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Ecosystem services have been widely discussed in not only scientific studies but also policy making since the UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA) was published. The ecosystem services from forests are essential for human wellbeing in demand for all categories of ecosystems, but what factors and how they influence the supply is less known and the supply of the ecosystem services is not free. Who benefits at whose costs of the ecosystem services and by what factors? The biophysical and socio-economic assessments aiming to quantify the factors and trade-off of ecosystem services for human wellbeing serve as a support for designing better policies in forest management and governing.

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