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Rethinking Ecosystem Services for Biosphere Reserves
Chair: Cécile Barnaud
• Objectives
  – Share experiences and ideas about ES in BR
  – Discuss the potential and limits of ES for BR
  – Rethink ES to fit to MAB values
  – Identify concrete paths to go there

• Expected outcomes
  – Overview of ES approaches implemented in BR
  – New ideas for developing ES approaches in BR
  – Identify what is needed for that
  – Start a network of people working on ES in BR

• Workshop format
  – Participants moving in the room according to their experience of ES (low/high expertise, positive / negative opinion)
  – Form pairs for informal discussions to know each other
  – Presentation to give an overview on ES (history, controversies, rationalization) (Cécile Barnaud), testimonial of a project (Anna Echassoux)
  – World café.
    • Round 1 = Deconstruct. In the ES concept, what do you keep, what do you leave?
    • Round 2 = Imagine. What could be a project on ES that would be useful and meaningful for BR?
    • Round 3 = Action. What would you need to make your dreams real? (what you need to have, what you need to do)
• Main issues discussed
  – First question should be: why do we want to use the ES concept?
  – They are multiple complementary ways to use it, depending on context & objectives
  – ES should be considered as a tool among others
  – ES can reveal complex connectedness between man and biosphere
  – We should not forget it is a subjective concept
  – It is important to look also at intermediate services
  – Monetarisation is not mandatory
  – ES concept should not put aside conservation issues
  – It is not the best tool to study people’s representations
  – More ecological knowledge is needed, but there is enough for action
  – BR could develop participatory approaches to ES for cooperation among people
  – Attention to conflicts and trade-offs is important
  – We need to have step by step approaches, start with small targets
  – The ES fashion will pass: what will last? Some knowledge & ideas to build upon.

• Outputs
  – Proposals – projects: ideas about concrete projects of our dreams
  – Partnerships: a nice group feeling, several connections for future potential collaborations
  – Communication: exchanges about common issues and problems
  – Relevance to LAP
  – Relevance to SDG: 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15