



Canadian Society for Ecological Economics



Call for Papers

CANSEE 2007 7th Biennial Conference

“Sustaining Communities and Development in the Face of Environmental Challenges”

**July 26-28, 2007
Halifax, Nova Scotia**

The 7th Biennial Conference of the Canadian Society for Ecological Economics (CANSEE) will reflect the focus of CANSEE in fostering transdisciplinary research activities and dialogue among natural and social scientists, government, the private sector and civil society, to deepen our understanding of the interactions between humans and nature, and to inform the sustainable stewardship of our natural resources and the environment.

These goals are particularly important in Canada given our rich endowment of natural capital, including forests, oceans, fish and wildlife species, biodiversity, productive soil, minerals, oil and gas, and freshwater. Our economy depends significantly on the use of these resources and society benefits greatly from the ecological services they provide. Stewardship of our environment and resources is needed to maintain the quality of life of Canadians and to support the people, economies and communities that depend on those resources for their livelihoods. Often, when the environment has already been degraded we are faced with difficult challenges of rebuilding ecosystems, while sustaining communities and economies.

The 7th Biennial Conference of CANSEE will provide a major forum to apply ecological economics in defining best approaches to achieve sustainability, in helping to address the myriad of environmental challenges we face, and in examining key issues of development both within Canada and internationally.

Conference sessions will focus on the contribution of ecological economics to the following:

- Management of **marine and coastal environments** and sustaining **coastal communities**
- Management of **forest environments** and sustaining **forest-dependent communities**
- Assessment and design of **recovery strategies** for **species at risk**
- Ethics, values and preferences for **rehabilitation of biodiversity**
- Social **equity of environmental conservation** (urban vs. rural, developing vs. developed nations)
- **Accounting for natural capital** in the measurement of regional and national welfare
- Recent advances in **sustainability indicators** and **monitoring** systems to support adaptive management
- Understanding the impacts of **climate change** and design of effective strategies for **adaptation**
- Project design in **international development** in support of **poverty alleviation**
- The role of Canadian institutions in **education** and **capacity building** for international development
- The **engagement of society** in the evolution and advancement of ecological economics

Conference sessions, papers and posters will directly address how an ecological economic approach can help society meet these challenges. Government, academics, NGOs, the private sector and the public are encouraged to attend.

All participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation of papers or posters on any of the conference themes, or for workshop discussion sessions. The combined length of the abstract body may not exceed 350 words. Include the name, title and affiliation of each author in addition to the mailing address, phone and fax numbers, and email of the primary contact. Abstracts and proposals for special topic sessions must be received no later than March 1, 2007. Abstract must be submitted via e-mail to cansee2007@cansee.org, or on-line at www.cansee.org/2007/. Abstracts will be evaluated, and confirmation of acceptance will be communicated to the author by March 31, 2007.