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Key Methodological Approaches to Assess Eco-System Services in Foreign States: Overview of the Problem

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Abstract. *The paper presents analytical materials on publications covering forest eco-system services assessment in foreign states. Over the last 20 years forest eco-system service studies in foreign states are characterized by exponential growth of publication activity. Basic classifications and key approaches to assess eco-system services in foreign states are available. International and national processes and programs in eco-system service area are reviewed. Research areas and practical applications of forest eco-system service assessments as a major and integral part of ground ecosystem in general are already shaped now.*

Key words: *forest use, multiple forest use, forest resource and ecosystem potential, ecosystem services, forest ecosystem service study, natural assets, forest ecosystem biodiversity and productivity.*

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