



NETBIOME-CSA

STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN RESEARCH COOPERATION FOR SMART
AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL BIODIVERSITY
IN OUTERMOST REGIONS AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

The relevance of ecosystem valuations in OR/OCT policy-making

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NetBiome-CSA activities on biodiversity valuation

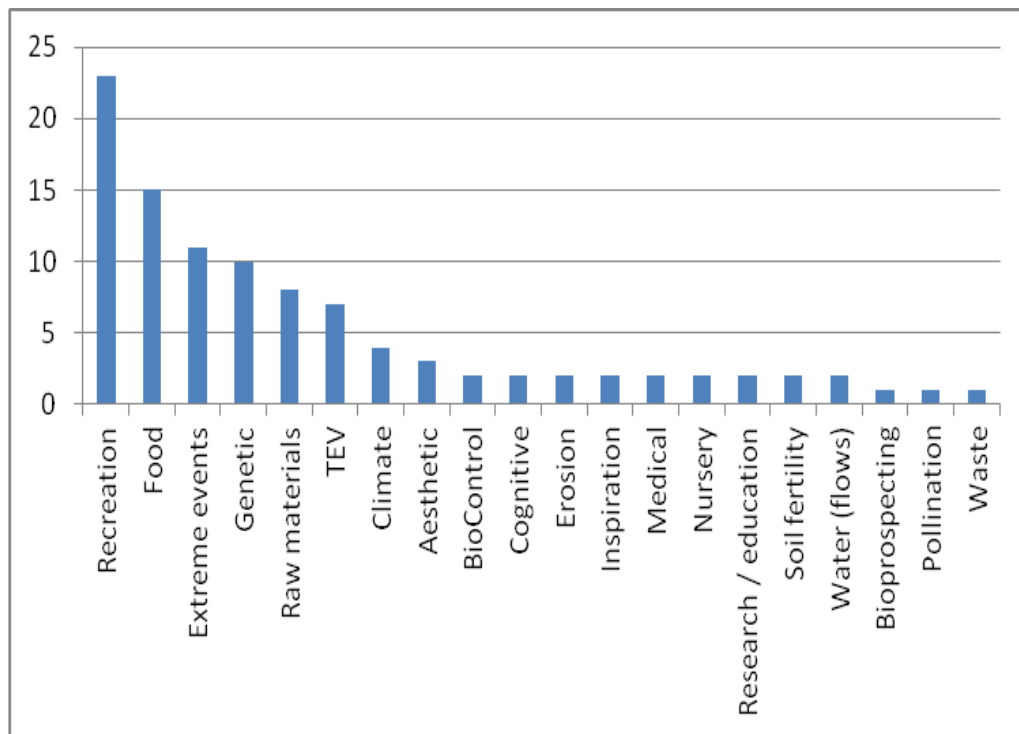
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Take home messages

- Reasonable amount of valuation data from ORs and OCTs available
- Potential role in political decision-making



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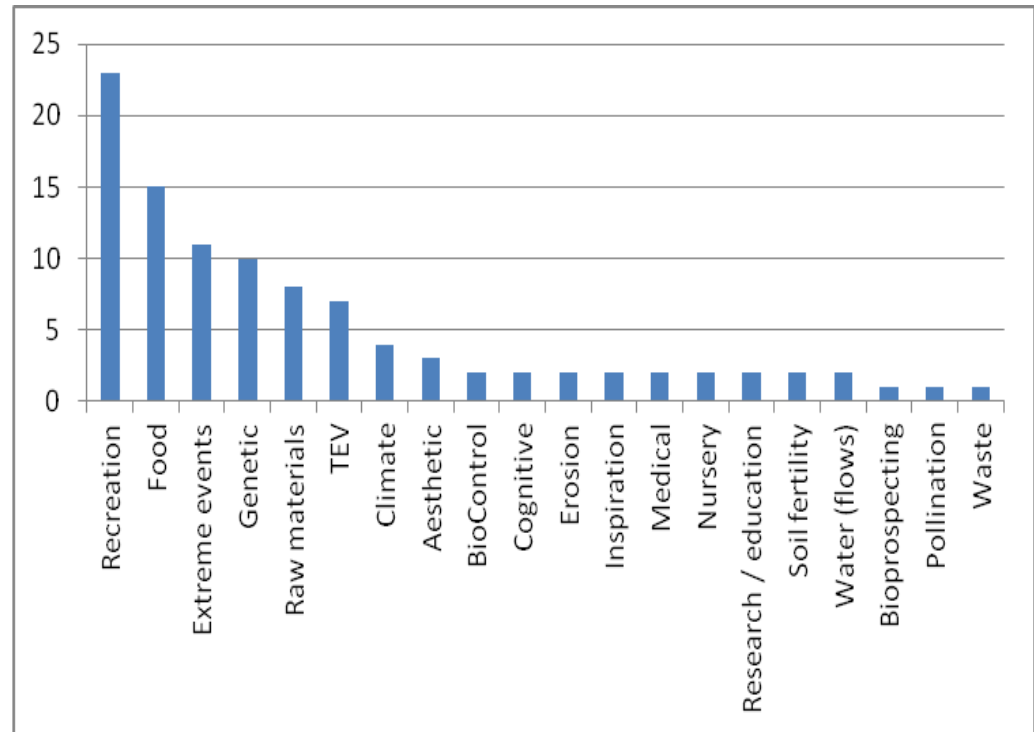
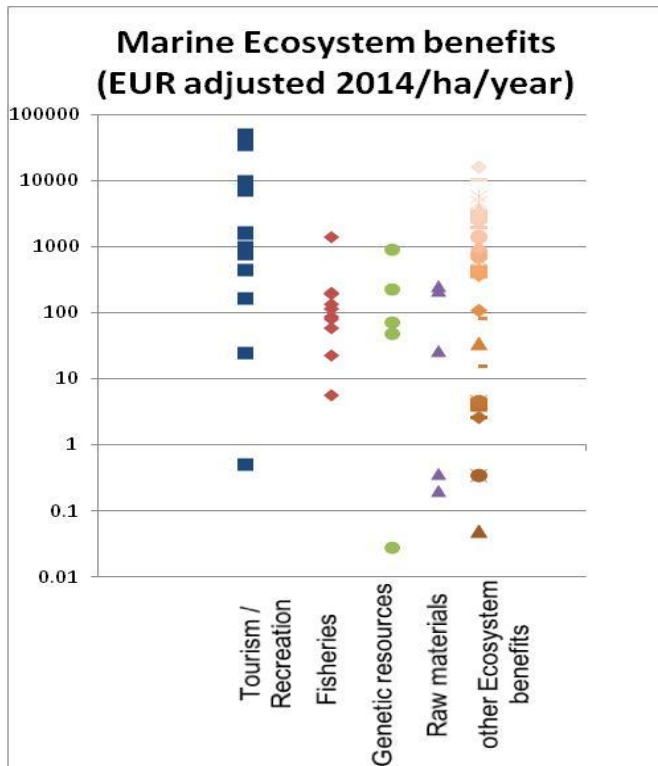
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Take home messages

- Importance of “user-driven research”
- ‘Windows of opportunity’ are relevant
- Coordination of ongoing and planned research efforts could create synergies



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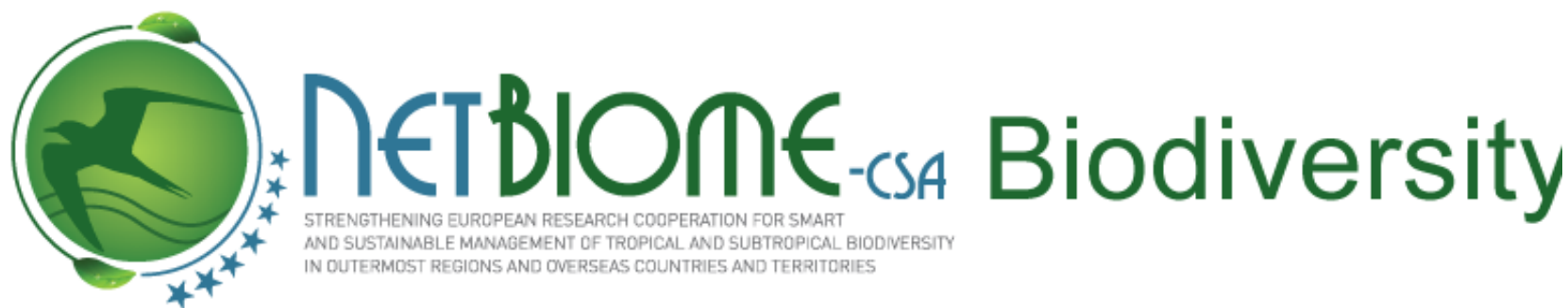
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Take home messages

- Stakeholders aware of some resources, but don’t always fit needs
- Barriers:
 - Data
 - Policymakers’ capacity for action
- Enablers e.g.:
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Local champions,
 - appropriate tool design
- Leverage points:
 - engage policymakers and stakeholders consistently
 - Integrate research into existing processes



Valuation resources in the Biodiversity Toolbox



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