



## **Fourth International Congress for Ecosystem Services in the Neotropics: from research to action**

**Mar del Plata, 30 September to 2 October 2015**

### **Presentation**

The Ecosystem Services framework is increasingly considered an effective way of approaching the complexity of socio-environmental problems. Its advantage lies in the capacity to explicitly recognize the links between ecosystem functioning and human well-being. The application of the Ecosystem Services framework has increased exponentially in Latin America and worldwide. As a result, the concept of Ecosystem Services emerges as one of the most promising elements to foster dialogue and agreement among science, policy and social sectors in the quest for solutions to socio-environmental problems.

The International Congress for Ecosystem Services in the Neotropics aims to consolidate as a forum for interaction and discussion about ecosystem services research and management in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through its various modalities of interaction (symposia, forums, conferences), the Congress will cover conceptual, methodological and applied aspects across case studies from all over the region. In this fourth edition, interactions among academia, decision-makers and other stakeholders will be promoted in order to contribute to ecosystem services research and the formulation of public policies for sustainable development.



### **Venue**

Mar del Plata city is located in the southeast of Buenos Aires province, at a distance of 400 km from Buenos Aires city. It is the most important destination for summer holidays in Argentina. In addition to attractive beaches, Mar del Plata offers diverse options regarding arts, culture and entertainment. Such options include numerous theatre plays during the summer season, an International Cinema Festival, a jazz festival and the recently inaugurated Museum of Contemporary Arts (MAR). With a permanent population of more than 600,000, Mar del Plata has an important infrastructure for services and tourism that makes it an ideal venue for international meetings. The climate is temperate oceanic, with hot summers and cold winters. During September and October, the weather is mild (average 14 °C) with cool nights.



### **Important dates**

**Pre-registration:** December 2014  
**Call for abstracts:** February 2015

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