

Danish Network on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service Science

Terms of reference

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Mission The mission of **The Danish Network on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service Science** is to strengthen knowledge sharing between those who study or work with biodiversity and ecosystem service related topics including research or policy in Denmark.

Purpose To create a multi-disciplinary, national platform for stakeholders (i.e., science, students, private business, public sector) working in the area of biodiversity and ecosystem services and related topics (natural capital, ecosystem management etc.).

The activities of the network will focus on sharing knowledge and experience from both national and international scientific research, applied projects and policy-related initiatives.

Participants The network is open to all from relevant sectors and fields within research (scientists and students), private business and consultancies, NGOs as well as the public sector incl. institutions and decision-makers in e.g., municipalities and at state level.

The network will also focus on involving younger scientists and managers to increase awareness about the field and contribute to build up the Danish capacity to participate in ecosystem service related projects.

Current members are welcome to suggest new members of the network. These suggestions should be made to the secretary of the network.

Activities The network will have 2-4 annual network meetings dealing with relevant topics including presentations and discussions. It may be research projects, management projects, policy-relevant initiatives, case studies etc.

A plan for following network meetings will be drafted and circulated among members of the network before the meeting.

The network will work to organize an annual conference or seminar in alignment with the mission of the network. This event will however be dependent on external funding.

A platform for communication of relevant publications and activities etc. and the presentations and minutes of meetings will be available on the web and social media. See “dansk netværk om økosystemtjenester” på www.ipbes.dk

Further projects may be discussed and possibly developed within the network and among the participants.

Budget and funding Participation in the network and its general meetings is free, but additional activities or projects may depend on contributions from the network members or external funding.

Host The network is hosted by the Danish IPBES office in collaboration with DTU Aqua and SLA and meetings are held at the Department of Food and Resource Economics and Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management at the University of Copenhagen.