

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)

Bhutan Inception Workshop

10th – 11th March 2014

Hotel Migmar, Thimphu

Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

AGENDA:

Monday, 10th March 2014

| Time | Programme |
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| 9.30 am – 9:40 am | Welcome Remarks by Director General, Department of Forests and Park Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests |
| 9.40 am – 10:00 am | Opening Remarks by His Excellency the Honourable Minister for Agriculture and Forests, Royal Government of Bhutan |
| 10.00 am – 10.40 am | Introduction to TEEB, Project (governance, content), and deliverables (UNEP – TEEB Office) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Purpose of the scoping workshop and setting the background for TEEB– What might policy makers find useful from a TEEB country study? |
| 10:40 am – 11:00 am | Coffee/ tea break |
| 11:00 am – 11:30 am | Presentation by Gross National Happiness Commission |
| 11:45 am – 12:30 pm | Context in Bhutan (MoAF/ Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment / UNEP-TEEB) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social-economic development in Bhutan• Overview of ecosystems and biodiversity status, trends and threats (MoAF/ Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment)• Introduction to working session (UNEP-TEEB)• Participants to summarize their expertise and expectations |
| 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm | *Working Session ¹ : Towards specifying and agreeing on key policy issues with stakeholders (Step 1) and Identifying the most relevant ecosystem services (Step 2) and Towards defining information needs (Step 3) (Annex 1) STEP 1 – Guiding Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are the main policy priorities/ key economic sectors that need attention in view of environmental, social, and economic drivers and pressures?2. Who are the key stakeholders that are in a strategic position to use TEEB results and recommendations in decision-making process for above policy priorities?3. What are the interests and concerns of key stakeholders? Report back on Step 1; Group reports on: |

¹ Participants will be divided into groups, where each group will need to appoint a leader and a rapporteur. A facilitator will be assigned to each group to guide the discussion.

- Policy priorities/ key economic sectors for Bhutan;
- Listing of key stakeholders that are involved in the policy process for identified policies and management of identified key economic sectors;
- Interests and concerns of above stakeholders.

STEP 2 – Guiding Questions:

1. What is the role of nature (both ecosystems and biodiversity) in attaining the identified policy priorities, or in the management of identified key economic sectors?
2. What are the trends in these ecosystems – pressures and drivers?

Report back on Step 2; Group reports on:

- Listing of ecosystems and services that may help attain the identified policy priorities, or in the management of identified key economic sectors;
- Identified drivers of ecosystem degradation (if applicable)

STEP 3 – Guiding Questions:

1. What is the information that can allow for better decision making in management of these key economic sectors/ and inform policy processes.
2. What are the **key knowledge gaps** that prevent stakeholders from making informed decisions?
3. How can these knowledge gaps be filled?

Report back on Step 3

Group reports on:

- Listing of information needs of stakeholders for better decision-making.

*Running coffee/tea break

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| 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm | Group Presentations |
| 5:15 pm – 5:30 pm | Conclusion and Next Steps |

Tuesday, 11th March 2014

Day 2 – Discussing data gaps, identifying needed expertise for undertaking TEEB Country Study

Participants – Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Gross National Happiness Commission, Centre for Bhutan Studies, and Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment.

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| 10.00 am – 12.00 pm | Round table discussion on data availability and methodologies |
| 12.00 pm – 12.30 pm | Group report on gaps and capacity needs |
| 12.45 pm – 2.00 pm | Lunch |
| 2.00 pm – 3:00 pm | Concluding discussion way forward |