



EE475 Natural Resource Economics

Different Aspects of Natural Resources

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Outline



- ▶ Basic types of natural resources
- ▶ Resource system and Resource units
- ▶ Values of Natural Resources and Environment
- ▶ Modeling Resource Service
- ▶ Economic Typology of Natural Resources
- ▶ Property Rights governing the resources

What do you see?





Basic typology of resources

- ▶ Nonrenewable Resources ?
- ▶ Renewable Resources (non-accumulating) ?
- ▶ Renewable Resources (accumulating) ?
- ▶ Recyclable Resources ?

Resource System vs Resource Units

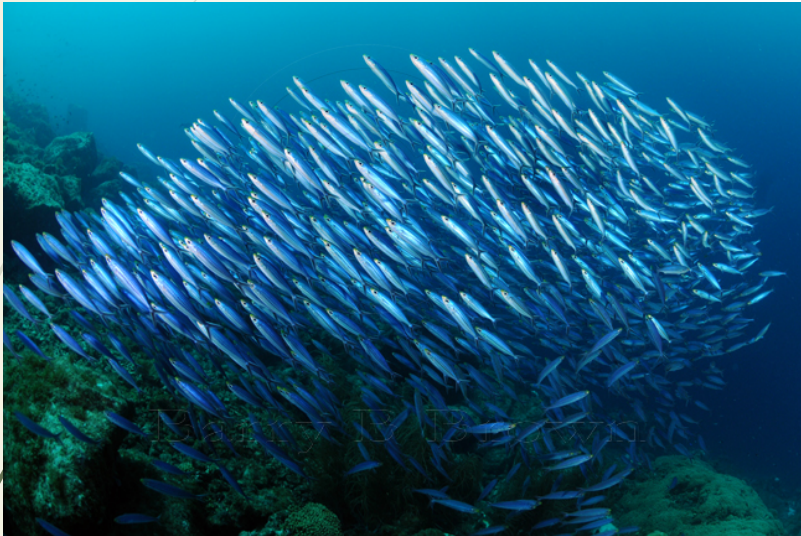


Resource System



Resource Units

Resource System vs Resource Units



Resource System



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Resource System



หน่วยทรัพยากร (Resource Units)

What “goods and services” do you see?





Classification of Goods and Services from Natural Resources based on “Value”

- ▶ One way to classify is through **values of the natural resources** that human perceive.
- ▶ **3 types** of value (Tietenberg and Lewis 2011)
- ▶ **Use Value**: implying that some attributes of nature are being utilized in some sense.
 - ▶ **Extractive** / Active-use/ Consumptive Value
 - ▶ **Non-extractive** / Passive-use / Non-consumptive Value



Classification of Goods and Services from Natural Resources based on “Value”

- ▶ **Option Value** - reflecting values people place on **a future ability to use the environment.**
- ▶ **Nonuse Value** – reflecting value people willing to pay to improve or preserve environment or natural resources **even though they will never use it.**
 - ▶ **Existence Value** – Value people place on **existence** of the environment.
 - ▶ **Bequest Value** – Value people are willing to pay to **pass on healthy environment to the future generation.**



Classification of Goods and Services from Natural Resources based on “Value”

Goods and Services from natural resources		
Type of resources	Extractive	Non extractive
Forest		
Land		
Plants		
Terrestrial animals		
Marine animals/ Fisheries		
Water		
Geological Resources		



Modeling resource services

- ▶ Natural resource management decisions are complex because they involve connections and trade-offs between the present and the future.
 - ▶ In period 0,
 - ▶ There is a certain quantity of resource available
 - ▶ The resource is “used” in some amount.
 - ▶ The resource may replenish or increase in some amount (growth of the resource), which depends on the type of resource.
 - ▶ These factors contribute to the availability of resource in period 1.
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Modeling resource services

Amount of resource available in period 1 (S_1)	=	Amount of resource available in period 0 (S_0)	-	Amount of resource used in period 0 (Q_0)	+	Increment to the resource in period 0 (ΔS)
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$$S_1 = S_0 - Q_0 + \Delta S$$



What are the models for the following types of resources?

- ▶ Nonrenewable Resources ?
- ▶ Renewable Resources (non-accumulating) ?
- ▶ Renewable Resources (accumulating) ?
- ▶ Recyclable Resources ?



Typology of Goods and Services in Economics

Excludability		Non-Excludability (or difficult to exclude)
Rivalry (Subtractability)	Private Goods	Common-pool resources
Non-rivalry (Non-subtractability)	Club goods (Toll goods)	Public goods



Property Rights

- ▶ *“... is a bundle of characteristics that convey certain powers to the owner of the right.” (Hartwick and Olewiler 1998, p.7)*
- ▶ *“...property right refers to a bundle of entitlements defining the owner’s rights, privileges, and limitations for use of the resource.” (Tietenberg and Lewis 2011, p.22)*
- ▶ *Types of Property Rights*
 - ▶ **Private** Property Rights
 - ▶ **State** Property Rights
 - ▶ **Common** Property Rights
 - ▶ **Open-access** Property Rights

Property Rights vs Types of Goods in Economics

► *Types of Property Rights*

- **Private** Property Rights
- **State** Property Rights
- **Common** Property Rights
- **Open-access** Property Rights



Forest = Common-Pool Resources

Summary: Aspects of Natural Resources

