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Study material VALUATION OF PUBLIC GOODS AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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Objectives

To deepen students' knowledge in the area of applied economics for the area of valuation of public goods and ecosystem services. The ecosystem service concept will be used to demonstrate to students the need for a multidisciplinary approach to environmental protection and illustrate relationships between natural and social science outputs for formulating environmental policy objectives with an emphasis on landscape renewal. The subject will pay particular attention to more advanced valuation methods, their specific features, limitations and advantages in connection with the valuated object (different types of ecosystem services) and their subsequent application in practical environmental management and protection. The subject is a loose continuation and extension of the subject Applied Economics and Ecosystem Services.

Study topics

- 1. Specific features of environmental goods and services and associated challenges for decision-making on their protection and provision (public, collective and club goods, externalities)
- 2. Utility vs value vs price and importance of valuation of non-market goods for decision-making in environmental policy
- 3. Ecosystem service concept and its application in valuation of public (natural) goods and services 4. Selected methods of valuation of natural goods and services (e.g., choice experiment, hedonic pricing, travel cost method)
- 5. Temporal value of money and its significance for valuation (discounting, net present value vs annualized values)
- 6. Practical application of methods of valuation of public goods and environmental services (MCA, CBA, CEA, etc.)
- 7. Examples of valuation of various ecosystem service types (provisioning/regulating/cultural ecosystem services)

Study literature

Mandatory literature

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