Foundation for Sustainable Development
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Internship

To bring nature into decision-making through ecosystem services valuation and help organise international conferences on ecosystem services.

The Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD) is looking for an intern who will support our work on the Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD).

This internship is suited for an **MSc academic internship.**

Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD)
The ESVD is the largest publicly available database with standardized monetary values for all ecosystem services and all biomes on all continents. It aims to provide a comprehensive, trustworthy, up-to-date and easily accessible database with state-of-the-art information on the monetary value of all ecosystem services. Ultimately, our goal with the ESVD is to contribute to averting biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation as well as bringing ecosystem services into decision-making, to be used in research and in policy-making. We do projects with governments from the national to the local, financial institutions such as the ASN Bank and international organisations such as the FAO and The Ocean Cleanup. For more information, visit esvd.info.

Internship tasks

ESVD
The ESVD has seen major updates in the recent years, showing that there is a demand for a database like the ESVD. With this growth, we must ensure and improve the quality of the database as well as the applicability of the database for possible users. Your main tasks include assisting with a quality check of the database, adding data to the ESVD and assisting in ESVD related projects and stakeholder development. An important current project is the development of regional ecosystem services accounts in collaboration with stakeholders**.** For this project, **Dutch proficiency** is highly recommended.

Ecosystem Services Partnership
FSD currently hosts the Ecosystem Services Partnership secretariat. The secretariat handles communication and outreach and organises conferences and other events for the ESP community. Your tasks will depend on the organisational phase and can include preparing materials, communication with presenters, participants and organising partners, updating

webpages and other conference related tasks. Additional support may be needed with ESP website content updates, community coordination and preparation of smaller events.

We Value Nature
FSD recently launched We Value Nature – a digital community platform where subscribers can follow masterclasses, interact and share knowledge. Our first masterclasses in the platform will run from November onwards. Your tasks will include supporting the team in the running of the platform, and potentially joining us in developing future content as well as supporting communication activities.

Required knowledge and skills

- Ambitious person with a drive to learn and to improve the world
- Good textual and communicative skills
- GIS skills
- Advanced level of understanding of Word, Excel, Outlook and Power Point
- Able to work independently and proactively
- Eye for detail
- Experience in working with people from different backgrounds and countries
- Languages: English, Dutch
- Education level: MSc student

What we offer

- Opportunity to learn more about ecosystem services and natural resource management
- Access to a large network of ecosystem service specialists
- Opportunity to gain valuable experience in bringing science into practice
- Opportunity to get experience with conference organisation and web communication
- Working in a dynamic and high-paced working environment at a small NGO where you get a lot of responsibility and where not everything is set in stone
- A remuneration of €250, – per month based on a 40 hours workweek
- Last but not least, a great feeling of doing something which benefits nature!

Logistics
Preferable starting date is **November 2026**. Internship time and weekly hours are open for discussion, but we prefer someone who can work for at least 4 months (based on a 40 hours workweek) and at least 4 days a week. Internship is based in Wageningen

More information and application

- Visit www.fsd.nl, esvd.info and es-partnership.org for more information.
- Contact us for more information about the position at info@fsd.nl
- If you are interested in this internship, send us a short motivation and your resume to info@fsd.nl