



Hovering between the need to assess and the willing to comprehend. Potentials and limitations of the Ecosystem Services analytical framework

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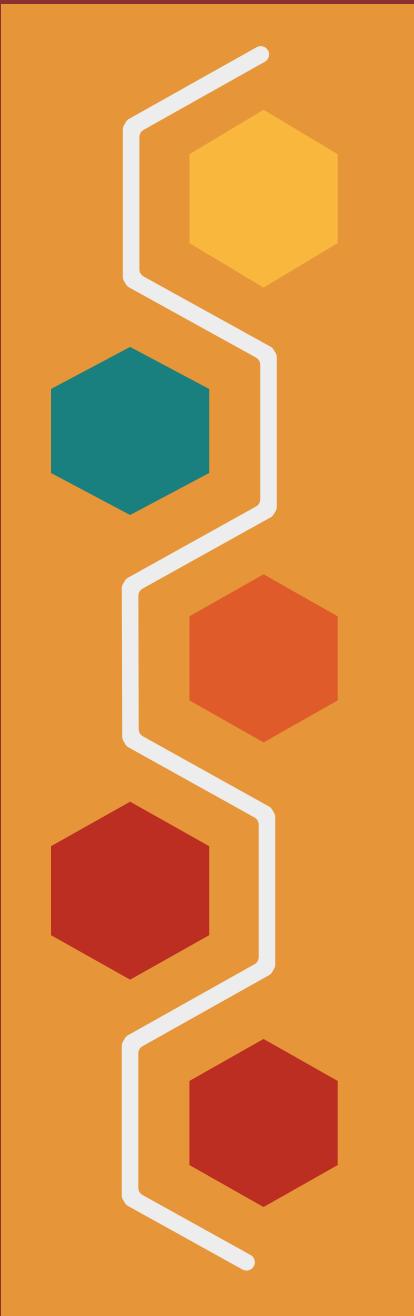
ES limitations highlighted by literature

- Underestimation of power relations
- Use of Payments for Ecosystem Services schemes
- Sectorial knowledge
- Boundaries between different categories of ES not evident
- Understimation of ES individual and collective preferences, correlations and trade-off

- PARADIGM NEUTRALITY
- SCALE OF THE SURVEY
- RELEVANCE OF THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

ES survey within urban and peri-urban agriculture experiences in Milan (Vaiano Valle, Cascina Sant'Ambrogio)

2020 - today (Dal Borgo&Capocefalo 2022, Dal Borgo et al. 2023, Dal Borgo&Capocefalo 2024)



Co-created
disciplinary
transformative
knowledge
trans-
and

Being personally
engaged in care
practices

- First-hand experience of several aspects (e.g. transformative values)
- Sharing responsibilities
- Big importance attributed to cultural ecosystem services by the respondents

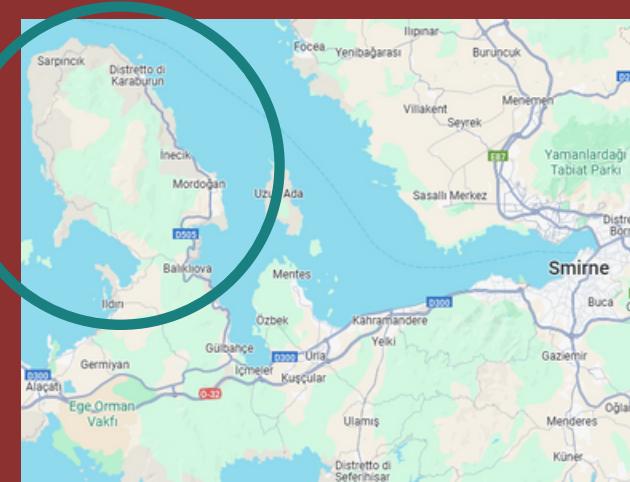
Karabuna (Turkey) ES perception study (Yildirim et al. 2017)



Territorial sample: 95 actors with diversity of profiles

Actor category	Number of interviewees	In pourcentage of total
Farmers	29	31
Merchants	19	20
Tourists	11	12
Village head (chef)	14	15
associations	7	8
cooperative	6	6
Municipality	5	5
Chambre de commerce	1	1
Chambre d'agriculture	1	1
Parti politique	1	1
TOTAL	95	100

Sample in Karabuna territory



PROFILES :

- 1/3 producers
- 1/3 tourists and merchants
- 1/3 key collective public and private actors

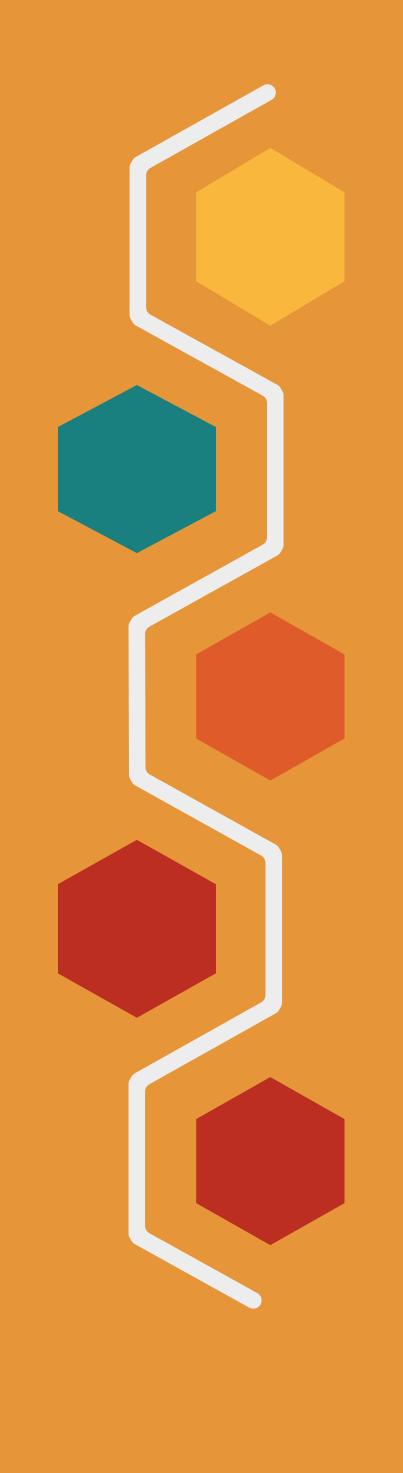
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Results on the importance of the ES in percentage (Yildirim et al. 2017)

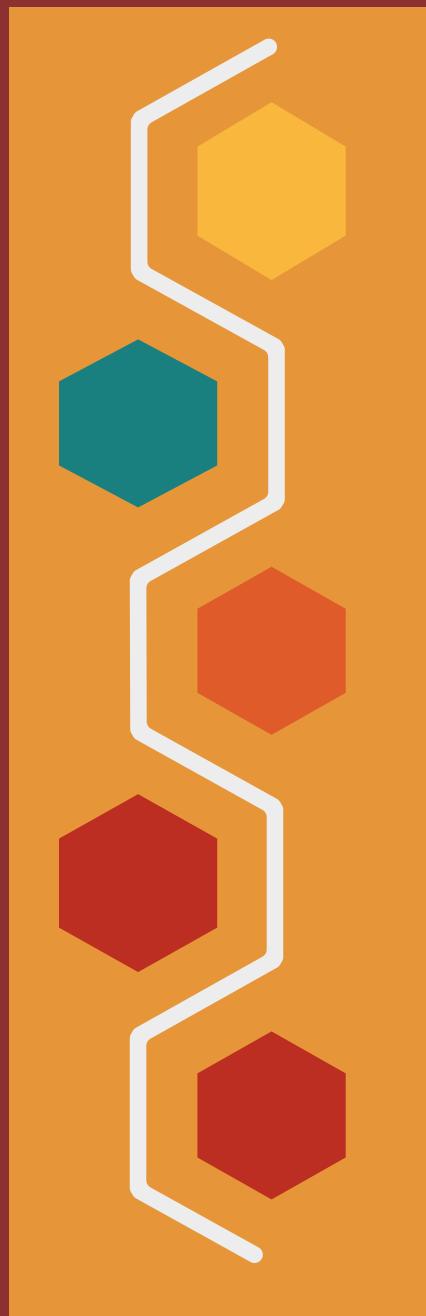
None of the actors interviewed knew about « Ecosystem Services »



Provisionning, Regulation and cultural services (RS)		Little importance	Medium importance	High importance	TOTAL
PS	(food) crop production	6	41	53	100
	Ornamental plants	7	75	18	100
	Medicinal plants	43	46	11	100
RS	Water resources	53	39	8	100
	Soil maintenance and erosion control	14	55	31	100
CS	Nutritional cycles	16	55	29	100
	Recreational spaces, including ecotourism	7	50	43	100
	Space for inspiration and cultural heritage	41	34	35	100
	Landscapes (scrubland and garrigue, forests and farmland / coastal areas, caves and beaches)	4	54	42	100

- No clear meaning of this global grid assessment : most services are of medium importance regardless the category
- Meaning of the global representation when services were assessed per group/category of ES?

Study of the territorial perception over the territorial main ecosystem services, cultural ecosystem services (Yildirim et al. 2017)



- Intangible services are considered of less importance than tangible ones
- Recreational / a potentially merchandised service (ecotourism) is considered as the most important
- Questions the scientific operationality of some official ES category

Cultural services (SCS):	tangible / intangible Merchant / non merchant	Little importance	Medium importance	High importance	TOTAL
Recreational spaces, including ecotourism -	tangible , merchant	7	50	43	100
Landscapes	tangible, non merchant	4	54	42	100
<i>Spiritual values</i>	tangible, non merchant	47	35	18	100
<i>Space for inspiration and cultural heritage</i>	tangible, non merchant	41	34	25	100

Critical elements to reflect about

- in the Turkish case of study: intangible services and non-merchant services are less valued than tangible and merchant ones
- in the Turkish case study: uneffectivity of some cultural services categories
- great importance of cultural ecosystem services in the Italian case studies, but no concrete legal opportunity to valorise them
- a tension between scientific survey and political decision-making (what is the current state of art? Should it change? How? Who should promote and govern changes?)

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