



# SEEA EA Ecosystem Services Accounts

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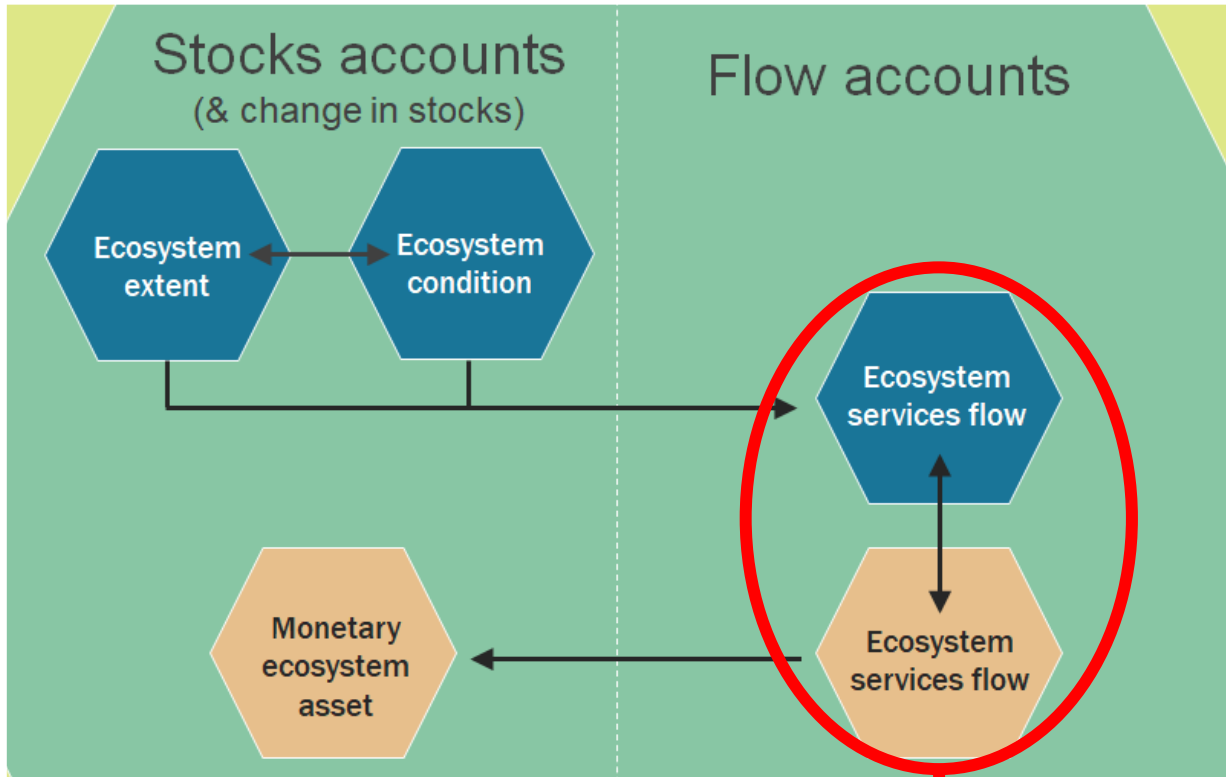


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## Chapter 6.

## Ecosystem services concepts for accounting

# What are Ecosystem Services in accounting terms?



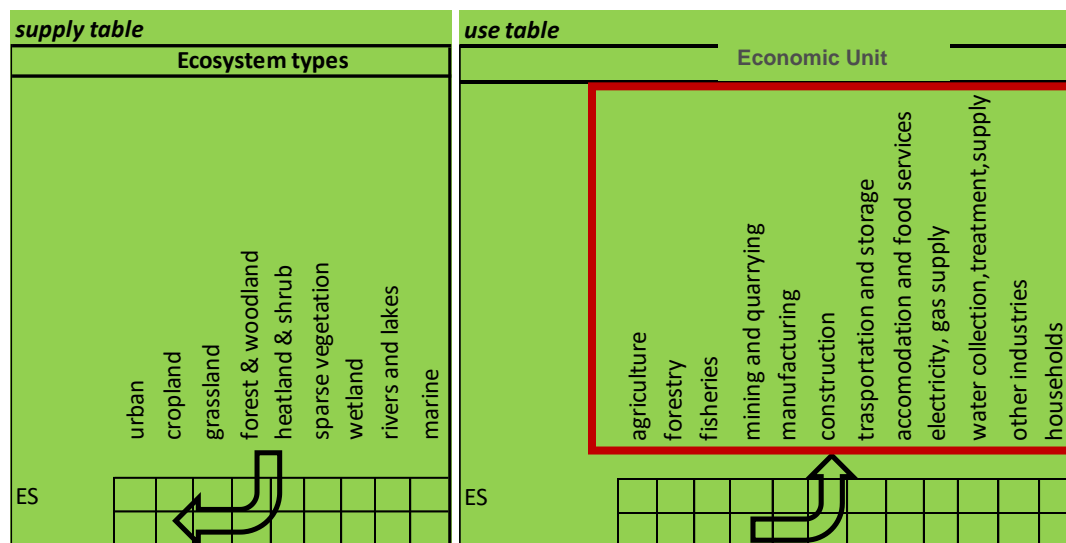
the flow of ecosystem services is a “transaction” between Ecosystem Types and Economic Units

*Ecosystem Types*

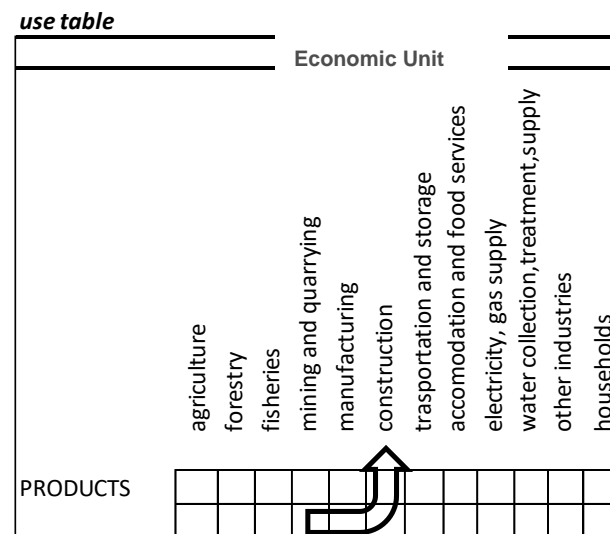
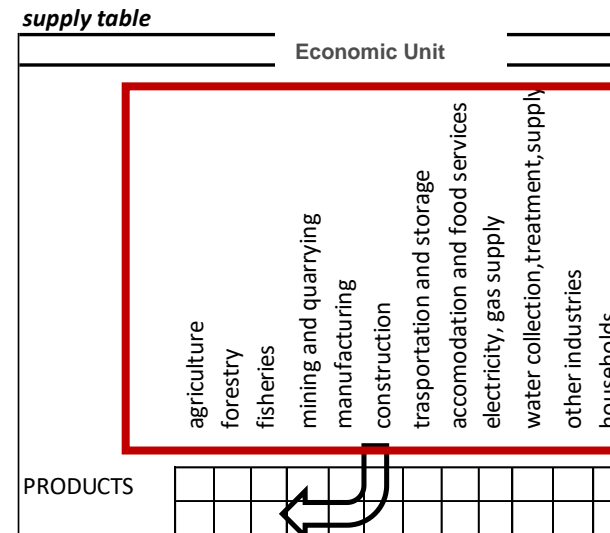
*Economic Units*

Supply table	ET 1	ET 2	...	Use table	Primary	Secondary	...
ES 1				ES 1			
ES 2				ES 2			
ES ...				ES ...			

# Why do we need ES accounts: to connect to economic systems



Satellite accounts



# What do we need to know about Ecosystem Services?

- meaning of ecosystem services
- classification of ecosystem services
- relationship between the “supply” and “actual flow” (use) of ecosystem services
- interpretation of intermediate and final ecosystem services

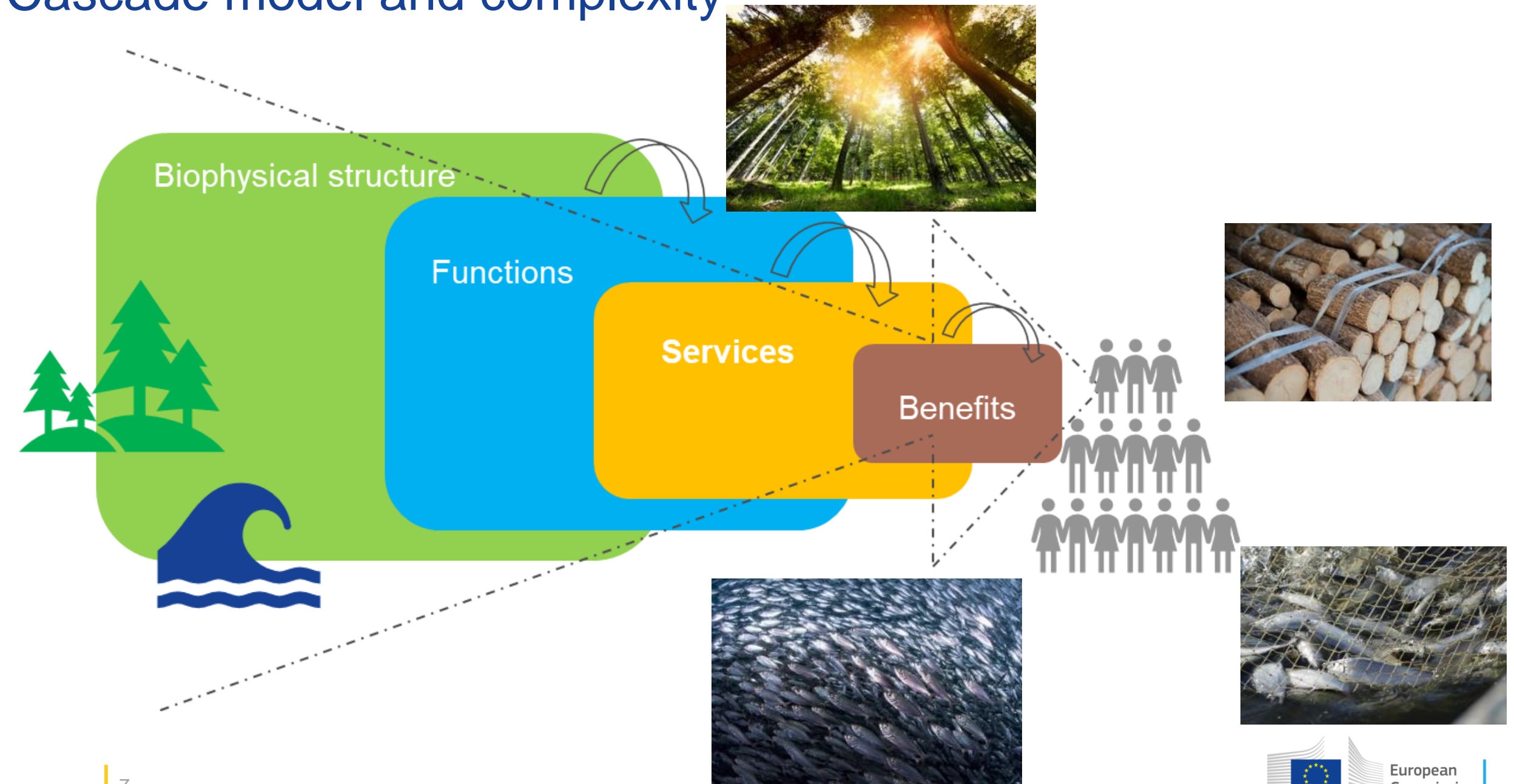
# Meaning of ecosystem services



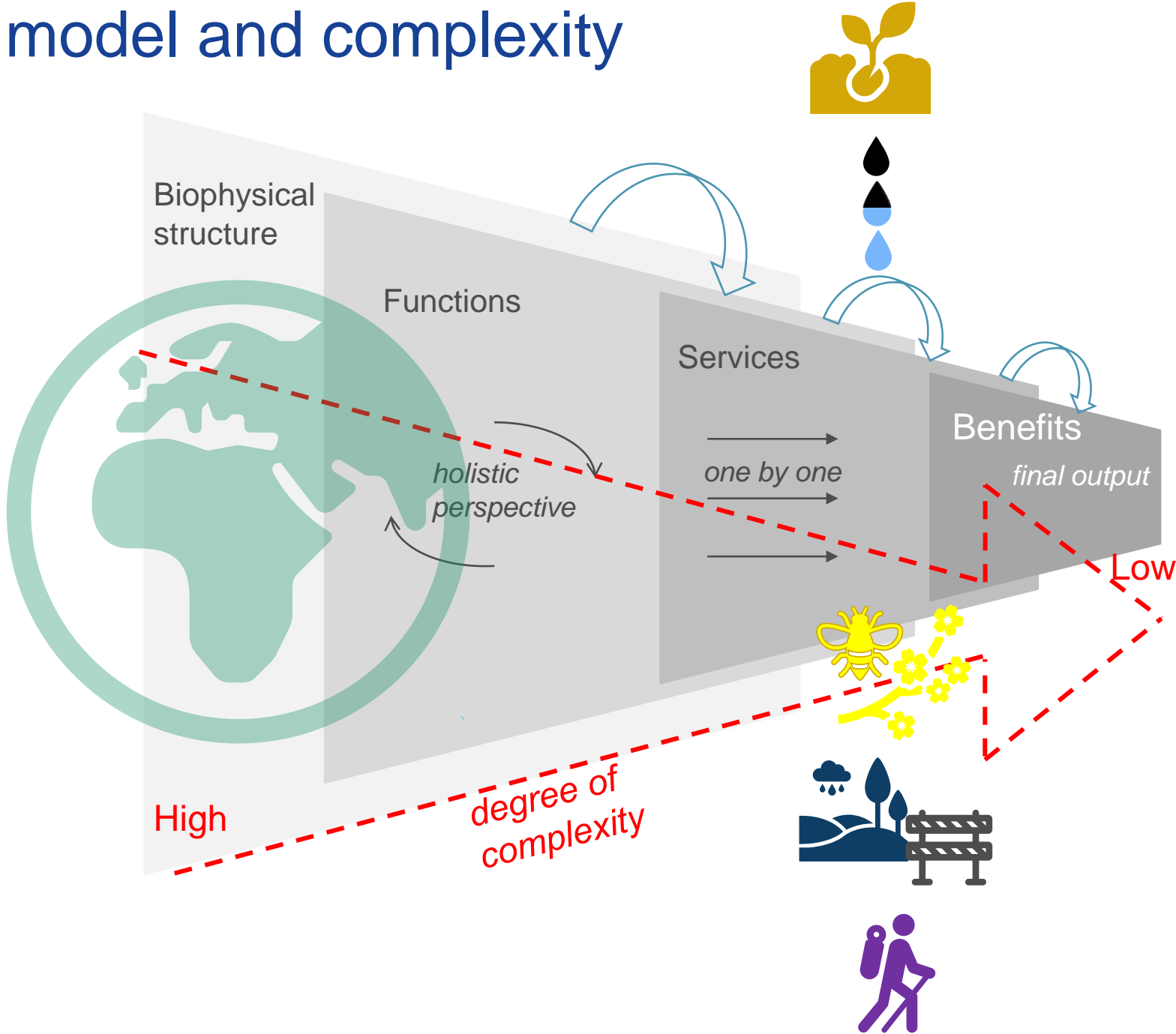
Main service-types				
	PROVISIONING SERVICES	Section	Division	Group
1	Food (e.g. fish, game, fruit)	Provisioning	Nutrition	Biomass
2	Water (e.g. for drinking, irrigation, cooling)		Materials	Water
3	Raw materials (e.g. fiber, timber, fuel wood, fodder, ...)			Biomass, Fibre
4	Genetic resources (e.g. for crop improvement and medicine)		Energy	Water
5	Medicinal resources (e.g. biochemical products, medicines)	Regulation & Maintenance	Mediation of waste, toxics and other nuisances	Biomass-based energy sources
6	Ornamental resources (e.g. artisan work, decorative products)			Mechanical energy
7	Air quality regulation (e.g. capturing (fine)dust, chemicals)		Mediation of flows	Mediation by biota
8	Climate regulation (incl. C-sequestration, influence on weather)			Mediation by ecosystems
9	Moderation of extreme events (e.g. storm protection)			Mass flows
10	Regulation of water flows (e.g. natural drainage, irrigation)		Maintenance of physical, chemical, biological conditions	Liquid flows
11	Waste treatment (especially water purification)			Gaseous / air flows
12	Erosion prevention			Lifecycle maintenance, habitat and gene pool protection
13	Maintenance of soil fertility (incl. soil formation)			Pest and disease control
14	Pollination			Soil formation and composition
15	Biological control (e.g. seed dispersal, pest and disease control)			Water conditions
	HABITAT SERVICES	Cultural	Physical and intellectual interactions with ecosystems and land-/seascapes [environmental settings]	Atmospheric composition and climate regulation
16	Maintenance of life cycles of migratory species (incl. seed dispersal)			Physical and experiential interactions
17	Maintenance of genetic diversity (especially gene pool)		Spiritual, symbolic and other interactions with ecosystems and land-/seascapes [environmental settings]	Intellectual and representational interactions
	CULTURAL SERVICES			Spiritual and/or emblematic
18	Aesthetic information			Other cultural outputs
19	Opportunities for recreation & tourism			
20	Inspiration for culture, art and design			
21	Spiritual experience			
22	Information for cognitive development			

...from «benefit» to «ecosystem contribution»

# Cascade model and complexity



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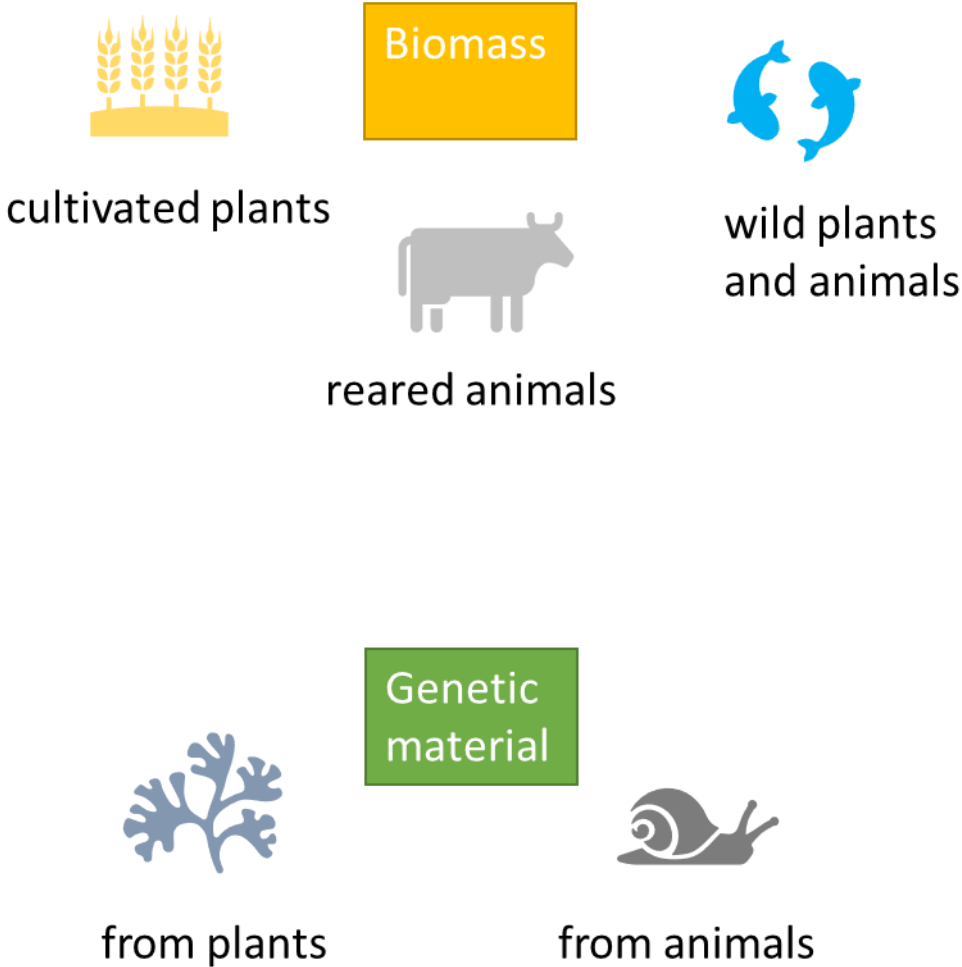




# Provisioning services

Examples

Selected ecosystem services (reference list)		
Provisioning services		
	Biomass provisioning	Crop provisioning
		Grazed biomass provisioning
		Livestock provisioning services
		Aquaculture provisioning services
		Wood provisioning services
		Wild fish and other natural aquatic biomass provisioning services
		Wild animals, plants and other biomass provisioning services
	Genetic material services	
	Water supply	
	Other provisioning services	



# Regulating and maintenance services

## Examples

### Regulating and maintenance services

	Global climate regulation services
	Rainfall pattern regulation services
	Local (micro and meso) climate regulation services
	Air filtration services
	Soil quality regulation services
	Soil and sediment retention services
	Solid waste remediation services
	Water purification services
	Water flow regulation services
	Flood control services
	Storm mitigation services
	Noise attenuation services
	Pollination services
	Biological control services
	Nursery population & habitat maintenance services
	Other regulating and maintenance services

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wastes

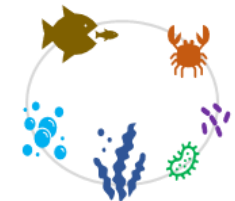
Transformation of biochemical (and  
physical) inputs to ecosystems



regulation of  
flows



Regulation of baseline  
flows and extreme events



Lifecycle maintenance,  
gene pool protection

# Cultural services

## Examples

Cultural services	
Recreation-related services	
Visual amenity services	
Education, scientific and research services	
Spiritual, artistic and symbolic services	
Other cultural services	

Direct, in-situ interactions  
with living systems



Physical and experiential  
interactions



Intellectual and  
representative interactions

# Ecosystem «supply» and ecosystem «actual flow»

what ecosystems can provide



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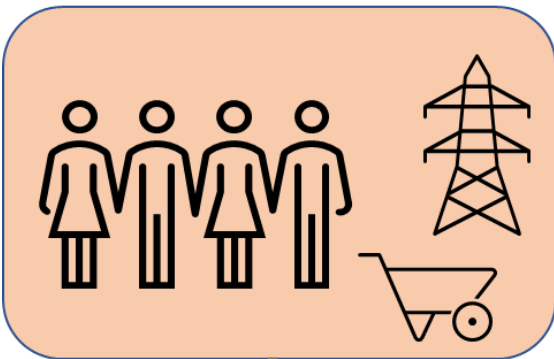
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what humans (economy and society) need



Ecosystem Service Actual Flow			
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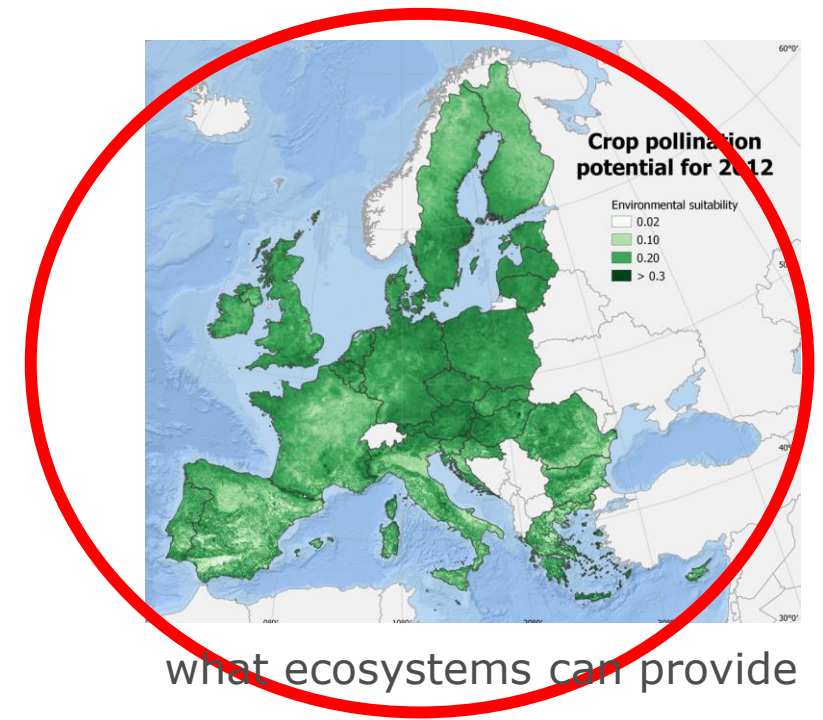
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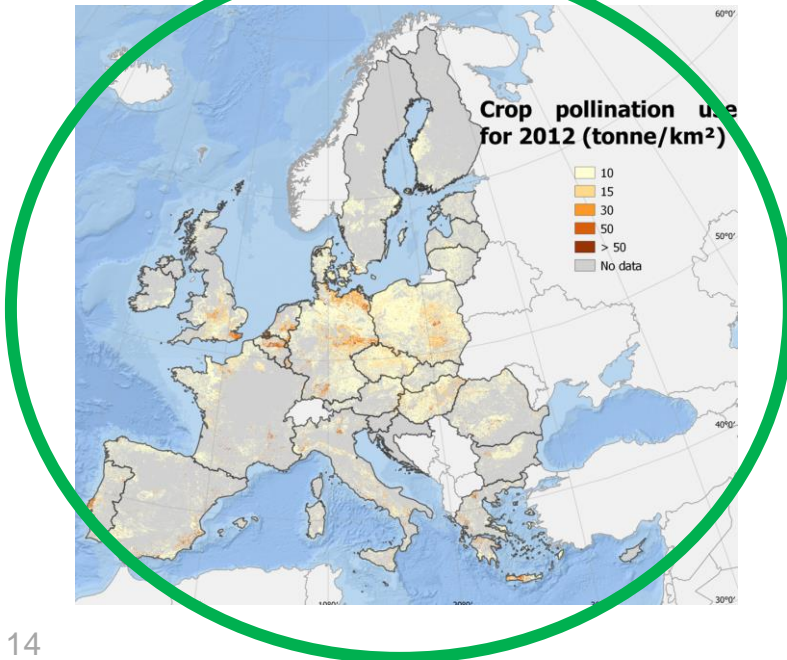
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## crop pollination

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Supply and Use table*



what economy uses



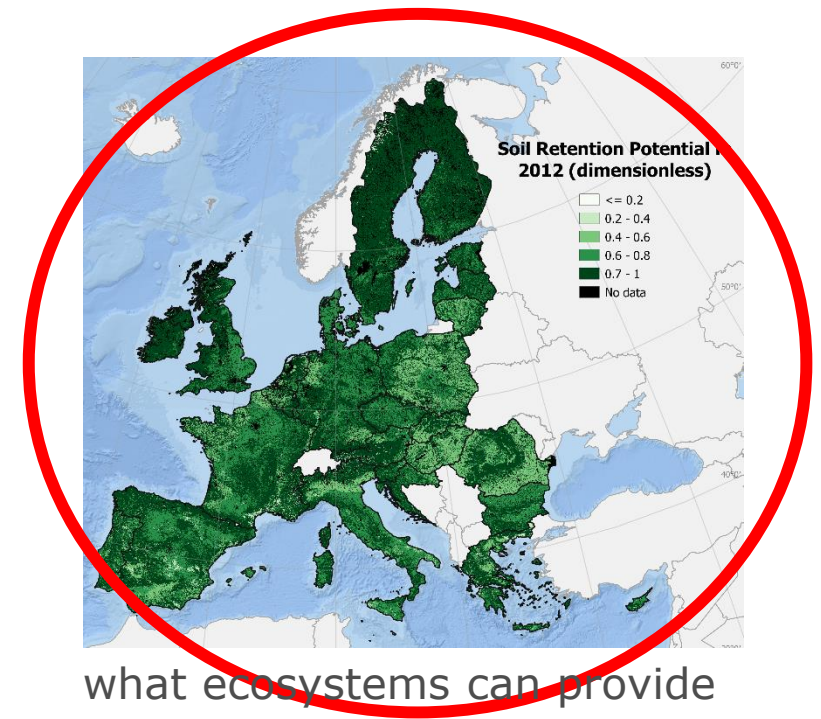
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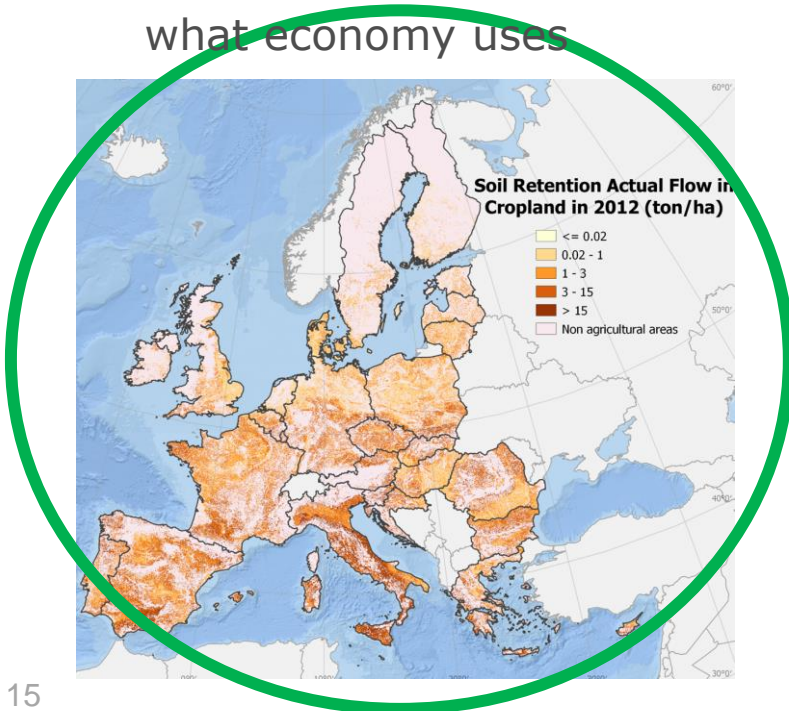
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### on-site soil retention

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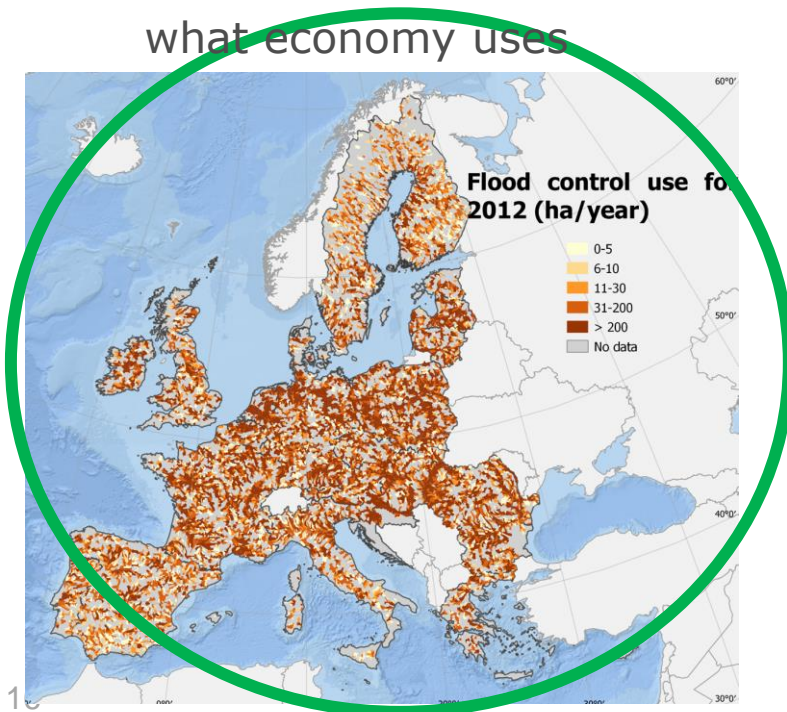
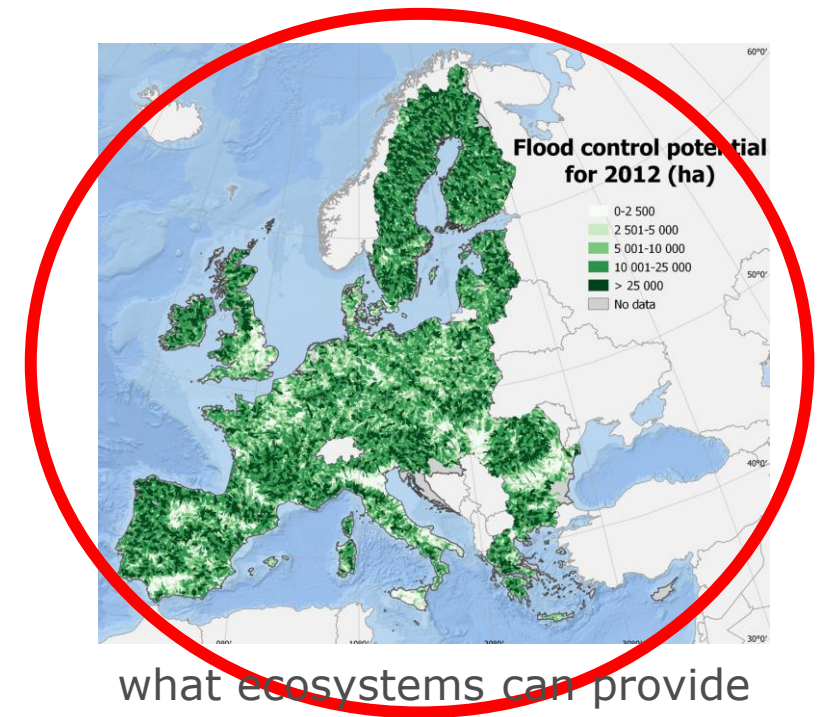
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## Example # 3 flood control

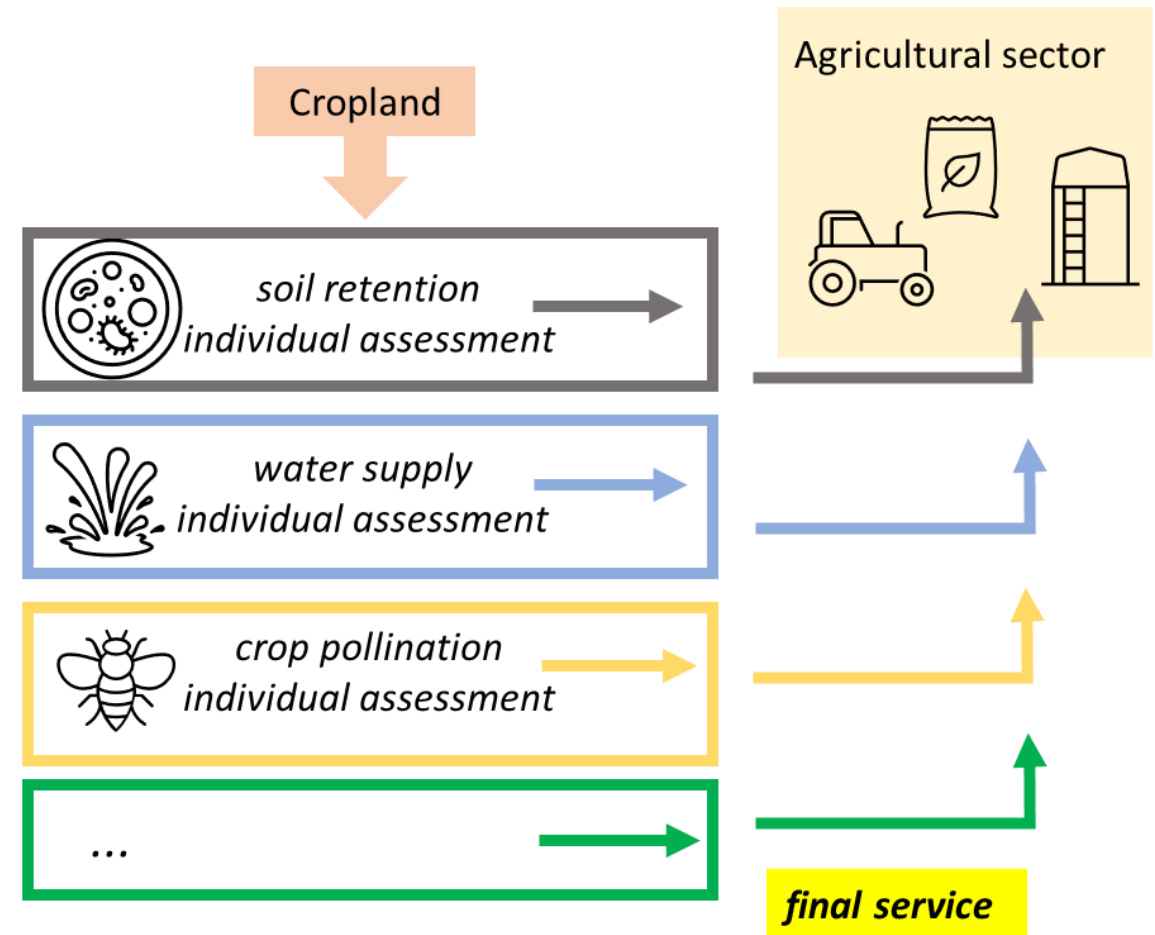
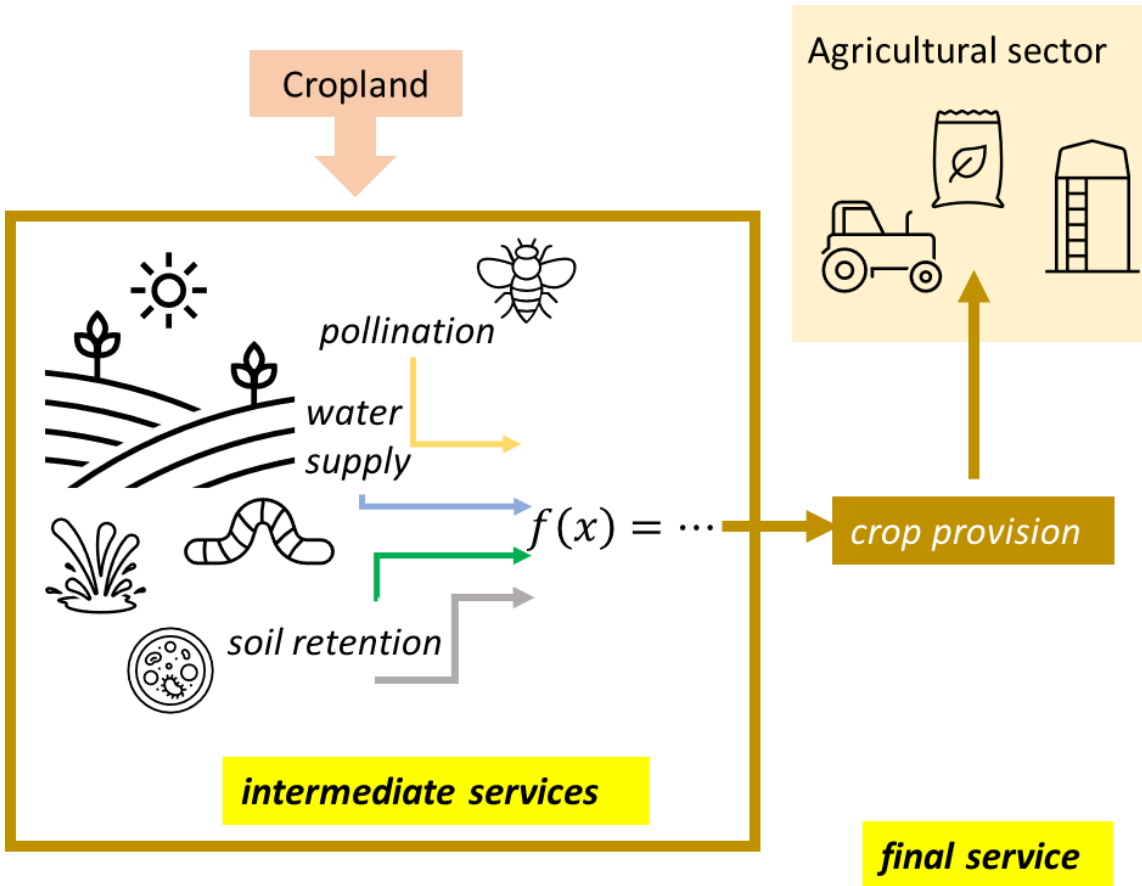
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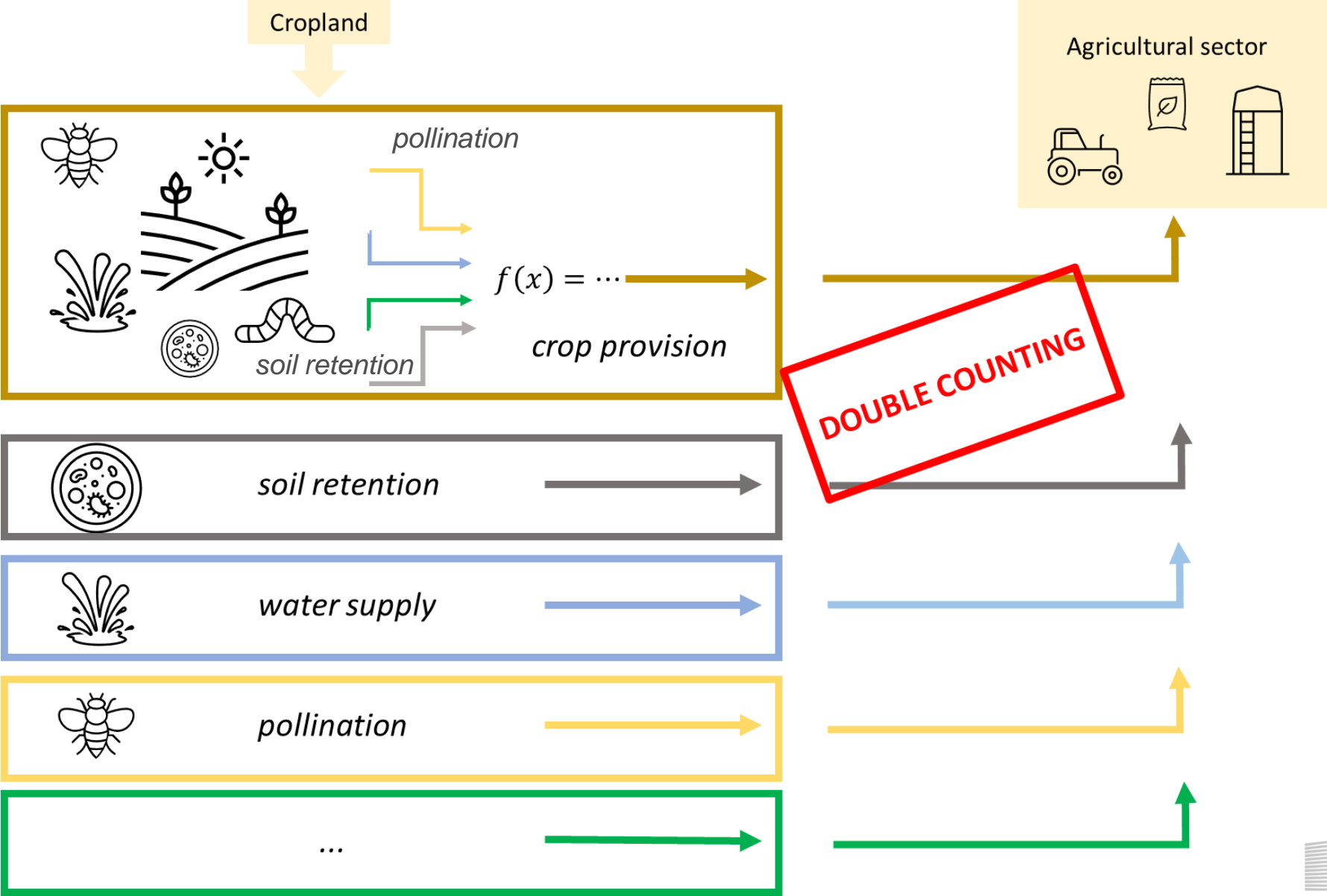
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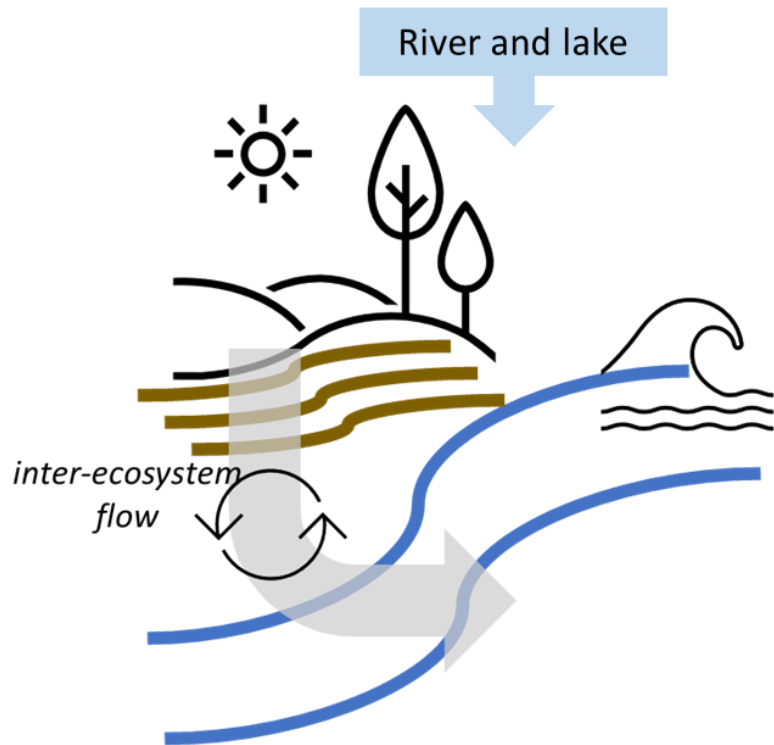
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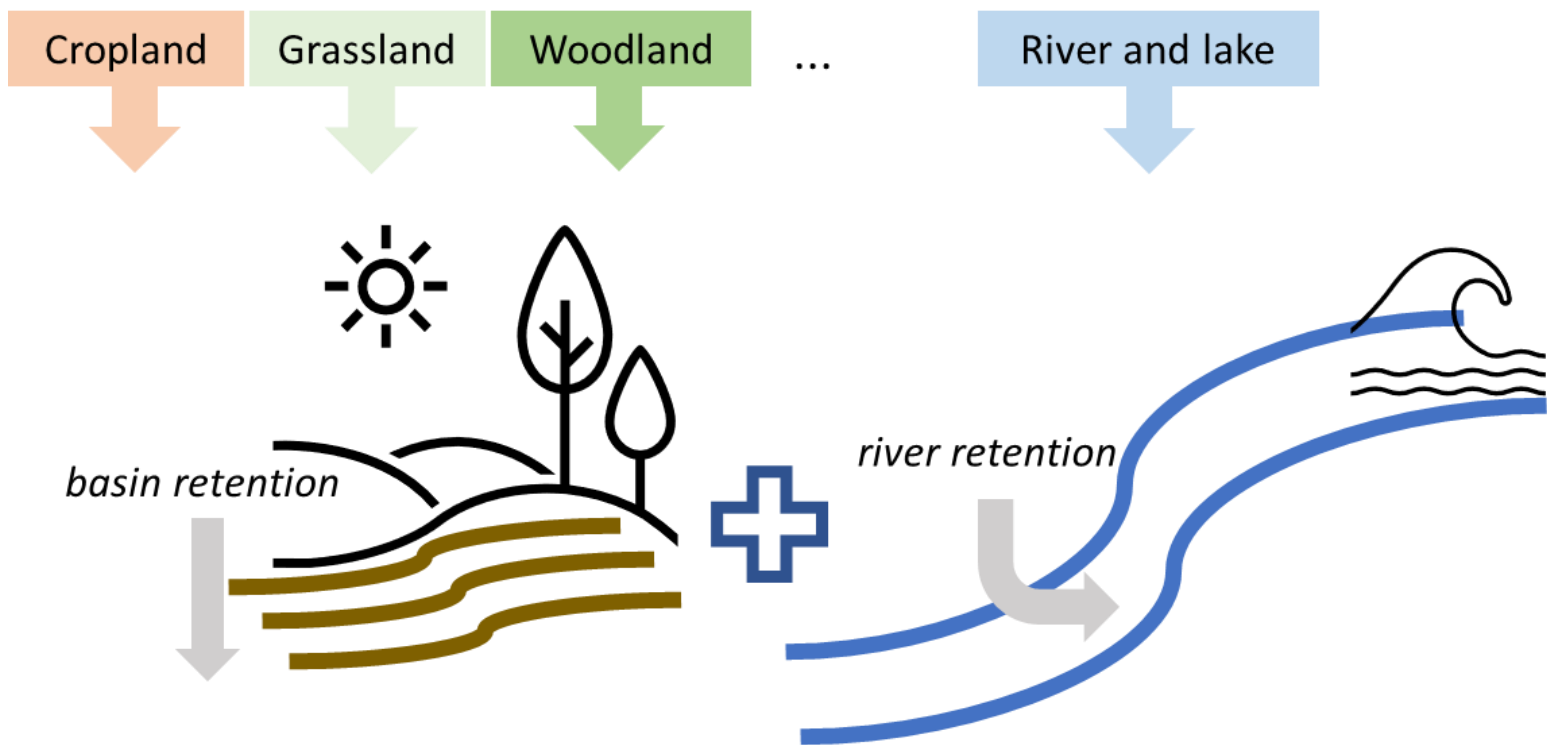
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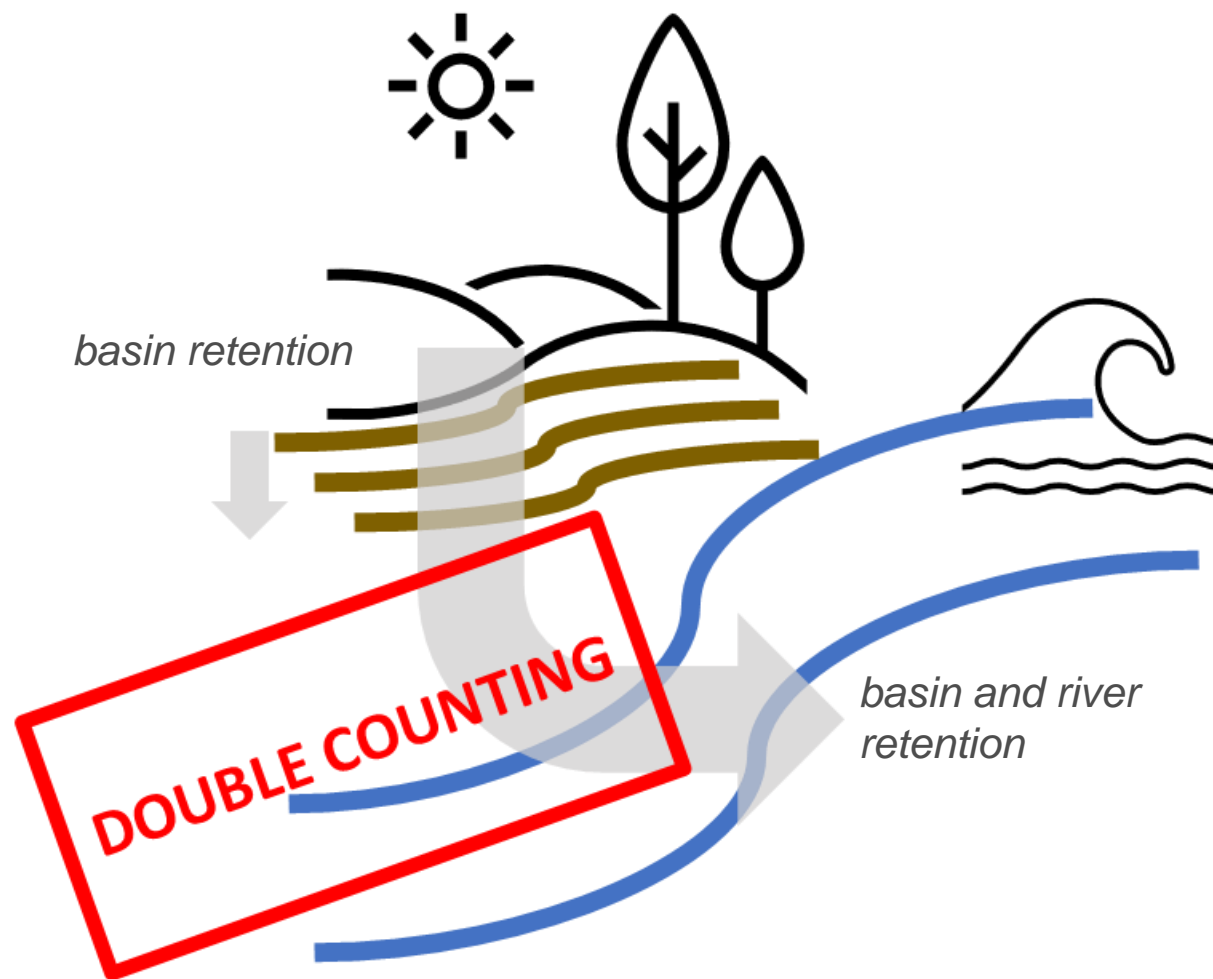


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# Intermediate or final?



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## Chapter 7.

Accounting for ecosystem services in physical terms

# Ecosystem Types and Ecosystem Services

		Ecosystem Type					Σ per ecosystem service
		Agricultural land	Forest	Wetland	...	Inland waters	
Ecosystem services	pollination						
	flood control						
	water purification						
	...						
	recreation						
	Σ per ecosystem asset						

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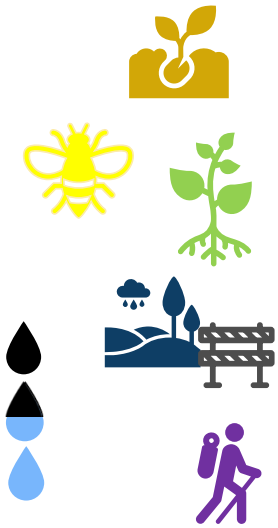


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Selected ecosystem types (based on Level 3 - EFG of the IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology)																	
Terrestrial												Freshwater			Marine		
T1 Tropical-subtropical forests				T2 Temperate forests and woodlands				...		T7		F1	...	FM1	M1	...	MFT1
Tropical-subtropical lowland rainforests	Tropical-subtropical dry forests and scrubs	Tropical-subtropical montane rainforests	Tropical heath forests	Boreal and temperate high montane forests and woodlands	Deciduous temperate forests	...	Temperate pyric sclerophyll forests and woodlands	...	...	...	Derived semi-natural pastures and old fields	Permanent upland streams	...	Intermittently closed and open lakes and lagoons	Seagrass meadows	...	Coastal saltmarshes and reedbeds
T1.1	T1.2	T1.3	T1.4	T2.1	T2.2	...	T2.6	...	...	...	T7.5	F1.1	...	FM1.3	M1.1	...	MFT1.3
Total Supply resident ecosystem assets																	
Supply from non-resident ecosystem assets - Imports																	
Total Supply ecosystem services																	
TOTAL SUPPLY																	

# Example of Supply table for Europe



	Ecosystem types										
	Urban	Cropland	Grassland	Woodland & forest		Wetland	Heathland and shrub	Sparsely vegetated land	Rivers and lakes	Coastal /intertidal area	Total
				Available for Wood Supply	Other						
crop provision (1,000 tonne)		93,936									93,936
timber provision (1,000 m3)				885							885
crop pollination (1,000 tonne)		10,447									10,447
soil retention (mlIn tonne)		1,115									1,115
carbon sequestration (mlIn tonne)	-	-	-	306		-	-	-	NA	NA	306
flood control (1,000 hectare)	26	313	767	2,923		67	72	0,2	NA	NA	4,170
water purification (1,000 tonne)	510	13,882	2,314	3,032		73	154	45	216		20,166
habitat & species maintenance (mlIn euro)	NA	15,731	4,473	12,448		683	1,250	385	689	NA	35,660
nature-based recreation (1,000 nbr visits)	66	3,279	6,237	24,198		1,971	2,318	1,058	778	220	40,125

## Use Table

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		Selected ec	
		Selected industries	
		Agriculture	Forestry
		Fisheries	Mining and quarrying
		Manufacturing	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
		Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	
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	Livestock provisioning services		
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	Wood provisioning services		
	Wild fish and other natural aqua		
	biomass provisioning services		
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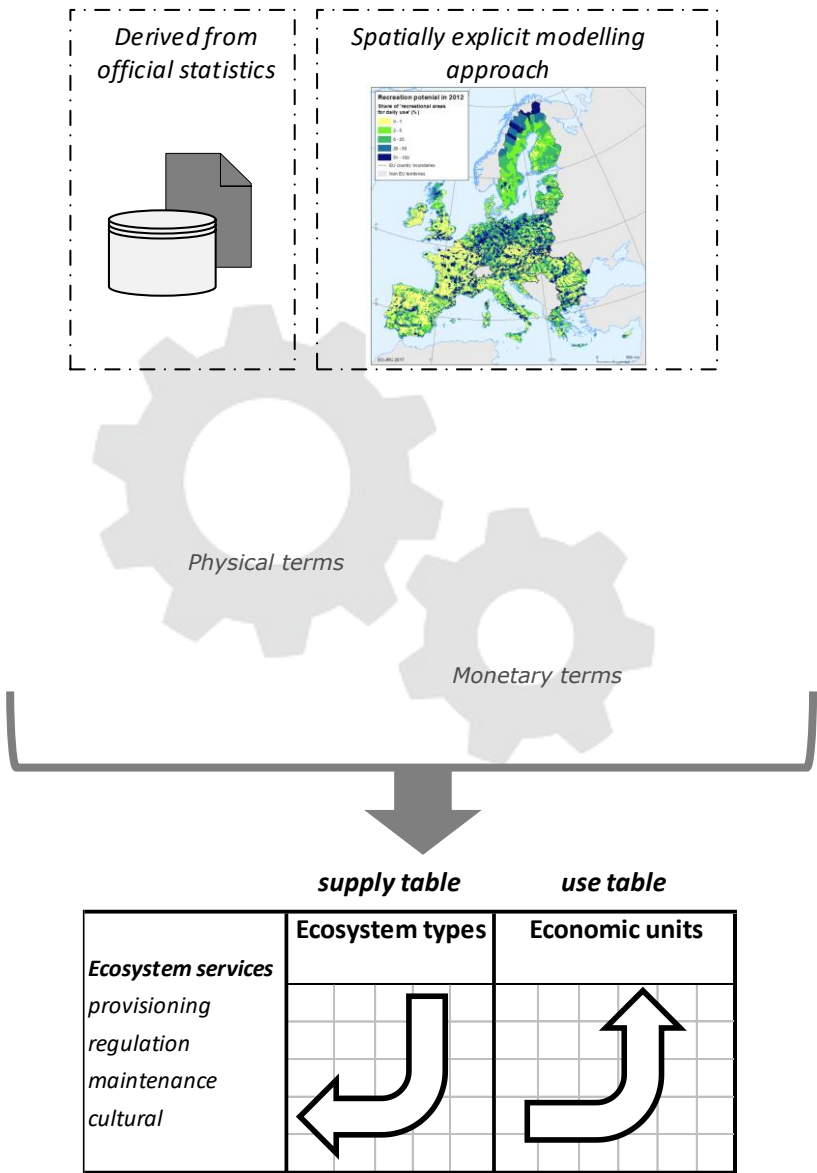
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USE	UNITS OF MEASURE	Selected economic units										Selected ecosystem types (based on Level 3 - EFG of the IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology)										Total use resident ecosystem assets	Exports - intermediate services	Total Use by ecosystem assets	TOTAL USE																										
		Selected industries										Terrestrial														Freshwater		Marine																							
		Agriculture	Forestry	Fisheries	Mining and quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	Services	Other industries	Total Industry	T1 Tropical-subtropical forests				T2 Temperate-boreal forests and woodlands				T7						F1	FM1	M1	MFT1																						
												T1.1	T1.2	T1.3	T1.4	T2.1	T2.2	T2.3	T2.4	T2.5	T2.6					T2.7	T7.1	T7.2	T7.3	T7.4	T7.5	F1.1	F1.2	FM1.1	FM1.2	M1.1	M1.2	MFT1.1	MFT1.2												
Selected ecosystem services (reference list)		Provisioning services										Regulating and maintenance services										Cultural services																													
		Biomass provisioning										Genetic material services										Water supply										Other provisioning services																			
		Crop provisioning										Wild fish and other natural aquatic biomass provisioning services										Wild animals, plants and other biomass provisioning services																													
		Grazed biomass provisioning																																																	
		Livestock provisioning services																																																	
		Aquaculture provisioning services																																																	
		Wood provisioning services																																																	

# Methodology for the assessment

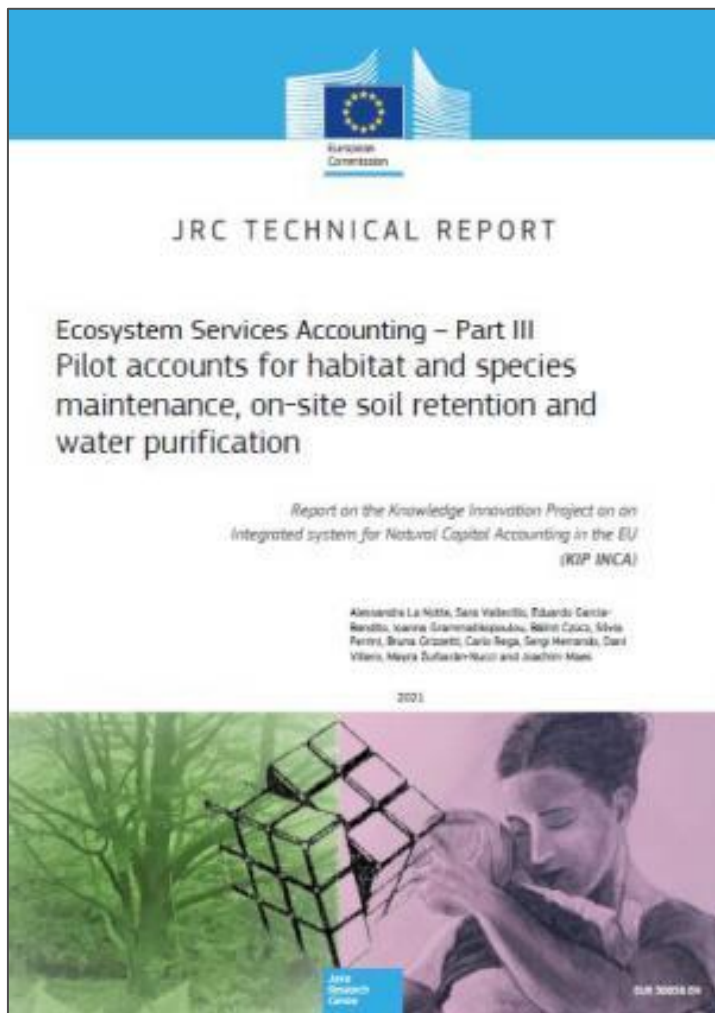
Summary of the nine ES assessed in INCA with respect to the degree of complexity. Colors represent: easy (green); relatively easy (yellow); relatively complex (orange); complex (red). A fast-track approach indicates green cells in both biophysical assessment and monetary evaluation

Ecosystem services	Biophysical assessment	Monetary valuation
<i>Crop provision</i>	Modelling ratio to be applied to existing raw data	Adapted market price: dataset available (no need for modelling)
<i>Timber provision</i>	Raw data already available (no need for modelling)	Market price: dataset available (no need for modelling)
<i>Crop pollination</i>	Modelling ratio to be applied to existing raw data	Adapted market price: dataset available (no need for modelling)
<i>Soil retention</i>	Modelling raw data without spatial flow dependency	Replacement cost and market price: moderate processing
<i>Flood control</i>	Modelling raw data with spatial flow dependency	Avoided damage cost: need for modelling
<i>Water purification</i>	Modelling raw data with spatial flow dependency	Replacement cost: need for modelling
<i>Carbon sequestration</i>	Raw data already available (no need for modelling)	Carbon rates: dataset available (no need for modelling)
<i>Habitat and species maintenance</i>	Modelling raw data without spatial flow dependency	Choice Experiment: need for modelling
<i>Nature-based recreation</i>	Modelling raw data without spatial flow dependency	Travel cost method: need for modelling





# Sources for the examples: INCA project



# Thank you