



Nature Based Solutions to Support Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Development

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Dear Colleagues,

There are growing concerns due to the increase of both frequency and magnitude of natural disasters, and particularly of water-related risks (floods and droughts). Such extremes have severe effects on communities, on the economy, and on the environment, which may be even worsened by additional pressures such as climate change. Policy- and decision-makers are thus increasingly aware of the need for more systemic perspectives oriented at supporting climate change adaptation, water-related risk reduction, sustainable development, and conservation and restoration of ecosystems. In this direction, EU policies are supporting the ‘working with nature’ method, and nature-based solutions (NBS) are becoming central in responding to multiple challenges. The European Commission defines NBS to societal challenges as “solutions that are inspired and supported by nature, which are cost-effective, simultaneously provide environmental, social and economic benefits and help build resilience.





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