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- Results from an empirical application to Europe -

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- 1. The Objectives of the EIBURS-CLIBIO**
- 2. Assessing the Climate Change Impacts on Forest Ecosystem**
- 3. Linking Biodiversity to The Provision of Forest Ecosystem Goods and Services**
- 4. Integrating the Results of Economic Valuation to CGE Modeling**



1. Objectives of EIBURS-CLIBIO



Objective 1:

To estimate the welfare losses with respect to the changes in biodiversity and ecosystem functioning directly driven by climate change.



Objective 2:

To Integrate the Value into welfare economy.. (to be re-arranged)



The research questions:

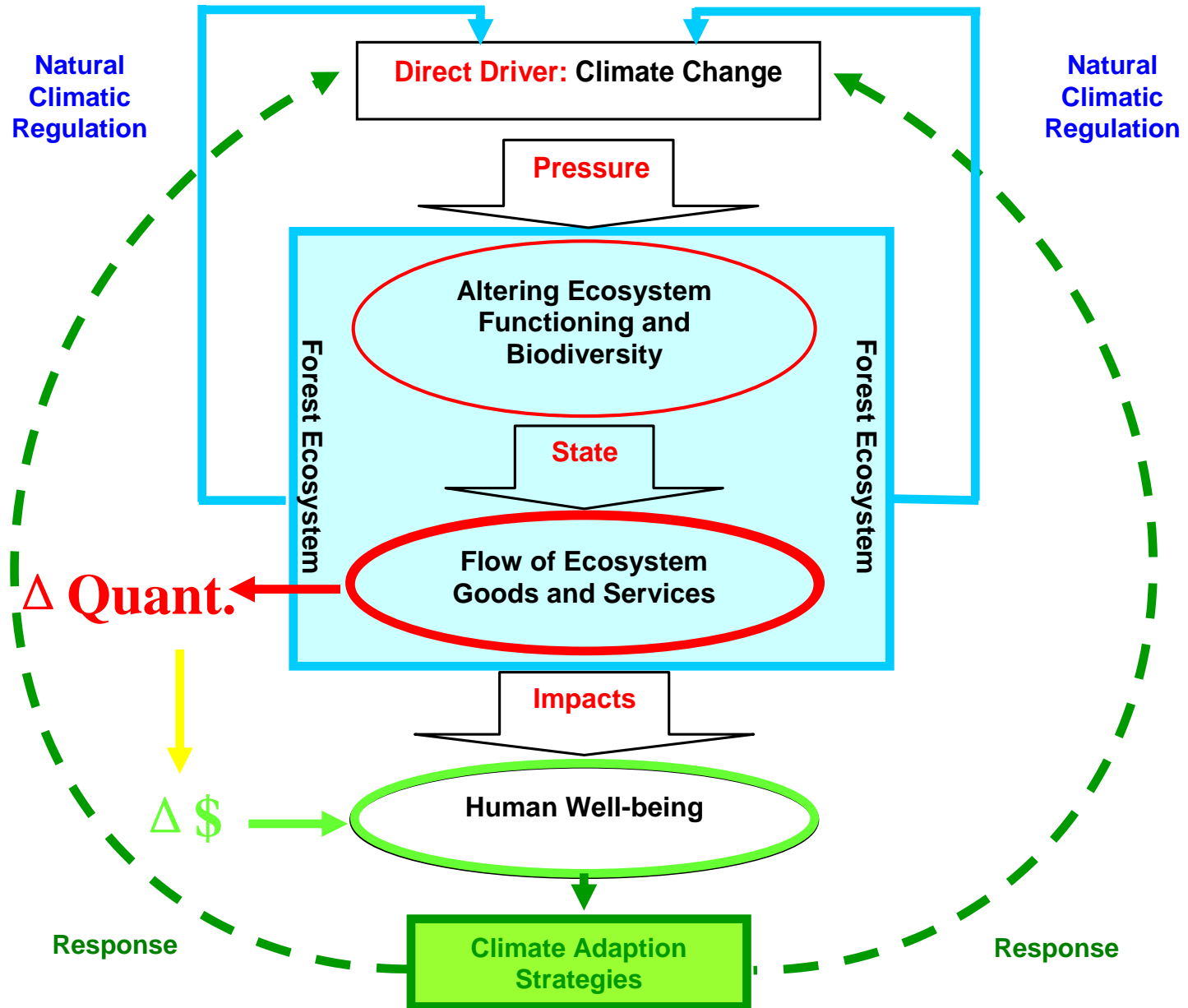
1. How to attach a value to biodiversity? And thus how to measure this value change wrt. climate change?
2. How to integrate this value to the social economy, i.e. put it into the CGE model?



3. Focus:

Forest Ecosystem at European scale

Linking Climate Change, Biodiversity and Human Well-being (DPSIR)

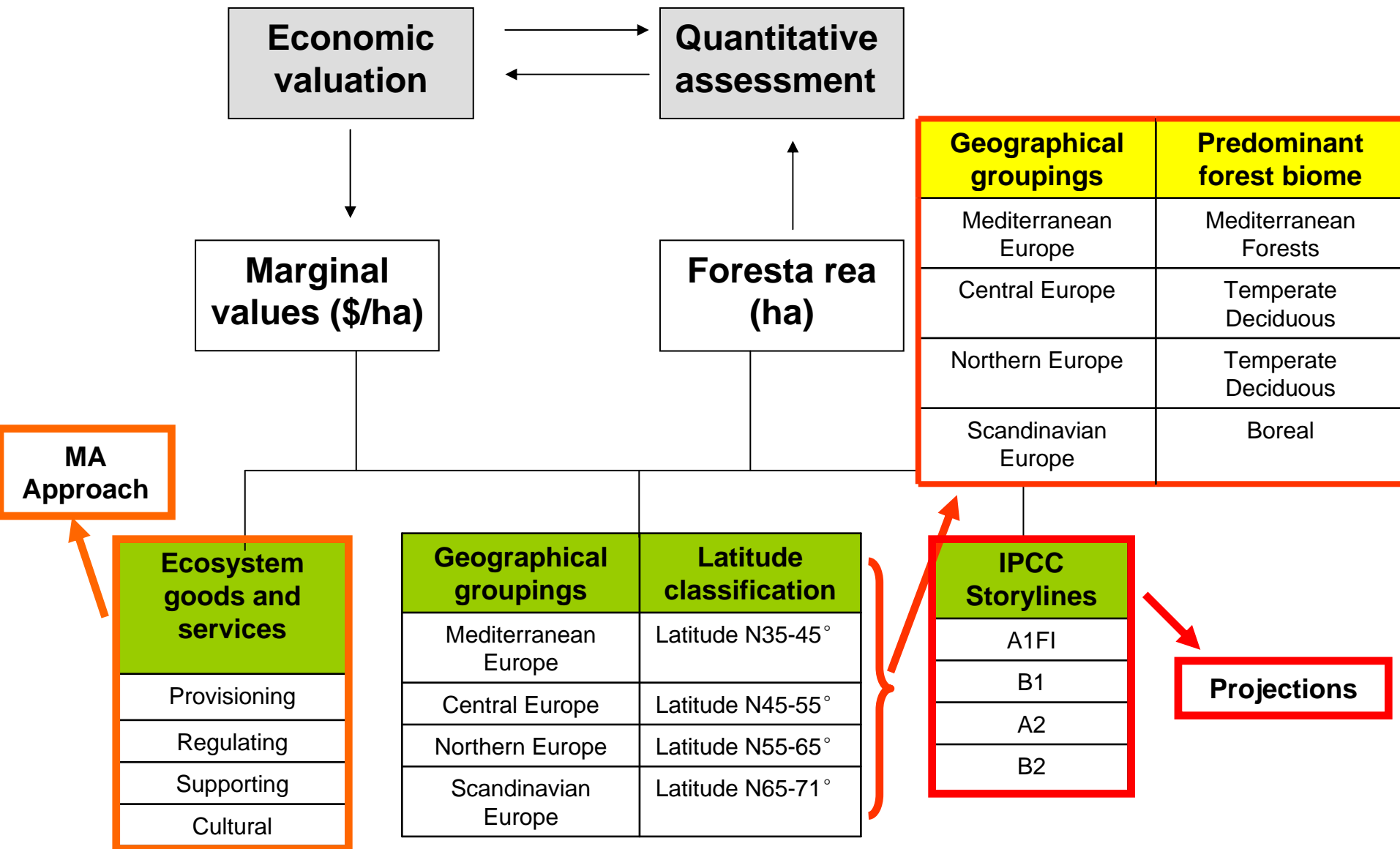




2. Assessing the Climate Change Impacts on Forest Ecosystem

- **Developing Economic Valuation Strategies to Monetize the Climate Change Impacts**
 - ✓ *Step 1. Classification of the selected European countries in terms of their latitude locations*
 - ✓ *Step 2. Mapping and quantification of the ecosystem goods and services provided by European forests – MA approach*
 - ✓ *Step 3. Projections on the European forest areas as well as the quantity of the wide range of forest ecosystem goods and services - following IPCC storylines*
 - ✓ *Step 4. Economic valuation of ecosystem goods and services provided by the European forests 2005-2050*

Overall Methodological Framework (2/2)



The Regrouping of the Countries

Geographical grouping of 34 European Countries

Geographical groupings	Latitude classification	Countries included
Mediterranean Europe	Latitude N35-45°	Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey, TFRY Macedonia
Central-Northern Europe	Latitude N45-55°	Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
Northern Europe	Latitude N55-65°	Denmark, United Kingdom, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
Scandinavian Europe	Latitude N65-71°	Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

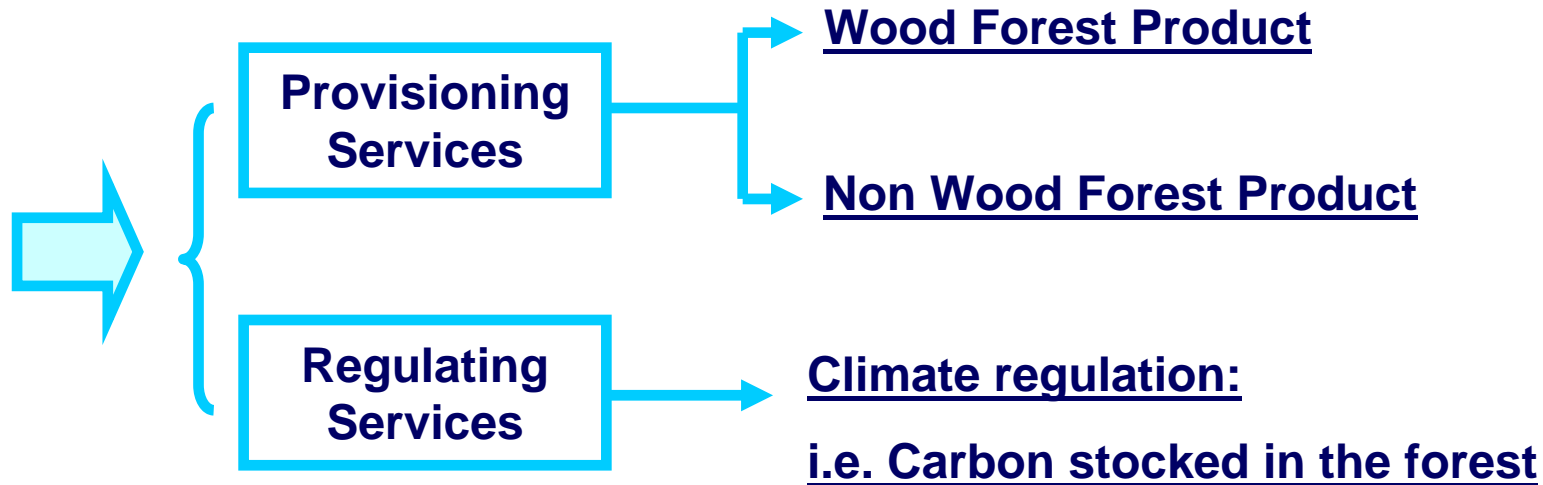
Note: these 34 European countries are chosen based on the classification reported by the *European Forest Sector Outlook Study 1960-2000-2020 main report*, covering two of the three sub-regions: i.e. Western Europe and Eastern Europe, whereas Russia Federal is excluded from our computation (See UNECE/FAO(2005) for information about the 3 sub-regions).

Step 2 Mapping of ecosystem goods and services provided by European forests - MA approach

Table 2 A general classification of Ecosystem Goods and Services for European Forests

Types of Ecosystem Services		Examples
Supporting Services	Provisioning Services	Food, Fiber (e.g. timber, wood fuel), ornamental resources, etc.
	Regulating Services	Climate regulation, water regulation, erosion regulation, etc.
	Cultural Services	Recreation and ecotourism, aesthetic values, spiritual and religious values, cultural heritage values, etc.

Source: adapted from MEA (2003)



Provisioning Services-(1) Wood Forest Products (WFPs)

Industrial Roundwood (Million m ³ /yr)	Wood pulp (Million t/yr)	Recovered paper (Million t/yr)	Sawnwood (Million m ³ /yr)	Wood-based panels (Million m ³ /yr)	Paper and paper board (Million t/yr)	Wood fuel (Million m ³ /yr)
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Provisioning Services-(2) Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs)

Plant Products

Food (t)	Fodder (t)	Raw material for medicine and aromatic products (t)	Raw material for colourants and dyes (t)	Raw material for utensils, crafts & construction (t)	Ornamental plants (t)	Exudates (t)	Other plant products (t)
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Animal Products

Living animals (units)	Hides, skins and trophies (units)	Wild honey and beeswax (t)	Bush meat (t)	Raw material for medicine and aromatic products (t)	Raw material for colourants and dyes (t)	Other edible animal products (t)	Other non-edible animal products (t)
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Sources: The WFPs are chosen based on the *European Forest Sector Outlook Study 1960-2000-2020 main report* (UNECE/FAO, 2005); The NWFPs are derived from FAOSTAT/FRA (2005)

Understanding of the IPCC Storylines

Economic

<p style="text-align: center;">A1 (Rapid and successful economic development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population (10^6): 376 • High savings and high rate of investments and innovation at national & international level • Cumulative CO2 (ppm): 709 • Δ Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$): 4.4 • Precipitation Europe(%): 0.5 	<p style="text-align: center;">A2 (A differentiated world)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population (10^6): 419 • Economic growth is uneven in the world • Income per capita: largely increased
<p style="text-align: center;">B1 (Global sustainable development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population (10^6): 376 • High investment in resource efficiency • Distribution Efficiency: High • Cumulative CO2 (ppm): 518 • Δ Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$): 3.1 • Δ Precipitation Europe(%): 4.8 	<p style="text-align: center;">B2 (Regionally sustainable development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population (10^6): 376 • Human welfare, equality, and environmental protection • Cumulative CO2 (ppm): 567 • Δ Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$): 2.1 • Δ Precipitation Europe(%): 2.7

Note that for the purpose of creating emissions scenarios as a result of this development, the IPCC assumes that no intentional action is taken in response to global warming.

Global

Regional

Environmental

		Forest area 1000 ha	A1	A2	B1	B2
35-45	Mediterranean Europe					
	Greece	2770	2.730,28	2.811,04	4.481,43	4.285,35
	Italy	9273	7.545,23	7.461,22	10.556,52	10.751,94
	Portugal	2577	2.609,46	2.614,85	3.913,03	3.947,91
	Spain	13679	11.876,34	11.794,68	17.134,92	17.375,47
	Albania	794	680,67	682,67	1.016,15	1.014,77
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2.185	2.311,77	2.259,10	2.268,75	2.387,19
	Bulgaria	3.625	3.480,21	3.400,92	3.415,45	3.593,75
	Serbia and Montenegro	2.694	2.117,85	2.180,50	3.476,20	3.324,10
	Turkey	10.175	8.712,61	8.615,60	12.189,80	12.415,45
	Yugoslav	906	947,72	926,13	930,09	978,64
Sub total		47.771	42.064	41.821	58.452	59.096
45-55	Central - Northern					
	Austria	5065	3.949,89	3.859,90	3.876,38	4.078,75
	Belgium	557	639,44	663,01	848,13	1.023,82
	France	16624	13.200,14	14.041,05	17.560,10	19.174,57
	Germany	10970	9.839,06	9.865,01	12.430,82	13.739,85
	Ireland	405	480,98	412,28	694,58	714,15
	Luxembourg	86	80,77	78,82	103,85	94,49
	Netherlands	188	276,81	770,43	609,20	756,52
	Switzerland	1945	1.178,32	1.135,74	1.254,38	1.259,18
	Croatia	2135	2.001,42	2.397,54	2.796,87	3.056,57
	Czech Republic	2648	2.487,58	2.979,93	3.476,26	3.799,05
	Hungary	1976	1.703,47	2.040,63	2.380,51	2.601,55
	Poland	9192	8.400,08	10.062,64	11.738,66	12.828,64
	Romania	6370	6.026,00	7.218,68	8.421,01	9.202,94
	Slovakia	1929	2.010,51	1.964,70	1.973,10	2.076,10
	Slovenia	1264	1.123,67	1.346,07	1.570,27	1.716,07
Sub total		61.354	53.398	58.836	69.734	76.122
55-65	Northern					
	Denmark	355	436,49	849,01	544,31	1.052,10
	United Kingdom	2224	2.770,05	2.518,69	3.264,53	4.081,37
	Estonia	2284	2.208,21	3.106,64	2.675,07	4.247,51
	Latvia	2941	2.833,00	3.985,64	3.431,95	5.449,30
	Lithuania	2099	1.985,65	2.793,54	2.405,46	3.819,42
Sub total		9.903	10.233	13.254	12.321	18.650
65-71	Scandinavian					
	Finland	16521	24.481,37	24.179,38	22.187,86	22.942,82
	Norway	5186	11.403,39	11.049,31	9.049,11	10.141,35
	Sweden	21521	28.871,79	28.228,97	32.916,06	28.872,84
Sub total		43.228	64.757	63.458	64.153	61.957
	Europe	162.256	170.453	177.368	204.661	215.825

Forest area

Advanced Terrestrial Ecosystem Analysis and Modelling - ATEAM model



IMAGE 2.2 Integrated Assessment Model on commodity demands at the European scale (IMAGE team, 2001)

	Wood-based panels (M m3/yr)2005	A1 2050 Wood-based panels (M m3/yr)	A1 2050 Wood-based panels (M m3/yr)	A1 2050 Wood-based panels (M m3/yr)	A1 2050 Wood-based panels (M m3/yr)
Greece	0,87	0,32	0,33	0,52	0,50
Italy	5,61	2,82	2,79	3,63	4,01
Portugal	1,31	1,03	1,08	1,33	1,34
Spain	4,84	3,26	3,24	4,23	4,76
Albania	0,04	0,02	0,04	0,04	0,04
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Bulgaria	0,35	0,22	0,35	0,35	0,39
Serbia and Montenegro	0,07	0,05	0,08	0,07	0,08
Turkey	4,77	3,16	5,16	5,12	5,75
Yugoslav	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	17,86	10,87	13,06	15,29	16,88
Austria	3,45	5,81	5,60	4,01	5,33
Belgium	2,80	2,32	2,40	2,53	3,10
France	6,40	4,99	5,36	5,77	6,31
Germany	16,98	13,28	13,25	13,15	15,54
Ireland	0,88	0,48	0,40	0,48	0,61
Luxembourg	0,45	0,42	0,41	0,53	0,49
Netherlands	0,01	0,00	0,02	0,01	0,01
Switzerland	0,97	1,72	1,65	1,70	1,50
Croatia	0,13	0,10	0,17	0,10	0,16
Czech Republic	1,49	1,20	1,95	1,20	1,81
Hungary	0,67	0,53	0,85	0,53	0,79
Poland	6,74	5,37	8,73	5,38	8,07
Romania	1,01	0,82	1,33	0,82	1,23
Slovakia	0,61	0,49	0,79	0,49	0,73
Slovenia	0,41	0,33	0,53	0,33	0,49
	42,99	37,52	42,91	36,71	45,67
Denmark	0,35	0,31	0,63	0,24	0,42
United Kingdom	3,40	2,74	3,18	2,76	3,65
Estonia	0,41	0,30	0,57	0,33	0,49
Latvia	0,43	0,32	0,59	0,41	0,43
Lithuania	0,40	0,29	0,54	0,38	0,40
	4,98	3,96	5,50	4,12	5,39
Finland	1,99	1,95	1,88	1,59	1,74
Norway	0,58	0,36	0,29	0,26	0,30
Sweden	0,75	0,78	0,76	0,77	0,71
	3,31	3,09	2,92	2,62	2,75
Total Europe	69,14	55,44	64,38	58,73	70,70

Provisioning services

Global Forest Resources
Assessment 2005: Progress
towards sustainable forest
management, FAO Forestry
Paper no.147

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Netherlands	0,01	0,00	0,02	0,01	0,01
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Croatia	0,13	0,10	0,17	0,10	0,16
Czech Republic	1,49	1,20	1,95	1,20	1,81
Hungary	0,67	0,53	0,85	0,53	0,79
Poland	6,74	5,37	8,73	5,38	8,07
Romania	1,01	0,82	1,33	0,82	1,23
Slovakia	0,61	0,49	0,79	0,49	0,73
Slovenia	0,41	0,33	0,53	0,33	0,49
	42,99	37,52	42,91	36,71	45,67
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Latvia	0,43	0,32	0,59	0,41	0,43
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Sweden	0,75	0,78	0,76	0,77	0,71
	3,31	3,09	2,92	2,62	2,75
Total Europe	69,14	55,44	64,38	58,73	70,70

Provisioning services

ATEAM
(A1, A2, B1, B2)

→ percentage change

Harvested timber is taken as an indicator for wood supply. The wood supply (the amount of stem wood removed from the forest) is related to forest production.



Stocked carbon

$$\text{Stocked carbon}_{i,j} = \sum (\underset{\substack{\text{from ATEAM project} \\ \text{(A1, A2, B1, B2)}}}{ha_{i,j} |_k} \times \underset{\substack{\text{from ATEAM project} \\ \text{(A1, A2, B1, B2)}}}{C(t / ha)_{i,j} |_k})$$

Where:

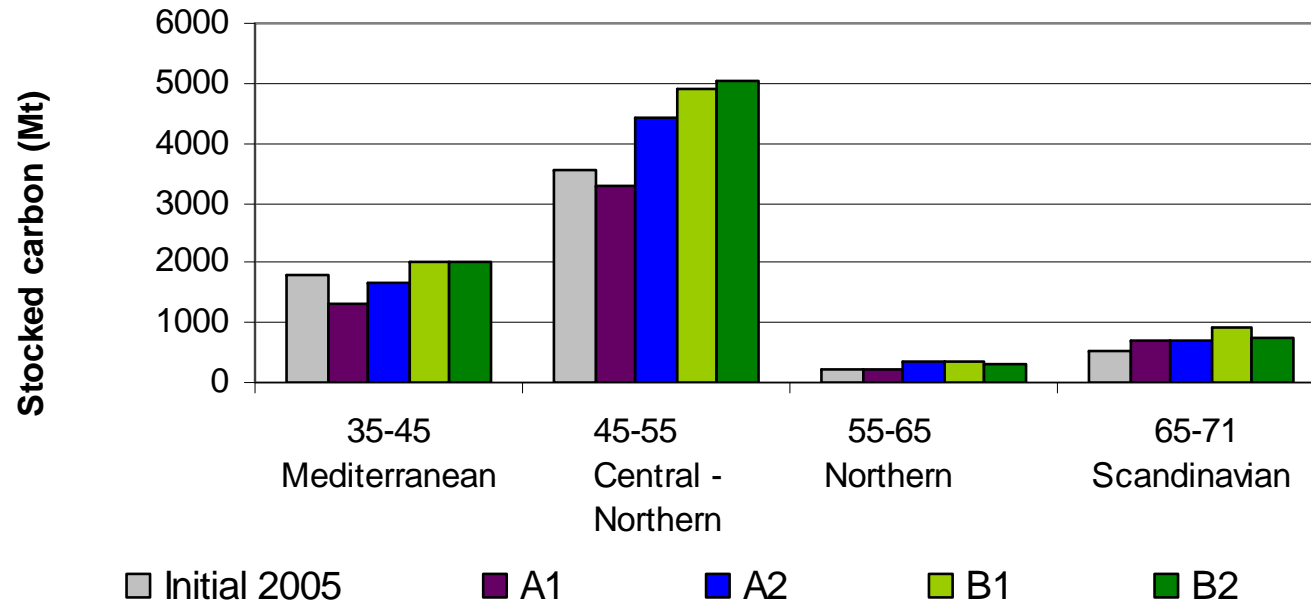
i = country

j = IPCC scenarios

K = forest area

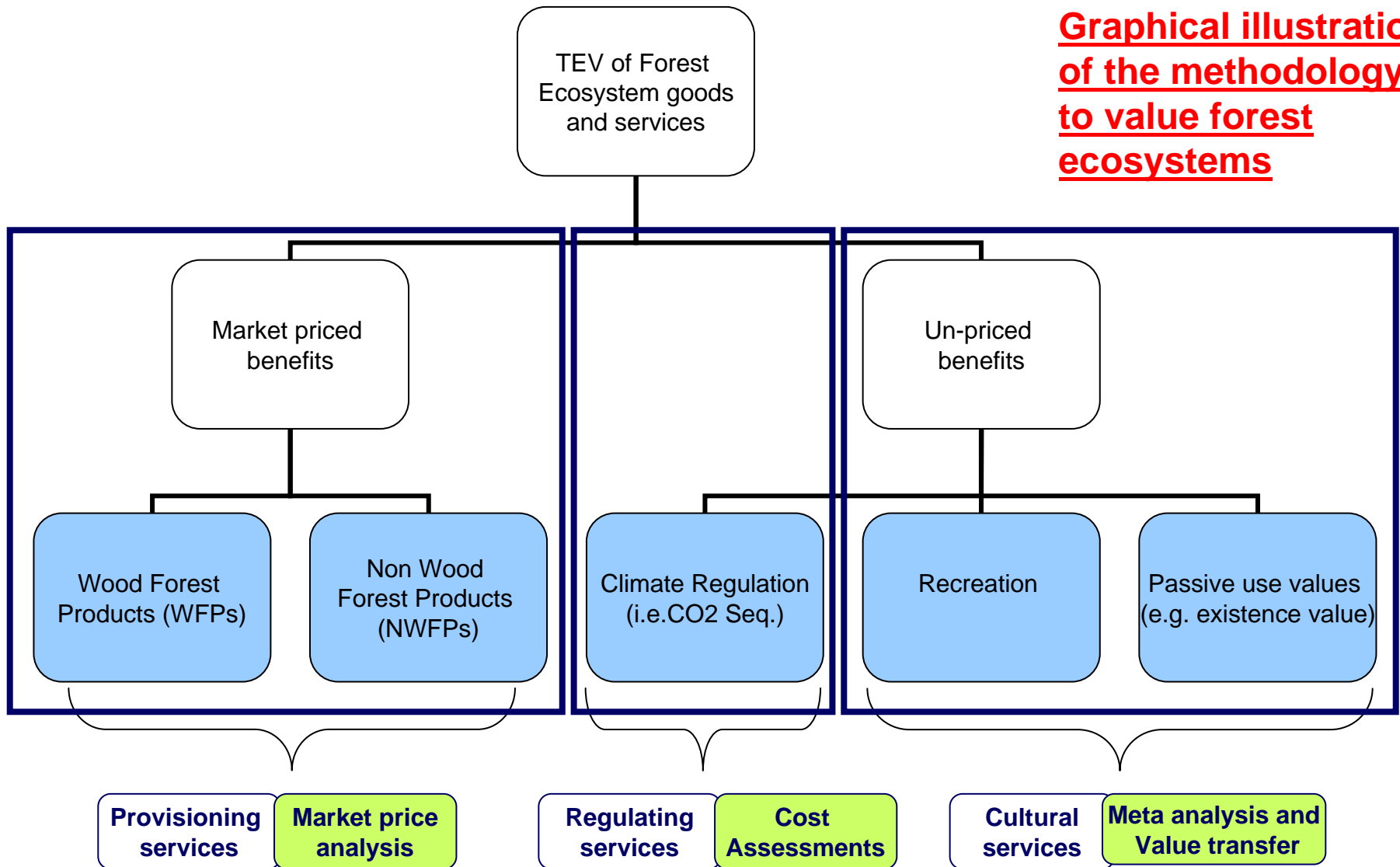
Carbon storage in tree biomass and forest soils

Projection of stocked carbon in 2050



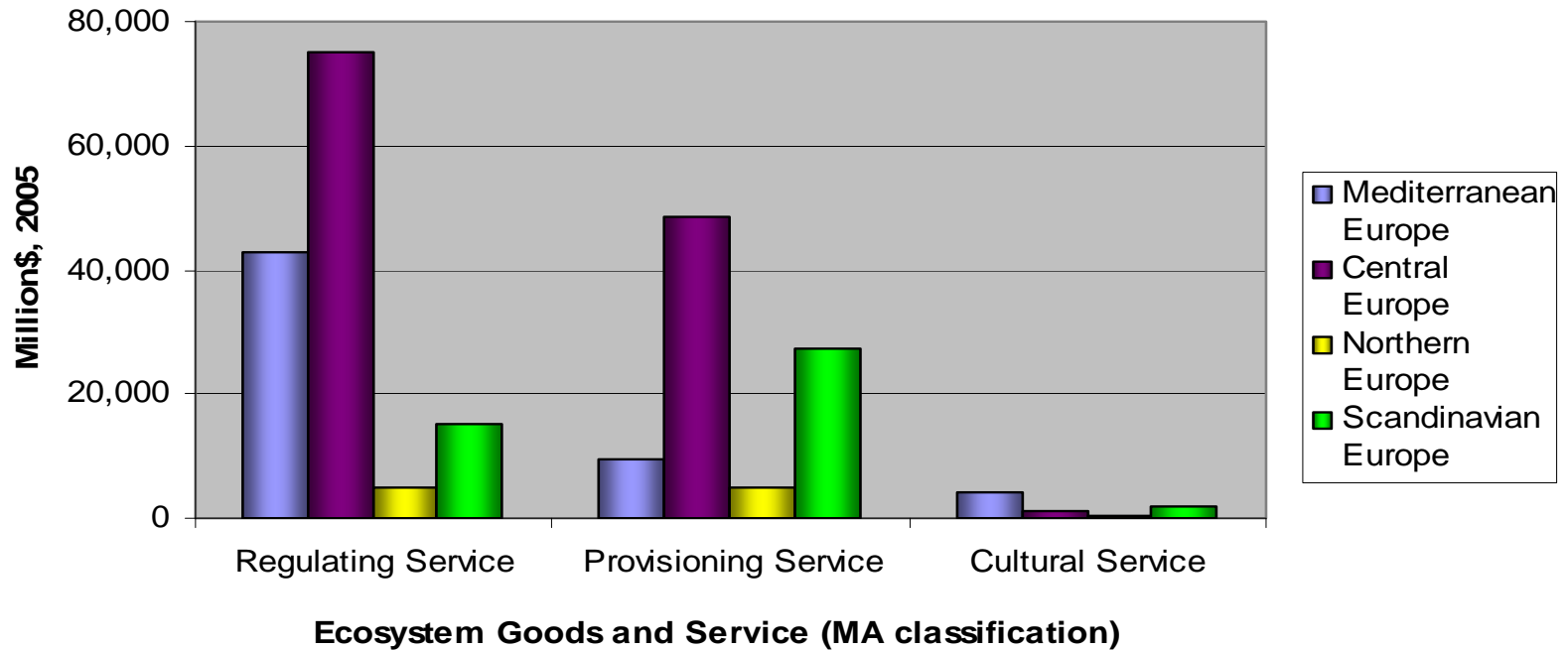
A Review of Economic Valuation Methods

Graphical illustration of the methodology to value forest ecosystems



- WFPs:
 - Total Revenues derived from Forest Industry in 2005 (Source: FAOSTAT)
 - Unit value of Forest is computed for 2005 (US\$ per T/M³ per country)
- NWFPs (**excluded from the final computation**)
 - Hardly find market data for all countries under consideration
 - Not easy to project under IPCC scenario
- CO₂ regulation
 - Tavoni *et al.*2007 estimated unit value of CO₂ in 2005 for 20\$/Mt
- Cultural Value
 - WTP estimates for recreational or/and passive use value of Forests (selected CVM and TCM studies from non-market valuation database.)
 - Worldwide Meta-analysis (Ojea *et al.*2008) and Regional Value Transfer

Total Economic Values of Forest Ecosystem in Different Latitudes (Status Quo in 2005)



1. The present value estimate is under estimated as many of the value components cannot be quantified.
2. The economic contribution of Forest EGS varies across latitudes due to the different predominant forest types.

- **WFPs:**

Future value of this sector is projected based on the assumption that the price of WFPs will keep stable for the next 50 years (Clark, 2001)

- **CO₂ regulation**

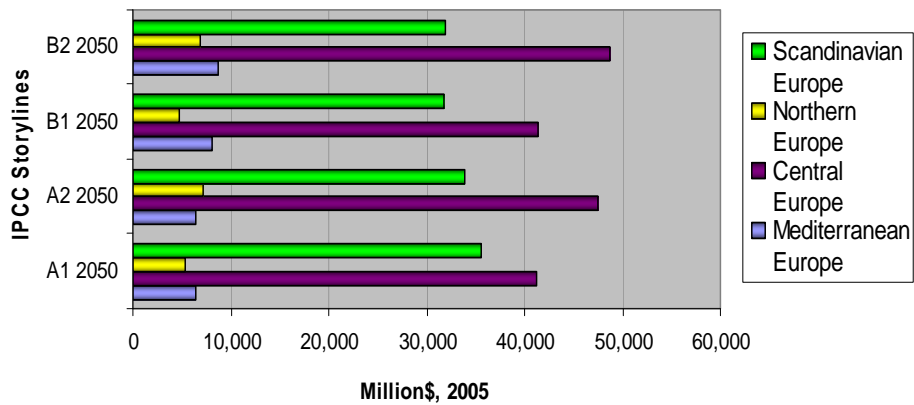
FEEM-CASES (i.e. Cost Assessment for Sustainable Energy Systems) project for the projected price of carbon sequestration in 2050

- **Cultural Value**

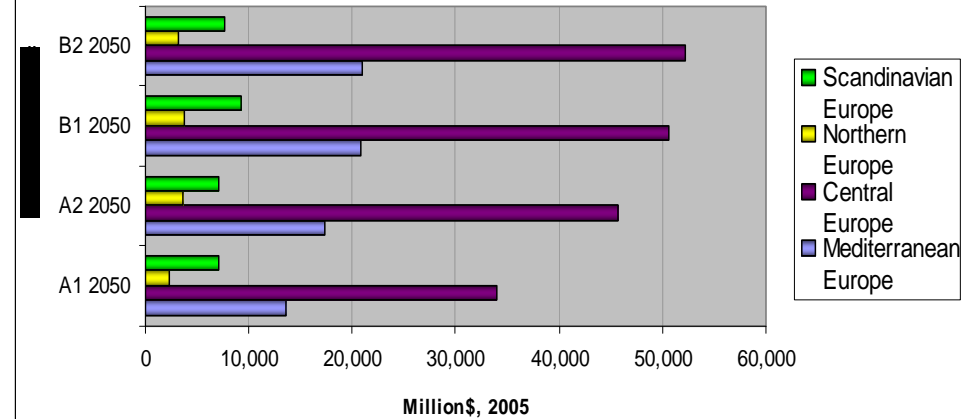
1. Unit value estimate (\$/ha) corrected by forest areas, PPP-GDP per capita, population under four IPCC scenarios.
2. Aggregation of unit value over all countries located in each latitude grouping.

An Overview of the projected TEV in 2050

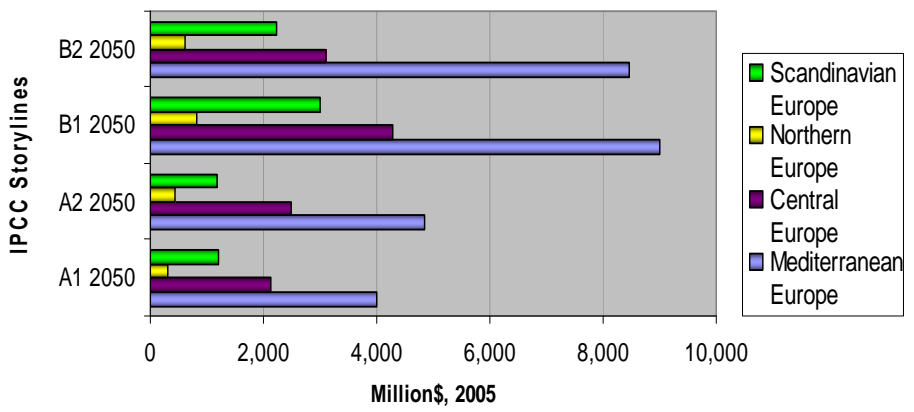
Total Value of WFPs Provided by Forests in Different European Regions by 2050



Total Value of Carbon Stored by Forests in Different European Regions by 2050



Total Cultural Values Derived from Forests in Different European Regions by 2050



1. In the same latitude, climate change may affect each geographical region very differently in terms of the contribution of the identical ES in the local economy.
2. For each type of forest ES, climate change impact also varies across latitudes.

- In our analysis, IPCC A2 storyline has been selected as benchmark as it is characterized as largest population and highest income per capita.
- By comparing the all other three IPCC storylines, i.e. A1, B1 and B2 with the A2 storyline, we are able to measure the costs of changing in global climate for future scenarios.
- Our computation results show that climate change is complex and the answer about the nature and magnitude of its impacts is ambiguous.

Nevertheless....,

we still can get some interesting insights from our results....

Table 1 Comparison of Total Value of WFPs for European Forests

Benchmark A2 Scenario		Mediterranean Europe (N35-45)	Central Europe (N45-55)	Northern Europe (N55-65)	Scandinavian Europe (N65-71)
Absolute value	A1vs.A2	-40	-6,306	-1,802	1,597
difference (Million\$, 2005)	B1vs.A2	1,565	-6,115	-2,503	-2,171
	B2vs.A2	2,283	1,186	-405	-1,999
Change in %	A1vs.A2	-0.6%	-13.3%	-25.0%	4.7%
	B1vs.A2	24.3%	-12.9%	-34.7%	-6.4%
	B2vs.A2	35.4%	2.5%	-5.6%	-5.9%

- 1. A1 scenario with a higher concentration of CO₂ and higher °C will result in welfare loss to all countries, except Scandinavian, in terms of WFPs benefits.**
- 2. In B type scenarios, consciousness of sustainable development and environmental protection may reduce the extraction of WFPs, which thus relates to a decrease in profits, like shown in B1 scenario.**
- 3. However, one should realize that a local or national oriented sustainable development strategy (i.e. B2 scenario) may have positive impact on the social welfare.**

Table 2 Projection of Total Benefits of Carbon Storage in European Forests

Benchmark A2 Scenario		Mediterranean Europe (N35-45)	Central Europe (N45-55)	Northern Europe (N55-65)	Scandinavian Europe (N65-71)
Absolute value	A1vs.A2	-3,809	-11,732	-1,393	-111
difference	B1vs.A2	3,403	4,856	144	2,168
(Million\$, 2005)	B2vs.A2	3,587	6,428	-448	491
Change in %	A1vs.A2	-22.0%	-25.7%	-38.3%	-1.6%
	B1vs.A2	19.6%	10.6%	4.0%	30.3%
	B2vs.A2	20.7%	14.1%	-12.3%	6.9%

- A1 scenario representing more rapid progress of economic development than A2, so not surprisingly we can have a loss in the benefits of Carbon storcks from forests in all Europe.**
- In B type scenarios, consciousness of sustainable development and environmental protection can lead to the extension of protective forest area, and thus refer to welfare gains in most of the regions.**
- However, in B1 scenario, the worldwide efforts in sustainable development lead to high welfare gain in all regions; but in B2 scenario, these effects are unevenly distributed in different latitudes as local planning plays an essential role here.**

Table 3 Comparison of Total Value of Cultural Values for European Forests

Benchmark A2 Scenario		Mediterranean Europe (N35-45)	Central Europe (N45-55)	Northern Europe (N55-65)	Scandinavian Europe (N65-71)
Absolute value	A1vs.A2	-862	-352	-121	18
difference (Million\$, 2005)	B1vs.A2	4,156	1,795	393	1,808
	B2vs.A2	3,607	633	182	1,038
Change in %	A1vs.A2	-17.8%	-14.2%	-28.3%	1.5%
	B1vs.A2	85.7%	72.5%	92.3%	152.5%
	B2vs.A2	74.4%	25.6%	42.9%	87.5%

- A1 scenario is worse off comparing to A2 scenarios.**
- All B-type scenarios have positive impacts on welfare economy in terms of provisioning of cultural services.**
- The comparison of the scenarios show that moving from B-type scenarios to A2 scenario will involve costs of policy inaction. Moreover, economic oriented policy may reduce the welfare gain from other ecosystem services, such as the enjoyment of natural environment and the knowledge of existence of biodiversity in the forests.**



3. Linking Biodiversity to The Provision of Forest Ecosystem Goods and Services

- Explore the link between the Δ of biodiversity and the Δ of forest productivity value, in the light of climate change scenarios (work in progress...)

$$\Delta Value_j (\$/ha) = a + b * \Delta Biod.Indicator_i$$

Ecosystem good and services
(market)
- wood forest products
- carbon storage

4 Biodiversity indicators
- individual (2)
- aggregate (2)

Biodiversity indicators (individual species)

- trees-biological diversity
(estimates of the number of different tree species)
- plants-biological diversity based indicator
(estimates of the number of different plants species)
- herptiles-biological diversity based indicator
(estimates of the number of different herptiles species)
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Biodiversity indicators (aggregated)

- patterns in extinctions and colonizations
(expressed in percentage terms)

Biodiversity indicators (information is mapped at)

- 2000 and the patterns in extinctions and colonizations are anchored with respect to 2003) – ATEAM biodiversity information
- projection for 2050 (A1, A2, B1 and B2) – ATEAM biodiversity indicator projections

Scenario development: informational setup

	Tree species		Aggregated	
	Richness	Number	Extinction	Colonization
C02, \$/ha				
C02, total \$				
		A1		A2
		B1		B2
WFP, \$/ha				
WFP, total \$				

We can estimate biodiversity productivity estimates regarding

- polled sample
- Mediterranean region
- Scandinavian region
- work in progress North and Central Europe

across all the 4 IPCC scenarios: A1, A2, B1 and B2

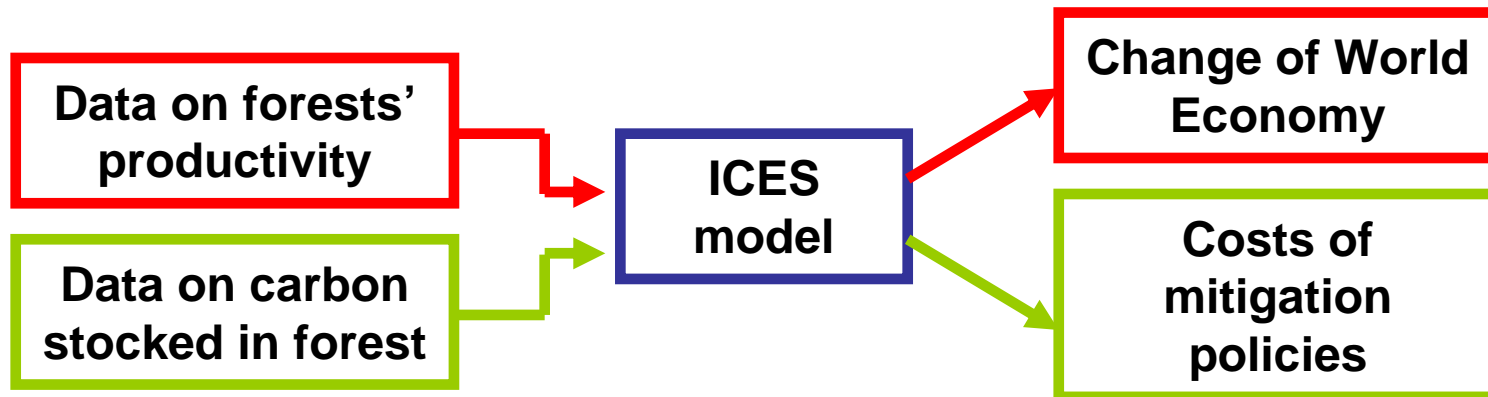
$$\frac{\partial \text{productivity}}{\partial \text{biodiversity}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{production}}{\partial \text{biodiversity}}$$



4. Integrating the Results of Economic Valuation to CGE Modeling

- **The experimental exercise with ICES model:**



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