

Bridging the gap: research and policy

ABSTRACT

This paper examines the structural and cultural gaps between research and policy and the consequent under use of knowledge in environmental policy decision. The relationship is analysed from the perspectives of supply (research), demand (policy) and communication. The divide has to be rectified through structural adjustments particularly in establishing researcher-policy maker partnership in research as well as extending research scope that goes beyond examining a single constituent of a system, but a systemic view of the links between ecology, economic and institutional processes.

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