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The Editors of the IUCNAEL eJournal hereby invite contributions for consideration for inclusion in the 2013 edition of the eJournal. The eJournal, which is now in its fourth year of publication, can be accessed at <http://www.iucnael.org/en/e-journal/about-the-journal.html>. As you may be aware, we accept three forms of contributions, the details of which are set out below.

1. Substantive Academic Articles

The theme for substantive academic articles for inclusion in the 2013 edition is 'Ecosystem Services, Economic Valuation, and Environmental Equity: Complementary or Contradictory?' This theme has been chosen to coincide with that of the IUCNAEL's Pre-Colloquium Workshop to take place at the University of Baltimore, Maryland, on Sunday, 1 July 2012. Contributions on this theme are invited from all interested academics whether they intend participating in the above workshop or not.

This theme has been selected as an increasing number of scholars and governments have begun to embrace ecosystem services as a means to protect the environment and provide financial rewards to those involved in habitat protection and restoration. The term "ecosystem services" refers to the important functions ecosystems provide, such as water filtration and purification, soil protection and creation, and food production. For most of the 20th Century, people traditionally viewed environmental protection as economically disadvantageous when compared to natural resource exploitation and other habitat uses that convert natural capital to economic goods. The recognition and economic valuation of ecosystem services may provide a means by which habitat protection and restoration can have direct economic value that exceeds other potential habitat uses. An ecosystem services framework may also provide new economic and employment opportunities for people who live in habitats that serve important functions. For these reasons, and many others, many environmental advocates have promoted the development of ecosystem services as a new model of conservation. At the same time many commentators are wary about the implications of this concept for fairness and environmental governance.

The 2013 Issue of the e-Journal therefore seek to focus on the intersection of ecosystem services, economic valuation of environmental goods, and the equitable concerns involved in pricing environmental benefits. Papers are invited in particular on optimal approaches for protecting ecosystem services, the benefits and potential risks of an ecosystem services approach to environmental protection, and the equitable implications of ecosystem services protection and valuation.

The maximum length for contributions of this nature is 8000 words (please note this represents an increase in maximum length compared to previous issues). All submitted substantive articles will be subject to blind peer review, following which the best 3/4 articles which comply with the *Author Guidelines* will be selected for publication by the Editorial Board.

2. **Country Reports**

The second form of contribution we seek is country reports which highlight interesting developments in policy/statute/case law in the author's jurisdiction in the past year. The 2012 Issue of the eJournal contained country reports from scholars situated in 25 jurisdictions across the globe and we would very much like to duplicate this effort in the 2013 Issue. Please see the *Country Report Guidelines* and previous issues of the eJournal for further information on the nature, structure and form of these country reports. The maximum length for each country report is 3000 words. All country reports deemed to be of a satisfactory quality by the Editorial Board and which comply with the *Author Guidelines* and *Country Report Guidelines* will be published.

3. **Book Reviews/Short Opinion Pieces/Letters**

The final form of contribution is book reviews, short opinion pieces and letters. The maximum length for each such contribution is 1000 words. All contributions of this nature similarly deemed to be of a satisfactory quality by the Editorial Board and which comply with the style guidelines will be published.

If you would like to submit any of the above contributions to the eJournal, please send by email attachment to the Editors - Elizabeth Kirk and Alexander Paterson - at IUCNAELJournal@gmail.com. Please note that while contributions can be submitted

in English, Spanish, French and Mandarin, all must be accompanied by an abstract (100 words) written in English.

The deadline for submitting all three forms of contributions is 30 November 2012.