



Survey on Policy Use of Non-market Valuation

Have you carried out non-market valuation studies for your estuary?

- Yes.
 No.

If you have done non-market valuation studies for your estuary, please answer the following questions in Part I; otherwise please go ahead to Part II.

Part I

Q1. What was the purpose of doing the non-market valuation study? (Multiple choices are acceptable.)

- To recognize the importance of a given ecosystem or ecosystem service
- To evaluate a project (e.g. an investment project, a preservation or restoration project, etc.)
- To trade off multiple projects
- To review a regulation related to estuarine management
- To inform market-based conservation mechanisms (e.g. payment for ecosystem services, user fees, conservation credits, tax breaks, etc.)
- To do natural resources damage assessment
- To do environmental costing (e.g. reflecting environmental cost in prices of ecosystem goods and services.)
- To do environmental accounting (e.g. natural capital accounting, green GDP accounting, etc.)
- To do ex post assessment of a project or regulation
- To assist with other environmental management tools
- Others

Please specify your purpose.

Q2. Do you think the results of non-market valuation influenced policy decisions?

- Yes. If yes, how did you use non-market values to influence policy decisions?
 No. If no, why were non-market values not influential in policy decision?
 We have not used them. If you have not used non-market values, how do you plan to do it?



Q3. Did you encounter problems using these non-market values in policy decision?

- Yes. If yes, please describe your problems.
 No.

Q4. Are you planning to fund additional non-market valuation studies of your estuary?

- Yes. If yes, please describe your plan.
 No. If no, please explain your reason.
 Maybe. If you have not decided, what is the most important factor affecting your decision about non-market valuation?

Q5. Are there any staff with economics background to advise whether/ how to do non-market valuation in your institution?

- Yes.
 No.

Q6. Has economic analysis been playing an influential role in your decision-making process?

- Yes.
 No.

Part II

Why have you not carried out any non-market valuation studies for your estuary? (Multiple choices are acceptable.)

- Non-market valuation techniques are not reliable enough.
 Non-market values are not complete enough to inform our policy decisions.
 Policy use of non-market valuation remains unclear.
 Non-market valuation is not our priority to solve existing problems.
 Non-market valuation is too costly compared to our limited budget.
 The information or data related to non-market valuation is not available.
 There are influential stakeholders who do not want it.
 There are no economists available to inform us about non-market valuation.

Other reasons

No matter whether you have done non-market valuation for your estuary, please answer the following questions in Part III.

Part III

Q1. Are there any staff with economics background to advise whether/ how to do non-market valuation in your institution?

- Yes.
 No.

Q2. Has economic analysis been playing an influential role in your decision-making process?

- Yes.
 No.

Q3. How beneficial would the following items be to your estuarine management?

1. More support to increase the understanding of the range of non-market values and the array of valuation techniques available to estimate these values

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Not at all important Very important

2. Enhanced credibility and reliability of non-market valuation techniques

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Not at all important Very important

3. Expand the range of ecosystem benefits/services that can be measured by non-market valuation

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Not at all important Very important

4. Link non-market values explicitly to different stakeholders/ user groups

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Not at all important Very important

5. Clarify the links between policy questions and non-market valuation

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Not at all important Very important



6. More reports about how to use non-market estimates in policy decision making process

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Not at all important Very important

7. Establish more effective communication channels between economists and estuarine agencies

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Not at all important Very important

8. Develop less expensive methods to carry out non-market valuation studies

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Not at all important Very important

Other improvements you suggest

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