

## CHECKLIST

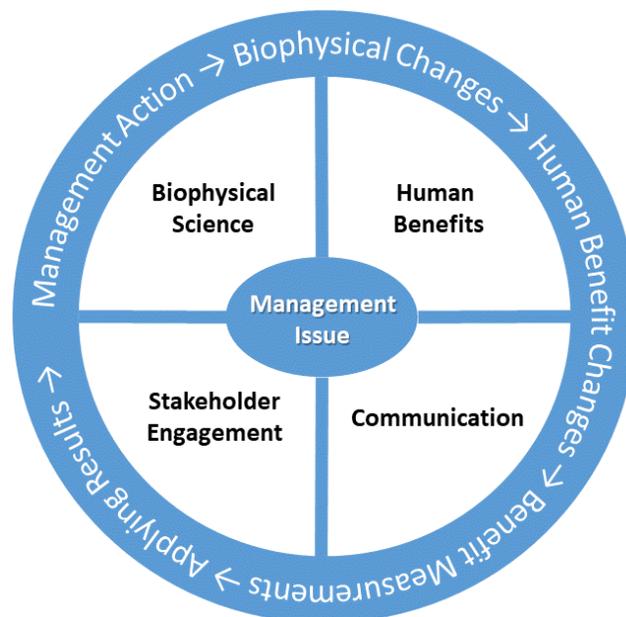
# Preliminary Ecosystem Services Framework: Project Checklist



“Ecosystem services” represent the human benefits that healthy ecosystems provide, including water purification, flood protection, and recreational opportunities. To better understand these services, officials and resource managers need a framework that integrates four key elements: *biophysical science*, *human benefits*, *stakeholder engagement*, and *communication*.

Use this questionnaire to explore these four elements and how integrated they are in your ecosystem services project. The questions are designed to assess whether the ecosystem services framework is right for you, as well as help you prepare for the planning process. While this quick reference approach is no substitute for a comprehensive guide, the process does provide a preliminary assessment to steer projects toward the right path.

A comprehensive ecosystem services project integrates the four components, but any combination can be incorporated into projects. For some questions, the answers may be uncovered as the project progresses. If your response to any of the questions is “no” or “unsure,” you may need additional reflection or planning.



| <b>Section I. Does your project align with the ecosystem services framework?</b>                               | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                | <b>Unsure</b>            |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Is there a clear management question or issue?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you know what actions you are going to take to address your management issue?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you know what the biophysical changes and corresponding impacts to services and human benefits would be? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you know which stakeholder groups are involved in your management issue?                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you know who would benefit from your management scenario?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you have a desired future outcome of the ecosystem services project?                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| <b>Section II. What expertise and data do you need?</b>   | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                | <b>Unsure</b>            |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you have the necessary expertise on your project team?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you know what data or information you will need for your project?                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Could highlighting multiple benefits or co-benefits contribute to funding and collaboration opportunities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| <b>Section III. How ready are you to begin project planning?</b>  | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                | <b>Unsure</b>            |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Have you identified a method, or methods, for measuring the change in biophysical health and function? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Have you identified a method, or methods, for measuring human benefits?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you have a plan for engaging stakeholders?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Have you thought about how the team will communicate the project results to partners and stakeholders? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you know how the project results will be used?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Have you thought about potential barriers and solutions for using the results of your project?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |