



Session 3: Ecosystem service classification and links to ecosystem functions and conditions

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Moving forward

- Ecosystem services = ecological production function
 - Generally accepted
- What is included in an ecological production function?
 - Complex and may be prohibitive
 - One function per one service? (what about trade-offs)
 - Generalizable scoring approaches
 - Links strongly with modelling



Moving forward

- Harmonisation of indicators
 - Link to policy
 - Bottom up if data is available, top down if less data
 - Role of SEEA accounts – further clarification – links with other sessions
- Classifying ecosystem services
 - Degradation, Avoid double counting, Don't have to many, Exhaustive and mutually exclusive, Non-duplicative, Practical for users, Helpful for selecting appropriate metrics
 - Next steps? Work to be done – testing



Moving forward

- LCEUs
 - Need for reformulation / rephrasing
 - Separate land cover from function

- Classification of ecosystem units (assets?)
 - The use of the term “function” is confusing
 - Function, structure and composition are important terms to recognise and include when discussing ecosystem units