

Non-market valuation of the coastal environment

Uniting political aims, ecological and economic knowledge

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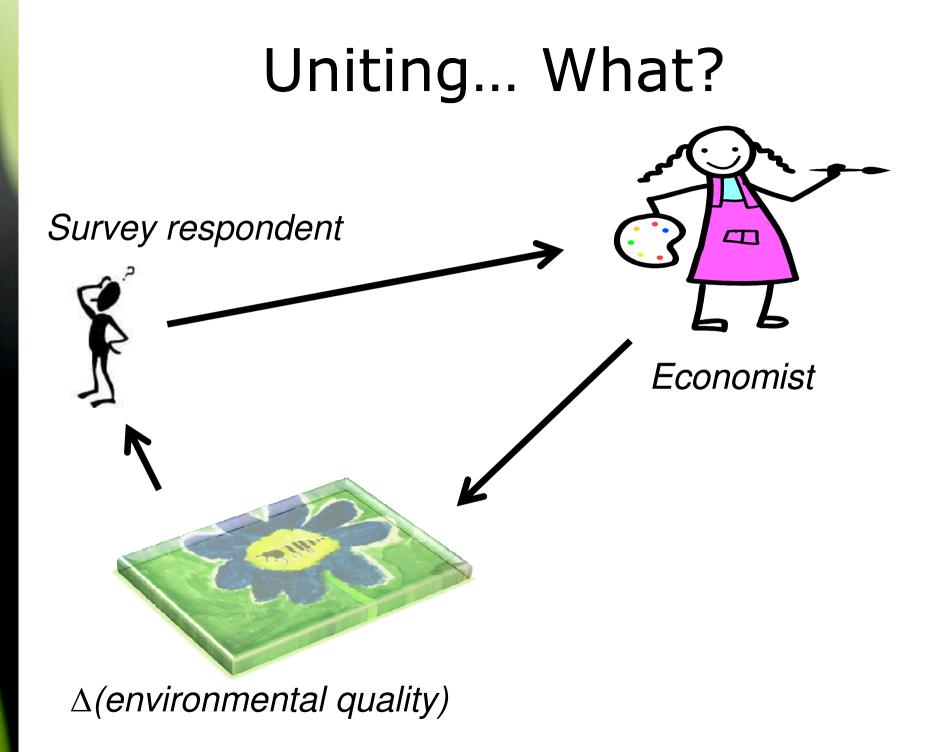
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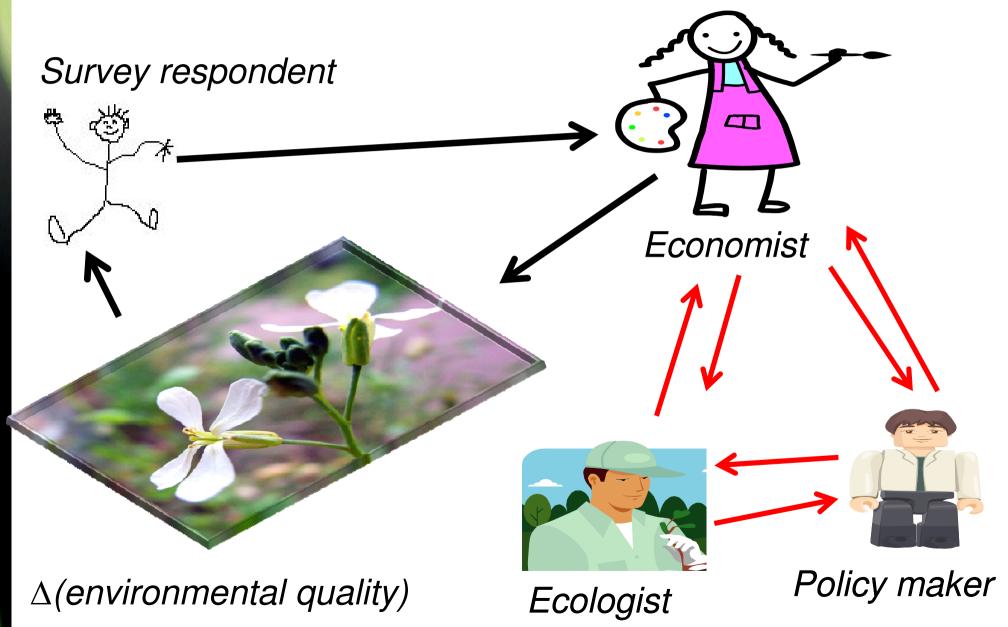
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Starting points

- Two similar study areas
- Good knowledge of status quo
- Contacts with local ecologists
- Contacts with policy-makers
- Web-panel based CV survey
- Focus groups and pilot study
- Follow-up study





Three scenarios •**Improved water quality** (related to EU Water Framework Directive [WFD])

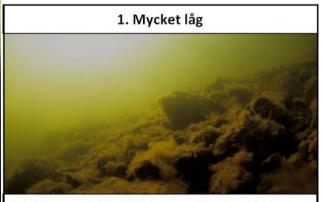
•Less frequent algae blooms (cyanobacterial blooms) – *East coast only*

•Less noise and littering (related to local policy discussions)

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Water quality – WFD status classification

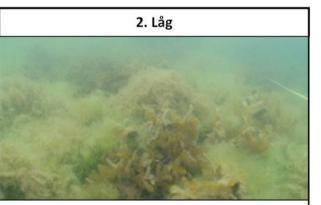
1. "Bad"



Siktdjup mindre än 2,5 m. Blåstång finns inte alls eller bara undantagsvis. Mycket artfattigt samhälle. Drivande algmattor vanliga.

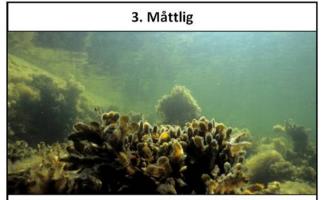
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2. "Poor"



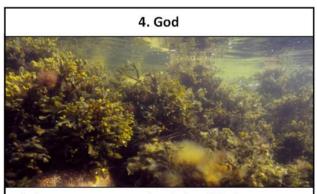
Siktdjup ca 2,5 - 3,5 m. Blåstång finns mycket grunt och i glesa bestånd eller är helt försvunnen. Fintrådiga grönalger är vanliga. Drivande algmattor kan vara vanliga. Foto: Jerker Lokrantz/Azote

3. "Moderate"



Siktdjup ca 3,5 - 5 m. Glesa bestånd av blåstång från 0,5 till 2-3 meters djup. Tångplantorna har påväxt av olika fintrådiga alger. Drivande algmattor är ovanliga. Foto: Robert <u>Kautsky/Azote</u>

4. "Good"



Siktdjup ca 5 - 6,5 m. Täta bestånd av blåstång. Tångplantorna kan ibland ha påväxt av olika fintrådiga alger. Drivande algmattor förekommer inte. Foto: Jerker Lokranz/Azote

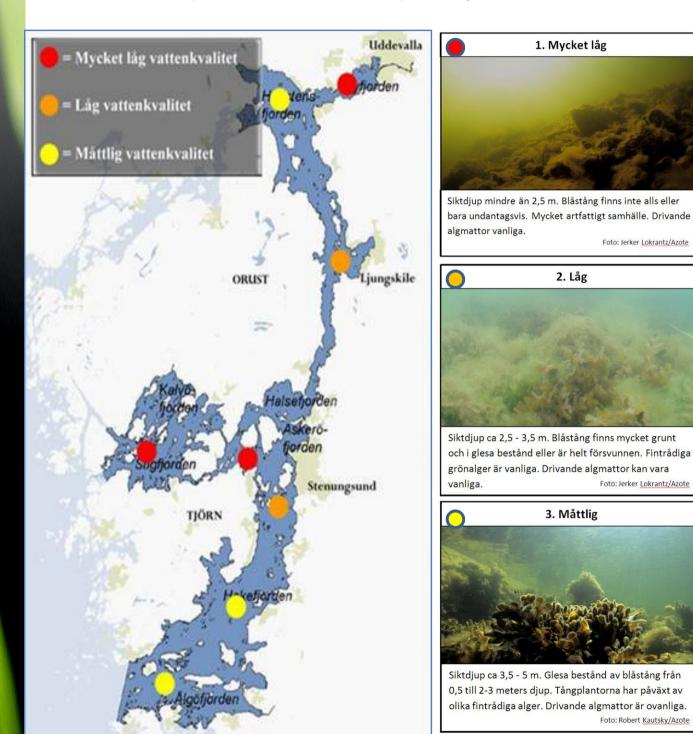
5. "High"



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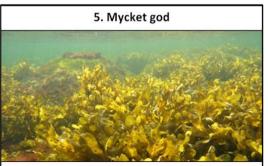
Foto: Forststyrelsen, 2005

The *improved water quality* scenario, two classes improvement









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WTP question, improved water quality

Scenario 1

Water quality	2 classes improvement	
Algae blooms	Like today	
Noise and littering	Like today	

How much would you be willing to pay for implementing measures that lead to the realization of Scenario 1, above?

We know since earlier studies that many people are uncertain regarding their willingness to pay, but try to answer the question as well as possible (answer with an interval)

I am willing to pay between _____ and _____ SEK per month between the years 2010-2019 in order to improve today's conditions according to Scenario 1.

Mean WTP, \$, monthly per household, 2010-2029

	East Coast		West coast		
Scenario	Locals	Non-Locals	Locals	Non-Locals	All
Improved Water Quality	13.70	11.80	9.00	7.70	7.70 – 13.70
Less algae blooms	10.60	6.80			6.80 - 10.60
Less noise and littering	6.30	5.00	5.40	4.10	4.10 - 6.30

Follow-up study



- 1 = totally disagree 2 = partly disagree 3 = partly agree
- 4 = totally agree
- 5 = do not know

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Transfer errors

• $TE = (WTP_s - WTP_p) / WTP_p$

(s = study area, p = policy area)

Varying from 7-77 %

Conclusions

- Model explanatory power weak (next step: Choice Experiment)
- Pretty large transfer errors
- Valuation scenarios worked out well
- Tradeoff when developing scenarios? (realistic scenarios → heavy burden for respondents... selection bias?)
- In general: promising for future studies

Thank you!



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