

Liquid Assets and Adaptation Futures



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Wetlands and adaptation future

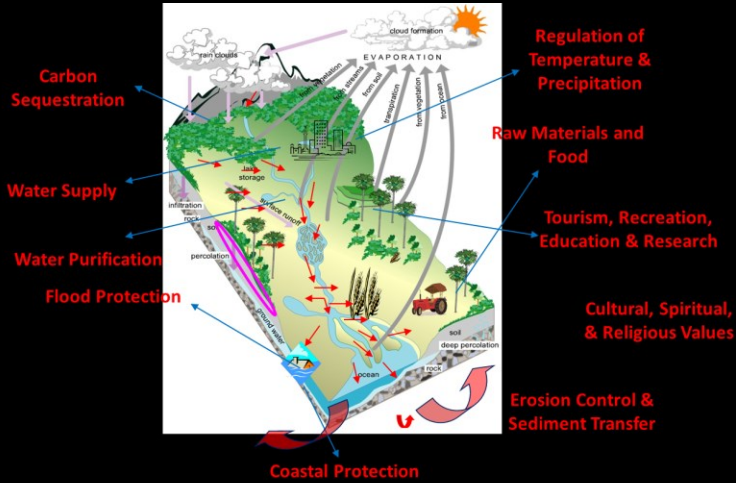
- Nexus between “water, food and energy” as the most fundamental sustainability challenge
- Global and local water cycles are strongly dependent on wetlands ; without wetlands water, carbon and nutrient cycles will be significantly altered



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Wetlands as liquid assets



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Yet, wetlands continue to be lost

Over 60% decline in 20th century alone

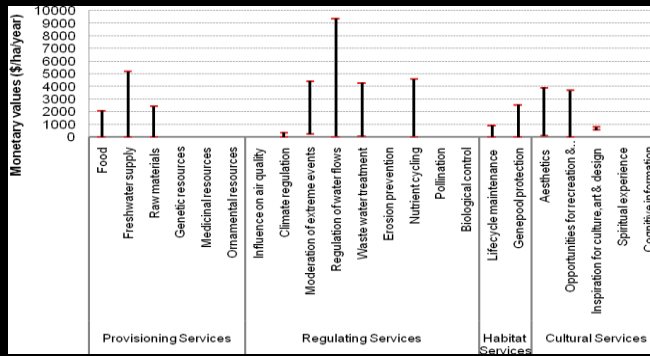
- UK coastal grazing marshes: **-57%** since 1930
- USA Inland wetlands: **-53%** (1780s-1980s)
- Mangroves: **-20%** since 1990
- China (inland & coastal): **-33%** since 1978
- Republic of Korea (coastal): **>-20%** since 1987
- India (natural wetlands): **>-30%** since 1970



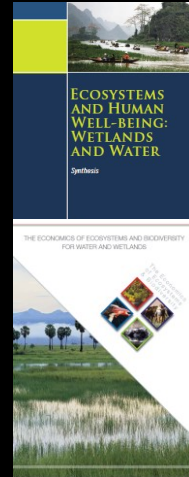
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The language of asset values



Translating values to financial flows for wetland restoration



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Session

Translating the evidence base on wetland ecosystem service values into improved adaptation policy and investment practices



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Global non-profit working for sustaining and restoring wetlands worldwide

Bridging science-policy-practice gap to mainstream wetland values in adaptation finance and policy



Session design

Presentations

- Science and practice of wetland valuation
- Application of valuation in national policy context
- Creating business cases

Panel Discussion

- Businesses, Investment Banks, Policy makers

Audience engagement

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