

PTEC Methodology Working Meeting: Designing Pilots for Ecosystem Accounting
May 14-15, 2013
Workshop Agenda

Background

The WAVES Policy and Technical Experts Committee (PTEC) was established in the fall of 2012 to provide guidance and support for one of three objectives of the WAVES partnership – develop internationally-agreed guidelines for ecosystem accounting.

The first meeting of PTEC was held in Washington DC on November 7-9, 2012. One of the main outcomes of the meeting was the decision to focus PTEC's workplan on three main activities: (i) development of methodologies for ecosystem accounting that have been tested and demonstrated at the country level; (ii) provision of inputs to the Handbook for the System of Environmental and Economic Accounts (SEEA), Vol. 2 on Ecosystem Accounting; and (iii) demonstration of policy applications through work in WAVES countries and compiling evidence from other case studies. Methodology and Policy Working Groups were subsequently established to guide the first and the third set of activities, respectively.

During the first conference call of the Methodology Working Group, participants suggested that PTEC prioritize *field-testing* of different methodologies for ecosystem accounting, limited to regulating services for production purposes. The group identified three initial test cases: (i) Peru case study led by Conservation International under the EVAA project; (ii) Indonesia, Norway, Netherlands, and Benin case studies led by University of Wageningen under the EcoSpace project; and (iii) Himachal Pradesh case study led by Stanford University under the Himachal Pradesh Green Growth DPL.

Meeting Objectives

The workshop has two objectives:

- Explore synergies between the three sets of case studies and the possibility of incorporating common design features across different sites for testing different components of the methodology for ecosystem accounting, for example,
 - Suitability of different models for measuring the bio-physical flow of ecosystem services, including in data-rich or data-poor environments
 - Suitability of different techniques for scaling-up from the local/specific to regional/national scale
- Develop draft guidelines for designing pilots for testing methodologies for ecosystem accounting in countries to provide guidance on

- Defining the scope of the project, from policy application, to relevant ecosystem services, to size of the study site
- Choosing between different models for measuring the bio-physical flow of ecosystem services
- Valuing ecosystem services consistent with the accounting framework and mapping beneficiaries
- Scaling up from the local/specific to regional/national level
- Integrating the results into national income accounts

Draft Agenda (Room: I 2-210 - I Building)

Day 1, May 14

Morning (9:00 am – 12:45 pm)

Moderator: Paulo Nunes

9:05 – Welcome and meeting objectives (Glenn-Marie Lange)

9:10 – Introductions (Round-the-table)

9:15 – Presentation on EVAA (Rosimeiry Portela, Daniel Juhn)

10:15 – COFFEE/TEA

10:45 – Presentation on EcoSpace (Lars Hein)

11:45 – Presentation on HP DPL (Adrian Vogl, Urvashi Narain)

Each presentation will be for 30 minutes, followed by Q&A. Each presentation will also follow a common structure – introduction, study scope, biophysical models, economic valuation, scaling-up.

12:45 – LUNCH, on your own

Afternoon (2:00 pm – 5:30 pm)

Moderator: Urvashi Narain

2:00 – Approaches for defining project scope (Short presentation by Lars Hein to form basis of discussion). *Study leads should come prepared with how they are defining the project scope and any questions they have on these issues.*

3:30 – COFFEE/TEA

4:00 – Choosing between bio-physical models (Short presentations by Lars Hein, Adrian Vogl to form the basis of discussion). *Study leads should come prepared with how they are choosing bio-physical models and any questions they may have on this issue.*

6:00 – DINNER, on your own

Day 2, May 15

Morning (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)

Moderator: Rosimeiry Portela

9:00 – Principles for valuing ecosystem services (Short presentation to form the basis of discussion). *Study leads should come prepared with how they are planning to value ecosystem services and any questions they have.*

10:30 – COFFEE/TEA

11:30 – Approaches for scaling-up and integrating into framework for ecosystem accounting (Short presentation by Michael Bordt to form the basis of discussion). *Study leads should come prepared with questions they have on ecosystem accounting principle and how they are planning to address issues of scaling-up and integration in their project.*

12:30 – LUNCH, on your own

Afternoon (2:00 pm – 5:30 pm)

Moderator: Glenn-Marie Lange

2:00 – Moderated discussion on draft guidelines for designing pilots for ecosystem services

4:00 – COFFEE/TEA

4:30 – Discussion on next steps for development of draft guidelines

5:00 - Modalities of collaboration

5:25 – Wrap-up