

Glossary

Intrinsic value

The inherent worth of something, independent of its value to anyone or anything else.

Anthropogenic impacts

Impacts resulting from human activities.

Keystone species

Species whose influence on ecosystem function and diversity are disproportionate to their numerical abundance. Although all species interact, the interactions of some species are more profound and far-reaching than others, such that their elimination from an ecosystem often triggers cascades of direct and indirect changes on more than a single trophic level, leading eventually to losses of habitats and extirpation of other species in the food web.

Landscape approach

Dealing with large-scale processes in an integrated and multidisciplinary manner, combining natural resources management with environmental and livelihood considerations.