GLOBAL ECOSYSTEMS ATLAS

GEO GROUP ON EARTH OBSERVATIONS

Global Ecosystem Atlas – Workshop Summary

Major Points Discussed;

- The importance of building partners, sharing data and approaches – and limiting wherever possible the duplication of ecosystem mapping efforts.
- The need to share the specific methods developed by Atlas to crosswalk national maps to the IUCN GET.
- The strong need to show the original sub-national, national data layers (wherever licensing allows), requiring efforts on negotiating the re-licencing of data.
    - Atlas will provide a full data catalogue, and crosswalking methods.
- The need for temporal based ecosystem extent data for ecosystem accounting, national reporting etc., and the difficulty in generating that data in the short term for Atlas.
- The need to coordinate between in-country teams working on ecosystem ground mapping and related projects - benefiting from existing resources.
- The difficulties in resolving cross boundary (nations, state) ecosystem classifications.