



Friday 1 February 2013 – 10am
International Environment House, Geneva

On the occasion of World Wetlands Day 2013, the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Wetlands International and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), with the support of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), the Canton of Geneva and the Geneva Environment Network (GEN) invite you to the launch of the report :

**THE ECONOMICS OF ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY (TEEB):
WATER AND WETLANDS***

10.00 Coffee & tea

10.30 *Welcome and opening*

Dr. Jan Dusík (Acting Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe)
Dr. José Romero (Head of the Rio Conventions, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment)
Prof. Nick Davidson (Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention)

Key findings and messages from the TEEB Water and Wetlands report

Mr. Patrick ten Brink (Senior Fellow and Head of Office, Institute for European Environmental Policy, IEEP)

11.10 *Panel discussion on integrating the values of water and wetlands into decision making moderated by Prof. Nick Davidson*

Dr. James Dalton (Coordinator Global Water Initiatives, IUCN)
Dr. Annukka Lipponen (Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE Water Convention)
Ms. Nathalie Rizzotti (Senior Policy Adviser Biodiversity, Federal Office for the Environment)

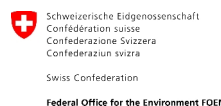
Special remarks from Ms. Michèle Künzler (Conseillère d'Etat, République et canton de Genève)

11.55 *Wrap-up and conclusions*

Dr. Steven Stone (Chief, Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP)

12.00 Light lunch

* Speakers and participants' contributions will be in English and French. Les interventions se feront en anglais et français.



We thank the Norwegian, Swiss and Finnish Governments and IUCN for their support of this initiative.