



COMPILATION
Seminar evaluation
Ecosystem Services in Protected Area Management
Kristianstad Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve, Sweden
May 3 – 5, 2011

Please, help us improve our meetings and seminars by answering the questions below. Where applicable, please rate from 1 = unacceptable to 5 = excellent, or 6 = don't know/not applicable.

1. Overall, how well did the seminar meet your expectations?

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,5

Comments

- Positive aspects:

- *It was a very good and interesting meeting.*
- *The experience exchange!*
- *Overall broad perspective with deeper focus on certain parts = good.*
- *The excellent example of how Kristianstad Vattenrike Biosphere reserve is managed! Importance of stakeholder involvement.*
- *Well organized! Interesting talks! Unique works/culture.*
- *Well organised. Practical/useful knowledge.*
- *A lot of trips in the surrounding area, with a lot of examples.*
- *Brought together different experts from various countries.*
- *Excellent contents and speakers, good arrangement.*
- *Useful topics, inspiration come to mind. Excellent food, good organisation etc*
- *Informative, varied, well-coordinated.*
- *Great speakers and people.*

- Negative aspects:

- *Could have had more time for focussed discussions.*
- *Not really.*
- *Windy, cold.*
- *Maybe some more scientific information and case studies would have been useful.*
- *I expected some more concrete examples of how to evaluate ecosystem services.*
- *Possibly a bit shorter presentations and more time for discussion (Wednesday).*

- Other comments:

- *There should have been more time for the group exercises.*
- *Maybe a little more presentations.*
- *I'd love to visit here if I had another chance.*
- *A great presentation of the area, the work and the local ecosystem services.*
- *A continuation!*

2. How well did the organisers succeed in providing information prior to the seminar?

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
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Comments:

- *Close contacts and useful information helped participants having good overview.*
- *Very precise!*
- *The information was accurate. I did not have to ask additional questions.*

3. What do you think of the programme – its contents and how it was put together?

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	7	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,6

Comments:

- *Maybe some more presentations? The excursion programme was perfect!*
- *Very good!*
- *The presentations were rather general.*
- *It was nice to go outside often enough, a good idea to sit in the mornings and go outside in the afternoons.*

Did you miss anything?

- *There was room for some more presentations.*
- *No.*
- *Actual case of ecosystems that has been evaluated in economic values.*

4. How relevant were the different sessions to you?

A. MAY 4th: Kristianstad Vattenrike Biosphere Reserve in an ecosystem services perspective. Presentation by Sven-Erik Magnusson.

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1	8	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,4

Comments:

- *Very structured, transparent approach. Identification of 10 themes and dealing with each in a separate way is a great idea!!*
- *A good case to learn about.*
- *A good start to get to know the place and the process.*

B. Keys to successful management of ecosystem services... Presentation by Lisen Schultz

c	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1	4	12	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,7

Comments:

- o *I like this very much: Very useful to me.*
- o *A bit overlapping with the previous presentation.*

C. Group exercise: Opportunities & challenges of applying the ecosystem service concept on the ground

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1	1	8	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,2

Comments:

- o *Could have had more time for this.*
- o *Good, but it will be excellent when we have more time for discussions.*
- o *The examples were very useful and accurate.*
- o *Far too little time. It would have been nice to have to discuss too.*

D. Field visit to Håslövs Ängar. Presentations by Hans Cronert and Lennart Waldemarsson

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2	9	5	1	4,2

Comment:

- o *Excellent guides!*
- o *Good experience!*
- o *Nice trip.*
- o *Hard to follow because of the cold, but definitely relevant.*

E. MAY 5th: Money talks – the value of ecosystem services in monetary terms. Presentation by Åsa Soutukorva

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2	6	6	2	4,2

Comment:

- o *For me, no additional info, but she did well!*
- o *Very difficult theme, which was covered in a too short time.*
- o *It would be perfect if we had more, detailed discussion!*
- o *Good, but a bit theoretical approach to the topic.*

F. Co-management and communication: Getting everybody working together. Presentation by John Higson

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3	6	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,3

Comment:

- *Good but not so relevant.*
- *Inspiring and excellent presentation, but the link with ecosystem services was not so clear.*
- *Very useful information.*
- *Very good presentation of how to work with the local communities and stakeholders.*
- *Almost too good to be true... but inspiring too!*
- *A lot of energy! Inspiring. BUT a little too good to be true-sounding.*

G. Visit to Tvillingbodarna eel cabin and presentation of the Fish & Save project (Claes Bergkvist).

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
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Comments:

- *Fantastic initiative!*
- *Impressive!*

5. What did you think of the social events (welcome reception at naturum, dinner at Café Miro, visit to the eel cabin)?

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Comment:

- *I am happy about that.*
- *Awesome experience.*
- *The events tend to get better the better you get to know the people. Luckily the Swedes also mingled with the others.*
- *Welcome reception was great, but perhaps good to inform us that hors d'oeuvres will be served in lieu of dinner? Gets a 3. Miro gets a 5.*

Did the social events contribute to the programme (in relation to the topic)?

- *YES. Interesting eel dilemma.*
- *Absolutely!*
- *Yes*
- *Good.*
- *Respecting local food and local people - always good and also well linked to the topic!*
- *Too bad that the toads were silent. Maybe a little upset because of the cold.*

- *Yes, during the social events we could see a few ways to work with ecosystem services.*
- *Yes, and the various discussions around the tables consolidated the information and the whole programme.*

6. What did you think of the practical arrangements?:

Seminar venues (naturum and Skåne County Administrative Board)

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	9	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,5

Food

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	2	15	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,9

Accommodation (Bishops Inn)

1 unacceptable	2	3	4	5 Excellent	Do not know/not applicable	Average
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	2	6	6	3	4,3

Comments, practical arrangements:

- *Excellent food!*
- *I did not truly understand that the hotel check-in really opened at 4. Luckily I did not arrive earlier...*

6. What kind of follow-up would you like to see on this topic - ecosystem services?

- *More time to continue discussions.*
- *Challenges that projects have had to face.*
- *More communication, discussion – if it is possible to have more seminars.*
- *Guidelines on how to perform evaluation of ecosystem services.*
- *Hope to receive the presentations soon. Next seminar should focus on case studies from +/- 5 sites including economic valuation.*
- *More seminars on good practices in this field.*
- *More examples from the participants, success stories and challenges – as in the short group work.*
- *Economic issues*
- *Evaluation of ecosystem services and applying to decision making process.*
- *Practical examples of use.*
- *Actual success stories!*
- *More hands-on, practical side of facilities*

7. What topic(s) would you like forthcoming EUROPARC N-B section seminars to explore?

- *Regional (not global) ecosystem change*
- *Meeting more experts in this field.*
- *The effects of climate change on the wetlands.*
- *Conservation of biodiversity in the Baltic Sea.*
- *Economic issues*
- *Gifts, volunteering, research*
- *Environmental education/communication*
- *Parks, local people (not only farmers), neighbours*

8. Is there anything that the secretariat could do to improve seminars in the future?

- *No, not really.*
- *No*
- *Perfect already!*
- *Involve many participants.*
- *To involve practitioners with more practical experience.*
- *Not much – thank you!*

9. Other comments?

- *Hope to get summary and presentations from the seminar.*
- *Excellent organization! I'll have to come back for the toads.*
- *Many thanks!*
- *Very good and useful.*
- *Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this experience.*
- *Too many questions...*
- *Many thanks for a great seminar!*
- *Bravo! Well done!*
- *Nice with not only Nordic-Baltic participation at meeting.*

Thank you very much! We hope you enjoyed this event and look forward to seeing you again in the near future!