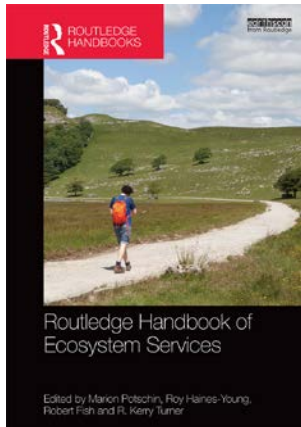
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYMPOSIUM:**

<http://www.uke.sav.sk/phocadownload/symposium/Proceedings-SymposiumLandscapeEcology2015-Slovakia.pdf>

Symposium was attended by **128 participants** from **21 countries** of Europe, America and Asia (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech

Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, India, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Serbia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the U.S.A., Ukraine and the United Kingdom).

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**ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES**

**EDITED BY MARION POTSCHIN, ROY HAINES-YOUNG, ROBERT FISH AND R. KERRY TURNER**

**Routledge – February 2016 – 640 pages**

**HB: 978-1-13-802508-0**

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The idea that nature provides services to people is one of the most powerful concepts to have emerged over the last two decades. It is shaping our understanding of the role that biodiverse ecosystems play in the environment and their benefits for humankind. As a result, there is a growing interest in operational and methodological issues surrounding ecosystem services amongst environmental managers, and many institutions are now developing teaching programmes to equip the next generation with the skills needed to apply the concepts more effectively.

This handbook provides a comprehensive reference text on ecosystem services, integrating natural and social science (including economics). Collectively the chapters, written by the world’s leading authorities, demonstrate the importance of biodiversity for people, policy and practice. They also show how the value of ecosystems to society can be expressed in monetary and non-monetary terms, so that the environment can be better taken into account in decision making. The significance of the ecosystem service paradigm is that it helps us redefine and better communicate the relationships between people and nature. It is shown how these are essential to resolving challenges such as sustainable development and poverty reduction, and the creation of a green economy in developing and developed world contexts.

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