



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND INDICATORS SELECTION PROCESS

The Ecosystem Services and Indicators Selection Process is a repeatable, transferable exercise for the identification and selection of appropriate ecosystem services (ES) and indicators for an ES assessment project. It is a step-by-step process flowing from site identification through selection of ES indicators for assessment. It brings a new level of transparency to the process and ensures stakeholders feel engaged from the beginning and throughout the entire ES assessment.



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DETERMINE PROJECT OBJECTIVES & IDENTIFY AREA(S) OF INTEREST

Clarify the purpose of the ESA and locate project or study area.



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IDENTIFY RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Identify relevant stakeholders to the area of interest through a desktop review.



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ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS & IDENTIFY HIGH LEVEL STAKEHOLDER VALUES

Consult with stakeholders through a workshop and/or complete a literature review of relevant studies to better identify and understand stakeholder values.



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CONNECT STAKEHOLDER VALUES TO ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Complete an extensive literature review of ES and their indicators. Map stakeholder values to the ES.



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COMPLETE ES & INDICATOR SELECTION CRITERIA

Complete a detailed individual assessment of ES that are linked to stakeholder values. If the ES is relevant to the area of interest, complete the selection criteria for the indicators identified for the respective ES. The ES and Indicator Selection Criteria Template will help examine relevance, scale, and data availability, among others.



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STAKEHOLDER APPROVAL

Validate selection criteria through stakeholder review.



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PREPARE LIST OF ES INDICATORS FOR ASSESSMENT

Summarize key learnings from the selection process including reasons for inclusion or exclusion of particular indicators and services. List the ES indicators that have been approved for assessment and continue with the ES Assessment Process.

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