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WHO WE ARE

The [Foundation for Sustainable Development](#) (FSD) is a not-for-profit research and consultancy organisation founded in 1992 and based in The Netherlands. FSD aims to support the conservation and sustainable use of natural ecosystems by building knowledge and stimulating awareness of the many ways in which people benefit from nature. Since its inception, FSD carried out over 65 projects linking science on ecosystem assessment to practical application. FSD communicates its results to the general public and decision-makers including among others the EU, the Dutch government and NGO's. FSD also provides institutional support to many on-going activities of other organisations aimed at conservation and sustainable ecosystem management. We focus on four main thematic areas:

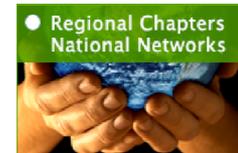
- ★ Ecosystem assessment and nature valuation
- ★ Biodiversity and climate change
- ★ Communication and capacity building
- ★ Ecosystem management and restoration

OUR EXPERIENCE

- ★ Over the years, FSD has built up considerable experience with international research projects, both as project leader and project contributor.
- ★ FSD coordinates the [Ecosystem Services Partnership](#) (ESP), a worldwide network to enhance the science and practical application of ecosystem services assessments. ESP hosts 8 Biome Working Groups, 12 Thematic Working Groups and 5 Sectoral Working Groups. Those working groups provide platforms for researchers and practitioners to exchange information and ideas on Ecosystem Services Assessment on specific topics. ESP also has 10 Regional Chapters that aim to connect local information and experiences on the theoretical and practical application of ecosystem services with those of the international ESP community. The European Regional Chapter contains 23 National Networks in European countries. ESMERALDA can greatly benefit from this international network.
- ★ FSD developed a database on ecosystem services for the [Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity \(TEEB\) study](#).
- ★ FSD was the lead of the communication and dissemination work package of the EU FP7 project [Civi.net](#). As in ESMERALDA, also in this project working with local stakeholders was very important.
- ★ FSD has a lot of experience in citizen science projects and science communication within The Netherlands but also internationally via our phenology network 'Nature's Calendar' and our Nature news website [Nature Today](#).

ESP The Ecosystem Services Partnership

Worldwide Network to enhance the Science and practical Application of ecosystem services assessment



WHAT WE DO IN ESMERALDA

Using the ESP Network for several ESMERALDA tasks such as:

- ★ Involving the ESP working groups in identifying potential case studies in different biomes and ecosystems, themes, and geographical contexts
- ★ Involving the ESP European National Networks in the ESMERALDA national stakeholder networks
- ★ Using ESP communication channels for ESMERALDA outreach and communication

WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN [Ecosystem Services Partnership \(ESP\)](#), [OpenNESS](#), [Life VIMINE](#), [Nature Today](#)



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