| **Ecosystem Service** | **Existence value of nature** |
|---|---|
| **CICES class name** | Characteristics or features of living systems that have an existence value |
| **CICES Section** | Cultural (Biotic) |
| **CICES Class code** | 3.2.2.1 |

## Brief Description

- The things in nature that should be conserved
- The biophysical characteristics or qualities of species or ecosystems (settings/landscapes/cultural spaces) which people seek to preserve because of their non-utilitarian qualities

## Sample Indicators

| **Indicator values from** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Experiment or direct measurement |  | Survey |  |
| Expert assessment |  | Statistical- or census data |  |
| Model or GIS |  | Literature values |  |
| Stakeholder participation |  | Not provided |  |

*Table 1: Field Scale*

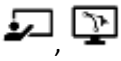
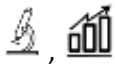
| **Indicator** | **Unit** | **Indicator values from** |
|---|---|---|
| [1] Combination of the following indicators:<br>Existence value of a target species. Site quality: habitat suitability for prey (low, medium, high)<br>Existence value of a target species. Site opportunity: local level of habitat fragmentation, scaled to [0 -1]<br>Existence value of a target species. Scarcity: Risk of species population falling below viable population size, scaled to [0 -1]<br>Existence value of a target species. Reliability: Risk of future service loss through urban development within a 3-mile radius, scaled to [0 -1] | - |  |

*Table 2: Regional Scale*

| Indicator | Unit | Indicator values from |
|---|---|---|
| [2] Intrinsic value of biodiversity: values for land cover classes. The matrix by Burkhard et al., 2012 (DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolind.2011.06.019) was used in this study. | Index 0 - 5 |  |
| [3] Existence value: Participatory mapping. Respondents in an online survey mark on a map the areas in their region where different cultural ecosystem services are supplied. Then, the proportion of markings in each of the investigated land cover classes is calculated. After that, values are calculated for subregions. The proportions are multiplied with the area extent of the respective land cover classes in the sub-region, and results for all land cover classes are summed up | ha |  |
| [4] Number of spiritual facilities per landscape | # * $ha^{-1}$ |  |
| [4] Number of national parks | # |  |

*Table 3: National Scale*

| Indicator | Unit | Indicator values from |
|---|---|---|
| [5] Diversity of breeding bird species (Simpson-Index) | - |  |
| [5] Number of farmland bird species | # |  |
| [6] Species of conservation concern: based on species listed in the U.K. Biodiversity Action Plan and recorded in a grid cell | Not provided |  |
| [7] Cropland or grassland in protected agricultural areas (e.g., Natura2000, Biosphere reserves, IUCN category V areas, World Heritage UNESCO sites related to agricultural landscape, landscape conservation areas) | ha |  |

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