SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Databases for benefit transfer

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Abstract:

At present, there are many public and private initiatives that encourage environmental valuation as a tool to improve decision making. One of the obstacles that hinders this task is its cost. Benefit transfer may reduce costs while providing useful outcomes, but it needs to rely on large and complete databases which, for the moment, are missing. The aim of the session is to go deeper into the main obstacles for the generation of databases, learn from best practices and improve our knowledge on the design elements that the next generation database for the valuation of ecoystems and their services must fulfil.

Goals and objectives of the session:

Generate debate on valuation databases, learn from best practices, form and strengthen networks on the issue

Planned output / Deliverables:

- (1) Intangibles: debate, knowledge, network
- (2) Common paper(s) on environmental valuation databases

Related to ESP Working Group/National Network:

Thematic Working Groups: TWG 6 - Integrated valuation of ES