

Ecological Services

Ecological services are provided by ecosystems to benefit, sustain and support the well being of people. They can be divided into direct services provisioning such as food, water, wood and fiber, and cultural such as aesthetics of natural areas for recreation and education, and indirect such as regulating water purity, temperature and disposing of waste, and supporting, such as providing oxygen and the water cycle.

We can measure the value of these services by looking at the market price, what we're willing to pay, and the cost of repairing damage if these services are unavailable.

