



Eurosites

EES WG: Additional funding

Establishing a market system for (protected) nature areas as an answer to the economisation of life?

Questions and challenges from the discussion of habitat banking:

Definition of habitat banking

Habitat banking (HB) is a *market based system for matching demand and supply for Ecosystem Services* including Biodiversity (BD), made possible by *restoration of (degraded) lands or habitats that is (co)financed by the selling of nature credits.*

(Derived from the definition of the Environment Bank in UK)

Habitats are sites/ terrains eligible for restoration and/ or enhancing delivery of ES.

Market system/nature credits (1)

- 1. Which motives can be put forward for creating demand from companies and other parties for nature credits (apart from the known ones of dependence on natural capital, compensation of footprints or image building in the field of corporate social responsibility)?*
- 2. Can it be a viable option to sell nature credits that guarantee only the output of creating conditions necessary for the enhancement of biodiversity and/ or delivery of (some) ecosystem services without the need to prove the lasting result of enhancement?*

(Lower costs of verified monitoring and validation of plans)

Market system/ nature credits (2)

Nature areas as the main treasury keepers of sustainable ecosystem services for our economies,
but nature management is nevertheless at its best considered as an acceptable social expense. →

- 3. Can a market system be helpful to underline this treasury keeping position of nature areas?*
- 4. Can a market system based upon nature credits be a viable option for (protected) nature areas?*

Habitat banking(HB)

1. About the definition → *Better to make explicit discern between biodiversity and habitat banking because of the different aspects associated with both?*
2. Mostly degraded lands are the suitable options as sites for HB but they will be less available in protected nature areas. → *Under what conditions are habitats in (protected) nature areas suitable for the purpose of HB?*
3. *Is it a reasonable assumption that HB can include relevant ecosystem services next to Biodiversity at a short notice?*

THANK YOU