

Launch of the Scientific Foundation of the project **Cities and Biodiversity Outlook**

Urbanization, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: Challenges and Opportunities. A Global Assessment

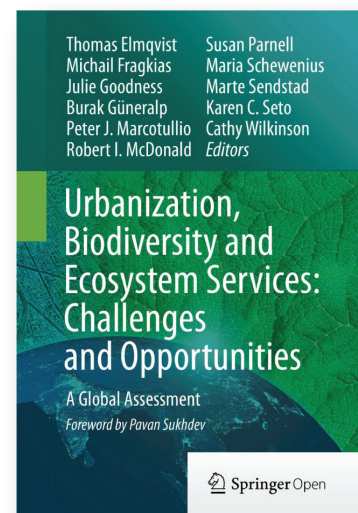


Date, time: Wednesday 13 November 2013, 16:00-19:00, followed by a reception

Venue: Auditorium of Pati Manning (Diputació de Barcelona)

C/ Montalegre, 7, Barcelona, Spain

The **Cities and Biodiversity Outlook** project presents the world's first global assessment of the effects of urbanization on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The book discusses the massive challenges ahead but also the unprecedented opportunities to guide urban development towards sustainability, identifies knowledge gaps that are crucial to bridge, and provides specific guidelines for policy-makers.



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Programme

16:00-16:10	Welcome note Mercè Rius i Serra, Deputy Councillor for the Environment, Barcelona Provincial Council
16:10-16:30	Urban Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at a Global Scale Professor Thomas Elmqvist, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The Cities and Biodiversity Outlook</i><i>Introduction to the URBES Project</i>
16:30-17:00	Urban Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at the local level: the case of Barcelona <ul style="list-style-type: none">Toni Pujol, Environment Officer, Urban Habitat, Barcelona City Council: <i>The Barcelona Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Plan 2020</i>Dr. Erik Gómez-Baggethun, Research Fellow, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona: <i>Ecosystem services in Barcelona: a research perspective on the valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services</i>
17:00-17:30	Urban Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Land Use <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Erik Andersson, Researcher, Stockholm Resilience Centre: <i>Planning for ecosystem services - what does it take?</i>Dr. Timon McPhearson, Assistant Professor of Ecology, The New School: <i>Managing Urban Nature for Human Health and Well-being in New York City</i>
17:30-17:40	BREAK
17:40-18:00	Governance of Urban Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Dr. Niki Frantzeskaki, Senior Researcher, Dutch Research Institute for Transitions: <i>Rotterdam: the transition to urban resilience</i>
18:00 -18:45	Panel discussion with speakers and audience
18:45-18:50	Closing statement Chantal van Ham, IUCN European Union Representative Office
18:50- 19:50	Reception

Moderated by: Chantal van Ham, IUCN EU Representative Office, Brussels

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