Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the WAVES Partnership’s first newsletter. In our bi-weekly newsletters we will highlight articles on our website, recent publications, upcoming events, media reports on Natural Capital Accounting and news from our partners. Please keep us updated with news and events you would like to share with our forum.

Thanks, the WAVES Team

Counting Forests as more than the Sum of Trees
Measuring the value of forests and their related ecosystems through “forest accounts” is helping countries set their economic priorities. More

Water Accounts: A New Information System for Policy Makers
Ricardo Martinez-Lagunes, Inter-regional Adviser on Environmental Economic Accounts in the UN demystifies “water accounts” and explains how countries are using it to inform
policy decisions. More

Expert Group to Work on Valuing Ecosystems
A WAVES Policy and Technical Experts Committee has been set up to develop a methodology for ecosystem valuation and help countries incorporate them in national accounts. More

The 50:50 Campaign: Next Steps
62 countries, 90 corporations, 17 civil society members supported the 50-50 campaign at Rio+20 in June. They are coming together for a High Level Ministerial Dialogue in Washington DC on April 18. More

East African Countries Gain Insight on Valuing Natural Capital
Government officials of 12 East African countries deepened their understanding of assessing the value of land and ecosystem services during a workshop in Kigali, Rwanda. More

Natural Capital Accounting in the News
Feb. 26, 2013
Montreal Gazette
Montreal's Natural Areas Contribute more than $4 Billion to Economy, Study Shows

Feb. 26, 2013
IUCN
IUCN's President urged delegates to consider nature as real capital and a prerequisite for socio-economic development at a UNEP forum in Nairobi.

Feb. 19, 2013
Greenbiz.com
The Case for Natural Capital Accounting

Feb. 12, 2013
Trucost
2013 State of Green Business Report shows costs to environment continue to grow despite companies engaging in sustainability initiatives

Feb. 5, 2013
**Nordic Cooperation**  
*Economic Value of Nordic Ecosystems Assessed*

**Feb. 1, 2013**  
**Swedish Ministry of Environment**  
Swedish Government wants to make the value of ecosystem services visible

**Jan. 14, 2013**  
**BBC**  
*Interview with Tony Juniper*

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**News from our Partners**

**Feb. 22, 2013**  
**Accounting for Sustainability Community**  
Q & A with Dr. Dorothy Maxwell, Director of the TEEB for Business Coalition

**TEEB for Business**  
Call for workshops, session ideas and abstracts for the Sixth International [ESP Conference](#) to take place August 26-30, 2013, in Bali, Indonesia.

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