



SYSTEM BENEFITS

PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of this discussion is to explore start exploring what benefits the system currently provide the stakeholders with. We focus here on the bundles of provisioning, regulating and cultural services the system generates, and how these services contribute to well-being for different groups of people. See also related activity sheet.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the important provisioning, regulating and cultural ecosystem services generated in this system?
- How does this bundle of services contribute to different aspects of wellbeing, such as income, food, health, and spiritual value, to different groups of people in the system?
- Who has secure rights to access and use which services, and who has not? What does these rights entail?
- How have the benefits from ecosystem services changed over time?
- Are there known trade-offs between different types of benefits (a classic example is increasing production of crops, at the expense of regulating functions or cultural values in the landscape), and as a consequence, between different groups of people as a consequence? Are there any synergies, where different services may enhance each other?
- How are the ecosystem services and their benefits related to people's aspirations for this system in the future?