

PROJECT INFORMATION

Assessment of ecosystems and their services in selected pilot regions of the Russian Federation



Moscow's Gorky Park – urban green spaces provide numerous ecosystem services

Source: Karsten Grunewald (IOER)

Background

In view of the climate-regulating services they provide, Russia's eco-systems are important for both the entire biosphere as well as for the general well-being of the country. Russia has shown the requisite political resolve to take various steps towards implementing international agreements such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the 2030 Agenda as well as the goals of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

Project details

The aim of the project was to apply new methodological approaches in pilot regions for the integration of ecosystem performance assessments in accounting and reporting systems, especially in the environmental-economic accounts of Russia. One particular task was to take sufficient account of urban greenery. To this end, the Russian and German experts prepared the results and studies of the previous projects TEEB 1+2 ("The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity") for a broad expert audience. They published corresponding papers and studies and organised expert meetings with governmental representatives. On this basis, they devised a roadmap for the introduction of new approaches and methods for environmental accounting and reporting, also developing recommendations for their implementation in various pilot regions. Furthermore, the project partners informed the general public and decision-makers by means of an international online conference on the "Importance of urban nature for the health and quality of life of the Russian people". Overall, they advanced the process initiated by the TEEB 1+2 projects to make biodiversity and ecosystem services a central component of decisions in various policy fields and, where possible, at all decision-making levels in Russia.

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