

Stakeholders

Stakeholders can be defined as “any group or individual who can affect or is affected by the ecosystem services” in the specific context (Hauck et al. 2014) ¹⁾. To further substantiate this four main categories of stakeholders related to biophysical or physical resources and their ecosystem services/disservices can be distinguished (Demeyer & Turkelboom 2014) ²⁾:

1. **Beneficiaries:** Stakeholders who directly benefit from ecosystem services (e.g. people seeking relaxation, enjoying natural products);
2. **Burden:** Stakeholders who are negatively affected by ecosystem services/disservices (e.g. people with allergic reactions);
3. **Impact Stakeholders:** Stakeholders who directly impact ecosystems and/or their services (e.g. land owners, resource manager);
4. **Indirect Stakeholders:** stakeholders who indirectly influence ecosystem (services) (e.g. decision maker, civil society organization).

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