# Biodiversity and ES initiatives in Wallonia



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- The ongoing initiatives on biodiversity and ecosystem services (ES) in Wallonia
- Limitations of the curent initiatives
- Areas of improvement
- Examples of successful initiatives

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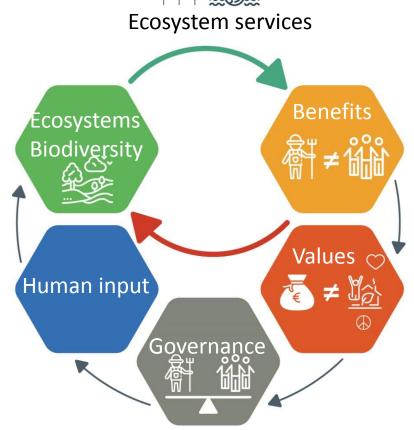
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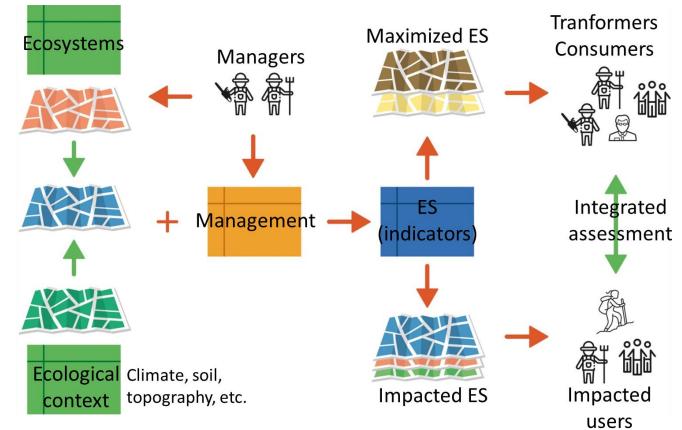
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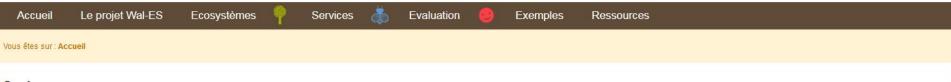
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Assessment framework



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- Database (ES typology, indicators, data, etc.)
- Website (http://wal-es.be)



#### Saviez-vous :

#### Que la plus grande entreprise européenne est la biodiversité !

"Il n'y en a pas d'autre qui produise tant de nourriture, assure tant de biens et services et nous offre autant de travail". Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, 20 avril 2012, Rapporteur de la **Résolution** " La biodiversité, notre assurance-vie et notre capital nature!", Parlement européen, Stratsbourg.



Qu'outre la production de nourriture, de fibres, de matériaux, d'énergie, de l'eau de consommation, ...



#### Actualités

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L'étudiant(e) participera à l'élaboration de la méthodologie d'évaluation sociale ainsi qu'à sa mise en place sur un cas d'étude (la forêt communale de Sivry-Rance, province du Hainaut, Belgique) et à l'analyse des résultats.

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#### SDT = Land Development Scheme Long-term vision of land use planning in Wallonia

#### **Ecological network** (extraordinary biodiversity)

#### + Green infrastructures (common biodiversity -> ES)

Main thematic ecological networks

- Broadleaved forest
- Calcareous grassland
- Ardenne peaks
- Ardenne high valley
- •••• Flood plain
- ••• Heap and brownfield

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Supported by various people/associations (ex.: Natagora, WWF, etc.) but the government? RÉSOLUTION

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## Areas of improvement

Raise awareness among politicians and society on biodiversity and ES

More means (money, people, etc.)



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<u>Objective</u>: develop tools to assess landscape multifunctionality in land consolidation plan

Two cases studies :

• Tool based on ES (Forville)

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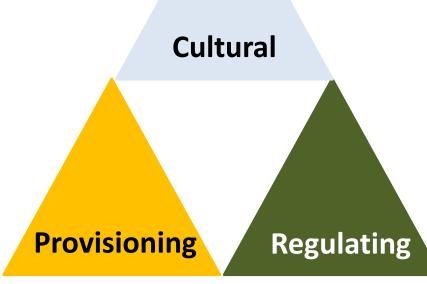
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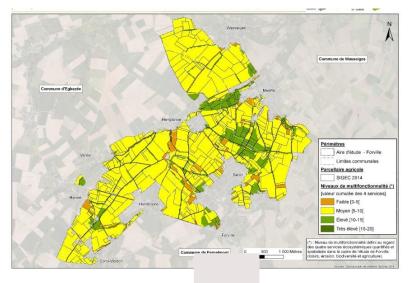
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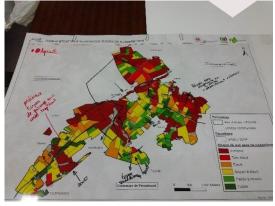
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2° Multifunctional diagnosis of land area

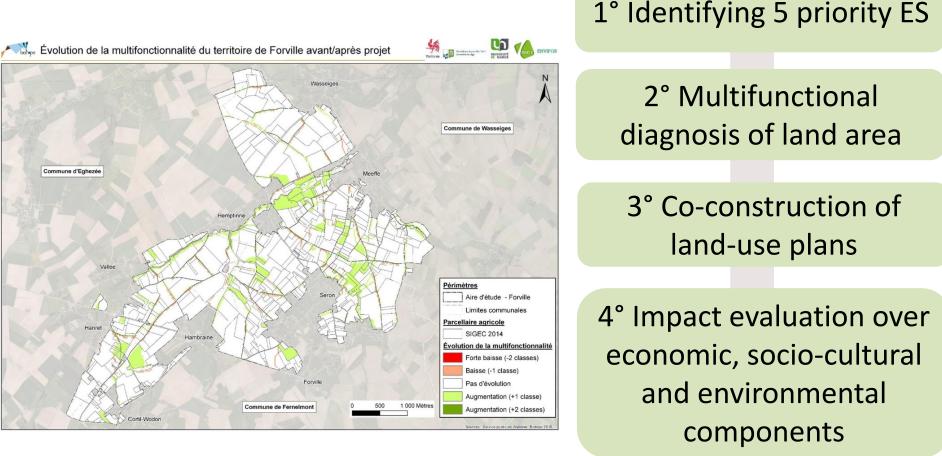
3° Co-construction of land-use plans



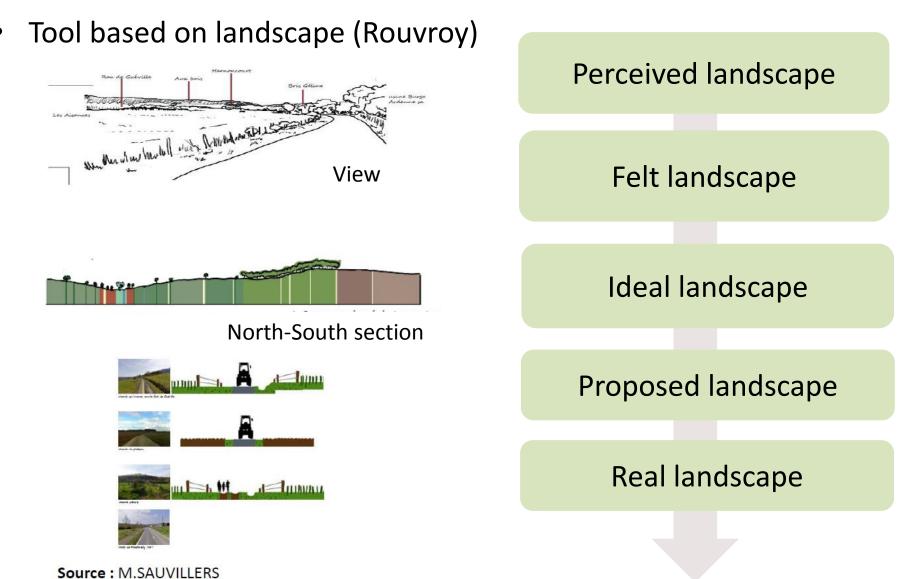


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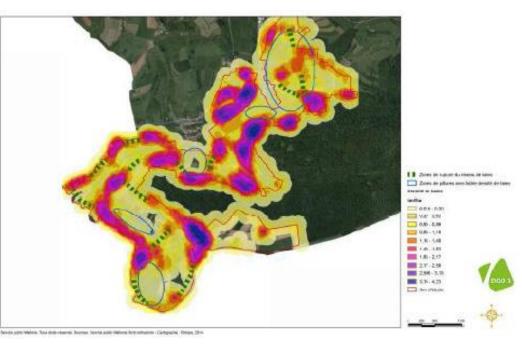


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Tool based on landscape

Study of Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Rhinolophus hipposideros B.)

- To complement the landscape plan
- Umbrella species
- Guidelines to strengthen the ecological gridding





Source : F. C. Robiller / naturlichter.de

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