

## CICES V2

The aim of the classification shown on the next spreadsheet is to develop a flexible structure of goods and ecosystem services that are being discussed in on-going international initiatives and groupings considered in the SEEA. In proposing this structure the aim is not to put forward typologies, but to provide a comprehensive standard that allows the translation between the spreadsheet and the classification proposed in TEEB.

The development of this draft standard has also taken account of the need to link services to international standard classifications for products and activities; a prerequisite of the draft is initially to be generic and amenable to further sub-categorisation to produce a nested, hierarchy where possible, to use terminology and definitions around which consensus exists.

The classification is based on the widely accepted definition of ecosystem services as *those that contribute to human well-being*. The classification also seeks to distinguish 'services' from 'benefits'. A benefit is human well-being (e.g. health) while a service is anything that may change the level of it. Following Fisher et al. (2009) the benefits humans gain from ecosystems are seen as being services; essentially services should be *ecological or biophysical phenomena*.

For the purposes of the classification the term 'ecosystem services' refers to both 'good' and 'bad' services. A distinction between the provisioning theme on the one hand, and the regulating and cultural services on the other, separates the two sets of ecosystem outputs.

To help with the problem of valuation and more particularly the cross-tabulation of services to other classifications, CICES focuses on the 'final' products or outputs of ecosystems, rather than on their functions. At the top level there are three major **Themes** (Provisioning, Regulating and Cultural Services) identified, each subdivided into a number of **Types**. The types can be subdivided further.

picture that broadly links the categories of  
uses such as the MA, TEEB, and the functional  
and a scheme that replaces any existing  
in different systems. By way of illustration,

the classes to groupings used in the various  
design has been that the groupings should  
hierarchical structure. It attempts, where

***the contributions that ecosystems make to***

Thus a benefit is seen as a component of  
that benefit (e.g. air quality, food supply).  
being derived from intermediate and final

'goods' and 'services', although the  
structural themes on the other, can be used to

services with other product and activity  
than on intermediate or supporting services or  
(Cultural). Within these ten service **Classes** are  
for as use of the classification develops.

Theme	Service Class	Service Group
<b>Provisioning</b>	<b>Nutrition</b>	Terrestrial plant and animal foodstuffs
		Freshwater plant and animal foodstuffs
		Marine plant and animal foodstuffs
		Potable water
	<b>Materials</b>	Biotic materials
		Abiotic materials
	<b>Energy</b>	Renewable biofuels
		Renewable abiotic energy sources
<b>Regulation and Maintenance</b>	<b>Regulation of wastes</b>	Bioremediation
		Dilution and sequestration
	<b>Flow regulation</b>	Air flow regulation
		Water flow regulation
		Mass flow regulation

<b>Regulation a</b>	<b>Regulation of physical environment</b>	Atmospheric regulation
		Water quality regulation
		Pedogenesis and soil quality regulation
	<b>Regulation of biotic environment</b>	Lifecycle maintenance & habitat protection
		Pest and disease control
		Gene pool protection
<b>Cultural</b>	<b>Symbolic</b>	Aesthetic, Heritage
		Spiritual
	<b>Intellectual and Experiential</b>	Recreation and community activities
		Information & knowledge

Service Type	Sub-types
Commercial cropping	eg. by crops
Subsistence cropping	eg. by crops
Commercial animal production	eg. by animal type
Subsistence animal production	eg. by animal type
Harvesting wild plants and animals for food	eg. by resource
Commercial fishing (wild populations)	eg. by fishery
Subsistence fishing	eg. by fishery
Aquaculture	eg. by fishery
Harvesting fresh water plants for food	eg. by resource
Commercial fishing (wild populations)	eg. by fishery
Subsistence fishing	eg. by fishery
Aquaculture	eg. by fishery
Harvesting marine plants for food	eg. by resource
Water storage	eg. by feature
Water purification	eg. by habitat
Non-food plant fibres	eg. by resource
Non-food animal fibres	eg. by resource
Ornamental resources	eg. by resource
Genetic resources	eg. by resource
Medicinal resources	eg. by resource
Mineral resources	
Plant based resources	eg. by resource
Animal based resources	eg. by resource
Wind	eg. by resource
Hydro	eg. by resource
Solar	eg. by resource
Tidal	eg. by resource
Thermal	eg. by resource
Remediation using plants	eg. by method
Remediation using micro-organisms	eg. by method
Dilution	eg. by method
Filtration	eg. by method
Sequestration and absorption	eg. by method
Windbreaks, shelter belts	eg. by process
Ventilation	eg. by process
Attenuation of runoff and discharge rates	eg. by process
Water storage	eg. by process
Sedimentation	eg. by process
Attenuation of wave energy	eg. by process
Erosion protection	eg. by process
Avalanche protection	eg. by process

Global climate regulation (incl. C-sequestration)	eg. by process
Local & Regional climate regulation	eg. by process
Water purification and oxygenation	eg. by process
Cooling water	eg. by process
Maintenance of soil fertility	eg. by process
Maintenance of soil structure	eg. by process
Pollination	eg. by process
Seed dispersal	eg. by process
Biological control mechanisms	eg. by process
Maintaining nursery populations	eg. by process
Landscape character	eg. by resource
Cultural landscapes	eg. by resource
Wilderness, naturalness	eg. by resource
Sacred places or species	eg. by resource
Charismatic or iconic wildlife or habitats	eg. by resource
Prey for hunting or collecting	eg. by resource
Scientific	eg. by resource
Educational	eg. by resource



Atmospheric composition, hydrological cycle

Modifying temperature, humidity etc.; maintenance of regional precipitation patterns

Nutrient retention in buffer strips etc. and translocation of nutrients

For power production

Green mulches; n-fixing plants

Soil organism activity

By plants and animals

By plants and animals

By plants and animals, control of pathogens

Habitat refuges

Areas of outstanding natural beauty

Sense of place

Tranquillity, isolation

Woodland cemeteries, sky burials

Bird or whale watching, conservation activities, volunteering

Angling, shooting, membership of environmental groups and organisations

Pollen record, tree ring record, genetic patterns

Subject matter for wildlife programmes and books etc.



## TEEB Classes

Food

Water

Raw Materials

Ornamental resources

Genetic resources

Medicinal resources

Air purification

Disturbance prevention or moderation

Regulation of water flows

Erosion prevention

Climate regulation (incl. C-sequestration)

Maintaining soil fertility

Lifecycle maintenance

Pollination

Biological control

Gene pool protection

Inspiration for culture, art and design

Aesthetic information

Spiritual experience

Recreation & tourism

Information for cognitive development