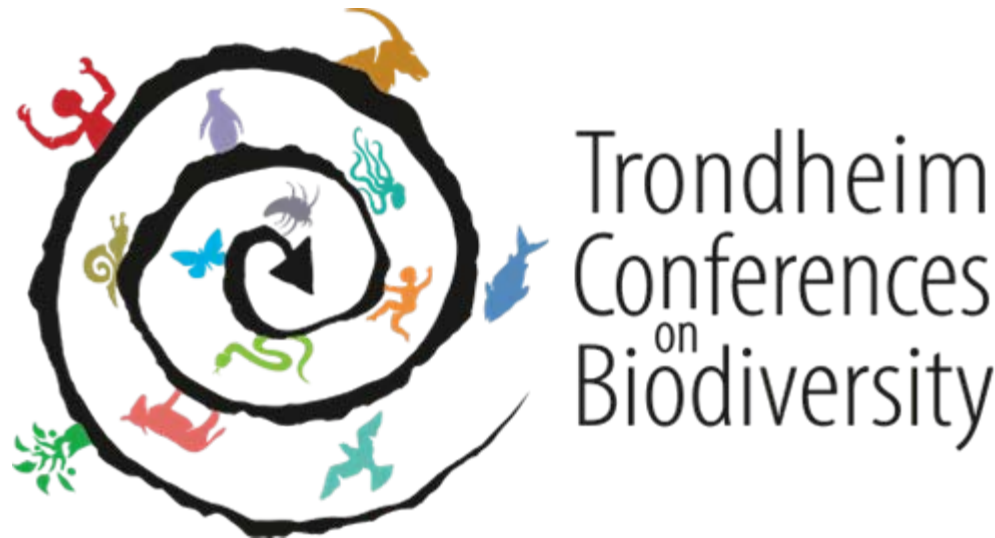


# Ecology and economy for a sustainable society

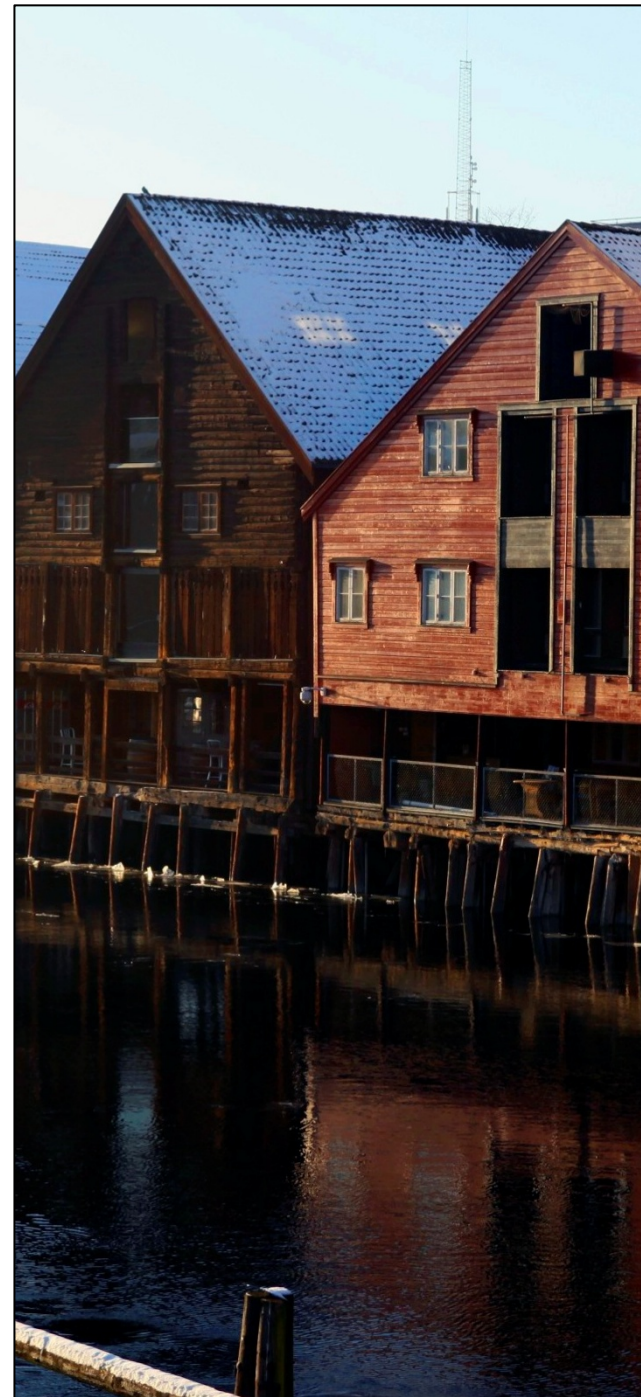
## *The Seventh Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity*

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Started in 1993, Trondheim Conferences on Biodiversity provide opportunity for dialogue amongst stakeholders on key issues relating to implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The 2013 conference brought together more than 300 participants from more than 100 countries, with those invited including both biodiversity experts and those involved in development, national planning and finance.





The 2013 conference programme addressed wide-ranging issues:

- **Meeting Aichi Targets 1-4 of the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity**
- Reviewing the interplay between ecology, economy and society
- Recognising the fundamental role of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Understanding the real values of biodiversity and ecosystems
- Aligning policies and practices with safe ecological limits



Presenters ranged from scientists to UN officials, from leading economists to decision-makers.



governments, businesses NGOs, and indigenous and local communities.



Round-tables  
Panel-sessions



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**SUMMARY**

*Throughout the Trondheim Conference participants provided excellent examples of success in all areas of discussion. These successes and the experience that they bring are a valuable resource to draw on in applying the lessons learnt more widely. A key message, therefore, is that we have much of the experience that we need and are constantly gaining more - and we know that behaviours can be changed.*

*The report of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, released the day before the Trondheim Conference was closed, places sustainable development at*



## Moment of opportunity:

### **Seizing the opportunity to invest in biodiversity and ecosystems for human well-being and development**

- Increasingly recognised that biodiversity and ecosystem services are fundamental to human well-being
- The current global financial climate might be considered a “wake-up call”
- Human behaviour can be changed
- Opportunity to integrate biodiversity into the SDGs

(development of the biodiversity issue paper for the post 2015 process)



## **Recognising and measuring the true values of biodiversity and ecosystem services**

- Need to fully understand costs as well as benefits of decisions made (who benefits, and who carries the costs, address externalities)
- Methods for recognising values need to be more widely adopted in systems for national reporting and accounting and company accounting
- National statistics need strengthening in order to provide the necessary information, we need to go “beyond the GDP” in order to capture biodiversity values



## **Understanding the interplay between ecology, economy and society**

- Importance of good governance arrangements
- Development of common objectives across sectors, and implement mutually supportive activities are essential
- Trade-offs inevitably need to be made
- Value of greater integration/coherence across sectors at international level
- The private sectors should be a strong partner
- A stronger multicultural approach to understand values





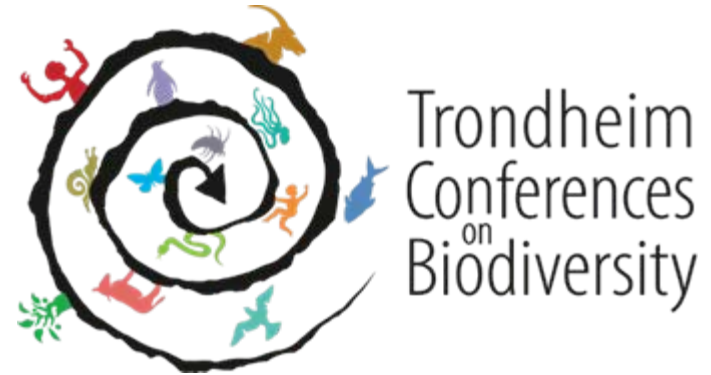
## **Aligning policies, incentives and business within safe ecological limits**

- Improve processes for accessing/using knowledge as basis for decision making
- Understanding of “safe ecological limits” is increasing
- Exploration of different scenarios can be valuable for communicating potential impacts of policy options



# Round-table Aichi target 1

- Questions:
  - How can we increase awareness?
  - How can we better utilize formal and informal learning?
- Input:
  - Identify target groups and their needs and interests
  - Biodiversity in training and education
  - Identify most effective communication means and technologies for the particular target group
  - Impact at the local level by using local relevant approaches



Conference website: [www.naturoppsyn.no/tk7](http://www.naturoppsyn.no/tk7)  
IISD coverage of conference: [www.iisd.ca/biodiv/tcb/2013](http://www.iisd.ca/biodiv/tcb/2013)  
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