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Online Resource Puts Ecosystem Services Experts at Fingertips

WASHINGTON, D.C.; September 15, 2009 – The World Resources Institute (WRI) and other leading international environmental organizations today launched the [Ecosystem Services Experts Directory](#), a public online directory that allows journalists, business leaders, and governments to locate and contact specialists in ecosystem services.

“Businesses realize that they face material risks and opportunities related to ecosystem degradation,” said [Craig Hanson](#), director of the [People and Ecosystems Program](#) at the [World Resources Institute](#).

“Now, for the first time, policy makers and companies have a single place where they can quickly find people who can help them make informed decisions about the environment,” added Nigel Winsor of the [Earthwatch Institute](#).

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Name	Title	Organiz
Craig Hanson	Program Director, People and Ecosystems Program	World Resources Institute
Mikkel Kallesoe	Program Manager	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
Eric Landen	President	Landen Consulting

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The free, easy-to-use directory enables users to search for country-specific experts in a wide range of ecosystem disciplines. It includes hundreds of expert profiles from

environmental organizations around the world, including the [International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\)](#), the [Ecological Society of America](#), and the [Millennium Ecosystem Assessment's Sub-Global Working Groups](#).

“With this resource, a policy maker in Mexico, for example, can contact local natural resource economists to assess the value of a nature reserve,” said James Griffiths, managing director of Ecosystems, Water and Sustainable Forest Products Industry at the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development](#). “Likewise, an agriculture company in India can find water, biodiversity, and agriculture experts to learn about the immediate ecological challenges facing its products.”

“The directory provides an opportunity for experts to share their work and improves scientific communication to decision makers,” said Enrique Lahmann of IUCN.

The [Ecosystem Services Experts Directory](#) is a joint venture between WRI, IUCN, WBCSD, and the Earthwatch Institute.

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The World Resources Institute (www.wri.org) is an environmental think tank that goes beyond research to find practical ways to protect the earth and improve people's lives.

Earthwatch Institute (www.earthwatch.org) is an international environmental charity that engages people worldwide in scientific field research and education to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (www.iucn.org) is the world's oldest and largest global environmental network. IUCN helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges.

The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (www.wbcsd.org) is a CEO-led, global association of some 200 companies dealing exclusively with business and sustainable development.

The Ecological Society of America (www.esa.org) is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization of scientists founded in 1915.