



Methods and Models to Assess Forest Ecosystem Services

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European forests provide a range of goods and services. The regulatory framework of European forest policies and forest-related policies influences the provision of forest goods and services. Payments for ecosystem services have been identified as an important mechanism to close the gap between the demands of society and service providers. The objectives of this issue are to better analyze public and private financing mechanisms for the enhanced provision of these forest externalities in Europe, develop options for market-based mechanisms, present best practice examples, and prepare strategies and guidelines for policy-makers in order to implement new mechanisms and to foster the provisioning of ES. Another one is to develop mechanisms for the payment of ecosystem services at the appropriate level of forest management and administration and combine public policy tools with business models. This issue will focus on the interface between management planning and environmental economics and policy analysis. Identifying the most suitable business models for a given socioeconomic, ecological, and political situation and fostering a sustainable management remains an ambitious goal.





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