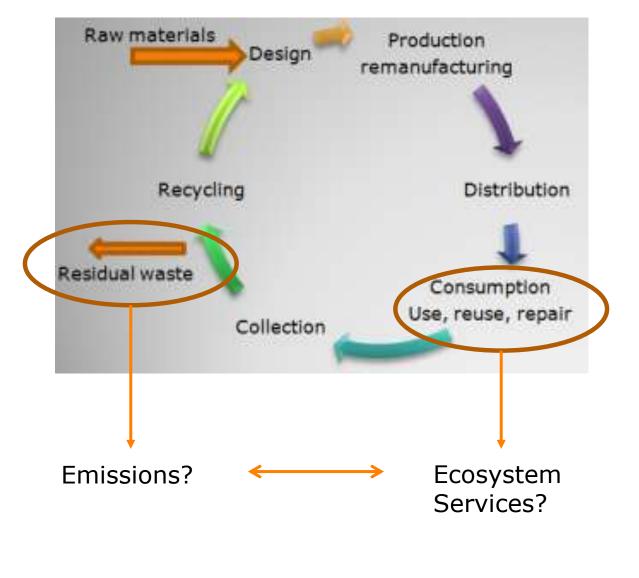


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Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD)



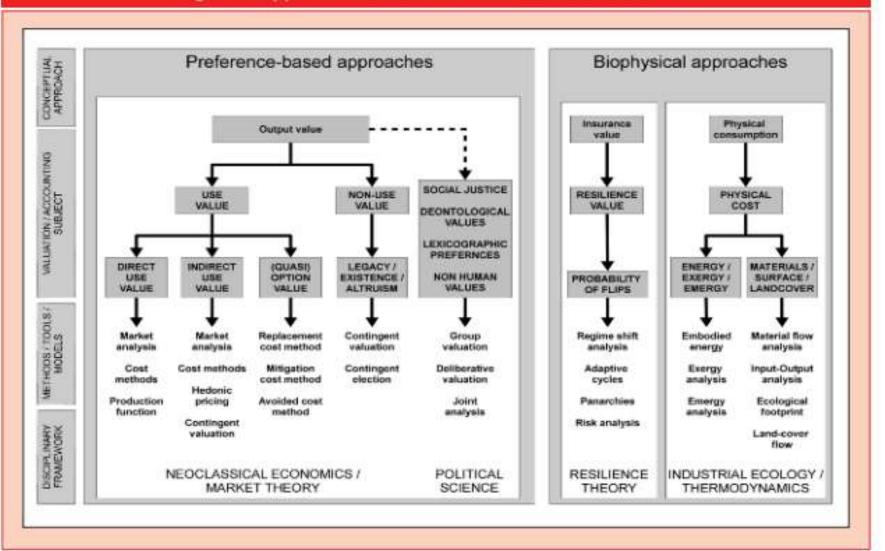
- Six targets of the European Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
- Target 2 aims to "maintain and enhance ecosystems and their services by establishing green infrastructure and restoring at least 15% of degraded ecosystems" (Maes, 2016)
- Action 5: the Member States of the EU are committed to map and assess the ecosystems and their services on their national territory

Total Value of Ecosystem Services

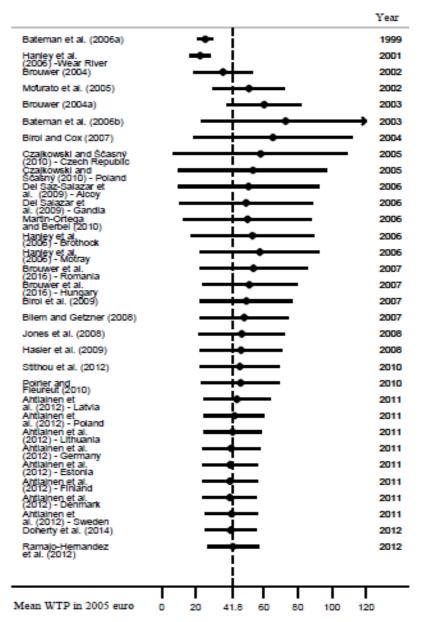
- Provisioning services for example wild foods, crops, fresh water and plant-derived medicines;
- Regulating services for example filtration of pollutants by wetlands, climate regulation through carbon storage and water cycling, pollination and protection from disasters;
- Cultural services for example recreation, spiritual and aesthetic values, education;
- Supporting services for example soil formation, photosynthesis and nutrient cycling.

→ecosystem services

Figure 1: Approaches for the estimation of nature's values



Source: TEEB Foundations, Chapter 5







Total economic Value of Ecosystem Services: sailing in uncharted waters

Estimates converge but it takes time and effort

Variability in: Methodologies Socio-economic contexts Ecological status

Tyllianakis, E. and Skuras, D. 2016. The income elasticity of Willingness-To-Pay (WTP) revisited: A meta-analysis of studies for restoring Good Ecological Status (GES) of water bodies under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Journal of Environmental Management, 182, 531-541.



Circular economy->
Avoiding emissions ->
Cost forgone ->
Benefit



- Estimating the impact of:
 - Economic activities on climate change
 - Economic policy on climate change
 - Climate change policy on climate change

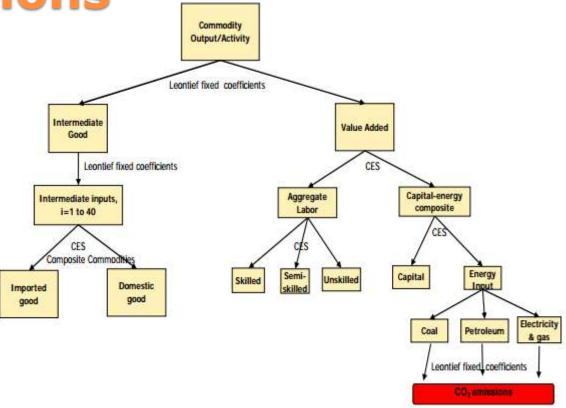
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Why to model emissions?

Economy wide modeling of emissions

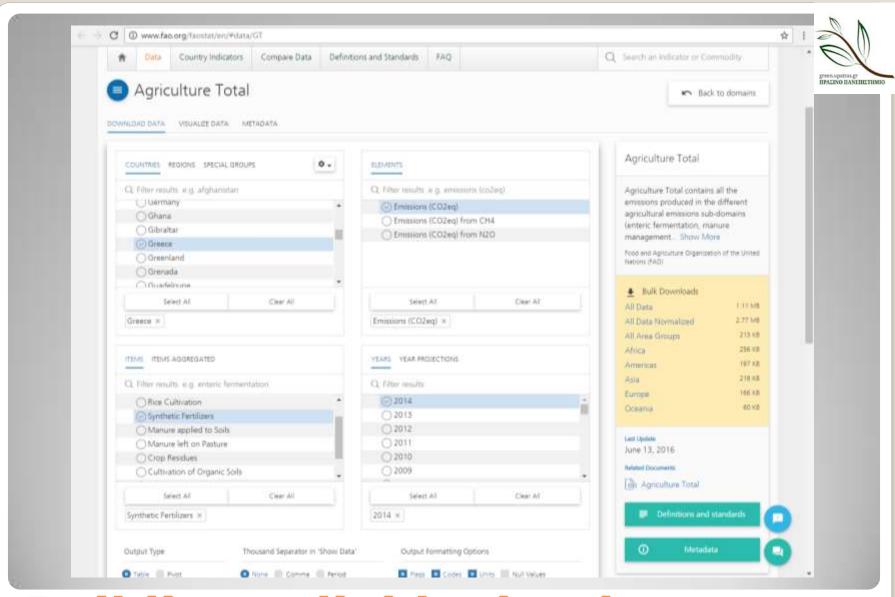




Tax Policy and Carbon Emissions in South Africa1

Shantayanan Devarajan, Delfin S. Go, Sherman Robinson, Karen Thierfelder²

Draft, March 27, 2009

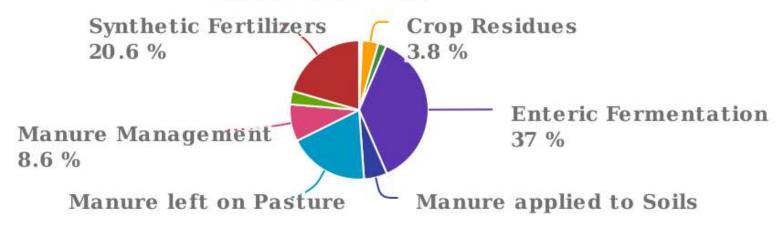


Building reliable databases



Emissions by sector (CO2 equivalent), Greece

Average 1990 - 2014



Ongoing work:

Incorporating agricultural emissions and estimating the effects of rural development policies in Greece