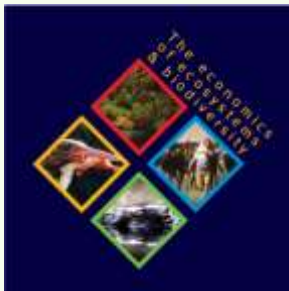




Norwegian follow-up of TEEB and WAVES



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Wealth
Accounting
and Valuation
of Ecosystem
Services

WHY teeb and waves in Norway

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HOW we do our follow-up

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- We have a new and modern biodiversity legislation
 - The moral/ethical approach to biodiversity is a priority in Norway
 - The Nature Index (included in the national indicator set for sustainable development)

WHY:

We need

- more knowledge on ecosystem services, and consequences of their depletion
- improved/new descriptions and statistics to address the values of biodiversity and ecosystem services as part of Norway's national wealth
- improved mainstreaming of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- to generate economic income from conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services

RECOGNIZE VALUES & DEMONSTRATE VALUES

Some Norwegian reflections

- The TEEB approach (recognizing, demonstrating & capturing values) is useful
- The relationship between biodiversity, economics and social aspects is challenging, and we are aware of, and will address:
 - Advantages and disadvantages and the potential for valuation in monetary terms
 - Distributional challenges (time and room)
 - Relevance for climate change adaptation
 - Relevance for land-use change & ecological infrastructure
 - Tools to address trade-offs between different interests

HOW:

The cabinet has established an Expert Committee by royal decree (all ministries have accepted the mandate and selected experts)

The committee is mandated to deliver an official report to the minister of environment (by august 2013)

The Government will then prepare follow-up of the official report and its recommendations aiming to:

CAPTURE THE VALUES FROM ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Improvements in the environment sector is not enough to secure biodiversity, we need to mobilize the strong sectors to achieve our goals

The ministry of finance is a key sector for both developed and developing countries

Thank you

