



### ESP Update No.2013/05

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#### 1. ESP Conference Bali: the deadline for abstract submission is approaching fast: May 1st!

If you plan to submit an abstract for an oral presentation at one of the 45 (!) sessions you have 7 days left: the deadline is Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> to give the organisers sufficient time to decide on acceptance and compile a session program (deadline for that is June 1<sup>st</sup>). You can find further information on our [abstract submission page](#).

Kindly note that you can submit abstracts later but then we cannot guarantee a timely reaction and placement in the program in the same way as we handle the abstracts that have been submitted before the deadline.

Also check our new and updated pages on:

- Program details, including field trips, the workshops and session abstracts ([click here](#))
- Sponsorship opportunities ([click here](#))
- Travel information ([click here](#))
- Conference venue ([click here](#))
- Accommodation and booking information ([click here](#))
- Visa information with details on different visa options ([click here](#)). Please contact the Local Conference Organising Committee if you have any other questions.
- And of course the registration page ([click here](#))

#### 2. ESP Training Sessions

We are in consultation with people from UNEP-WCMC, TEEB and the Natural Capital project to organise one or several training sessions on practical tools for (integrated) Ecosystem Assessment and Management, such as InVEST. These Training sessions will last between 1-2,5 days and will probably be organised directly after the conference. We will provide more detailed information soon but in case you are interested it is important to wait with booking your flight until the dates have been fixed.

#### 3. Indonesian Government strongly supports the ESP conference

The Indonesian Government through the Ministry of the Environment is committed to support the upcoming Sixth ESP conference in Bali. At a media briefing in February, the Minister of the Environment, Balthasar Kambuaya, was formally informed of the global event before representatives from national media outlets by Beria Leimona of the World Agroforestry Centre, and local ESP conference organization. This media briefing led to a national preparation meeting in Bali organized by the Ministry on February 26-28, 2013. The meeting agreed on wider roles of the Indonesian government and NGO partners to support the ESP conference. The NGO partners will take active roles in facilitating the field trips, ensuring that the participants will capture the local contexts and challenges of ES provision intertwined with livelihoods' needs and cultural values. The Ministry of Environment also agreed to support Indonesian and International media attendees and in the meantime, 'The Economist' has responded positively to an invitation to send a senior Environmental Journalist to cover the event.

#### 4. IPBES 'Catalogue of Assessments on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services'

As an inter-sessional activity, IPBES has commissioned a catalogue of assessments relevant with its work. This catalogue is now online and has been compiled by UNEP-WCMC to learn lessons from existing and ongoing assessment processes so as to inform the future development of IPBES. If you have any queries about the catalogue please contact [Lucy Wilson](#).

### ESP Events

- 6th Annual International ESP Conference 2013

Bali, Indonesia

26–30 August 2013

More information on the [conference website](#)

### ESP Working Groups

#### ● Biome Expert Groups



#### ● Thematic Working Groups



#### ● National ESP Networks



### Support & Secretariat

Questions about membership?  
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5. 6<sup>th</sup> ESP Conference Bali: PR – please distribute the below message through your network(s):

**6th International ESP Conference 2013: 'Making Ecosystem Services Count'**

The Ecosystem Services Partnership organises the 6th annual ESP conference from 26-30 August 2013, in Bali, Indonesia hosted by ICRAF in collaboration with, among others, UNEP, UNCCD and TEEB. The emphasis will be on the practical application of the ecosystem services concept illustrated with actual case studies. The program consists of a mix of plenary sessions, more than 40 workshops and open-topic sessions, and 8-10 special sessions organised by the ESP main partners and sponsors. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 May 2013.

For more information please see the ESP Conference website [www.espconference.org](http://www.espconference.org)

For further information on ESP, see the website [www.es-partnership.org](http://www.es-partnership.org)