

Use – why? Positive points

- The step by step approaches and well documented tools (user friendly)
- Stakeholders engagement: Gives a chance to all to contribute – strengthens the link between stakeholders
- Providing a clear picture on quantity and quality of ES to local communities
- Community involvement: raises awareness → come to appreciate the value of a resource for restoration and conservation
- Only if communication, accompaniment and training about it

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- Most of them can be customizable to a specific situation
- Gives legitimacy to the results (a tool developed by experts and internationally used) → tradeoff between legitimacy and applicability to specific sites
- Applied by Academia in environmental classes (education purpose) – sometimes as a support for park management plans
- Need to show that MAB managers are part of a global agenda (CBD, MAB network, Lima action plan) – they are not alone
- Should be underlined: Multiple use of the results (not only local!): assessing ES, impact on decision making/management plan, but also reporting to National Reports, CBD reports, MAB reports
- Only if it is clearly inked to the objectives and management of the area

Not use – why not?

- Unknown
- Another new concept – tool – we have enough (too much info)
- Lack of time – too long – Managers are too busy
- Lack of capacities/skills to apply the tools
- Not used in everyday life – only in face of a specific issue they look for tools that addresses their problem
- Might have bad consequences eg on non priority ES (superficial / rapid) → be aware of the interpretation, significance and limitations of the data
- Too general- not applicable as such to a specific site (needs to be customized)
- Economic valuation: Risks of under/over evaluation

Others

- Perceptions alone might lead to results that do not reflect reality
→ importance of complementary tools
- Importance of iterativity (confront people with the results and create new results) but be careful to not over-research the communities and stakeholders!
- Recommendation should be made so that MAB managers try to use such tools at least ONCE (eg for their periodic review – every 10 years)