



**Policy Mechanisms for Ecosystems Services Delivery**

**Environmental Markets for Ecosystem  
Services**

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# What have we lost?





# We have become divorced from our environment

- We don't understand our environment
- We fail to value the things it provides for us
- If we don't value them we will not look after them
- We will overexploit and abuse them for short term gain
- It's an unfair world – the richest 500 people have a greater combined income than the poorest 416 million
- Our environment continues to be degraded at an alarming rate
- Resources are exploited far faster than they can be renewed
- Population, Food, Water, Energy
- We are failing to appreciate the significance of climate change

# Nature provides us with :

- Food
- Water
- Fibre and materials
- Biodiversity and landscape
- Minerals
- Fuel
- Flood alleviation
- Means of holding carbon
- Our climate

