

# Download Nature S Services Societal Dependence On Natural Ecosystems

Ecosystem services are the many and varied benefits that humans freely gain from the natural environment and from properly-functioning ecosystems. Such ecosystems include, for example, agroecosystems, forest ecosystems, grassland ecosystems and aquatic ecosystems. Collectively, these benefits are becoming known as 'ecosystem services', and are often integral to the provisioning of clean drinking ... Much of the Mississippi River Valley's natural flood protection services were destroyed when adjacent wetlands were drained and channels altered. Revealing secrets about natural water purification WATER PURIFICATION: An Essential Ecosystem Service We All Need Water to Survive Water Purification is one of the many services provided by ecosystems. Ecosystem services and goods (ES) represent the direct and indirect benefits humanity derives from ecosystems. The ES concept is considered a useful approach to highlight the dependence of human well-being on ecosystems, bridging the gaps between ecology, economics and society in order to achieve sustainable resource management. A particular strength of this concept is its ability to spatially ...