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Latest advances in vegetation science

The latest advances in vegetation science are the focus of a one-day national workshop at UTAS today.

More than 50 participants from government, academia and industry – including some of Australia’s leading science and policy makers – will discuss leading-edge methods for assessing and monitoring native vegetation from a continental to landscape scale.

Professor Tony Norton from the UTAS School of Agricultural Science, is one of the workshop’s lead covenors.

Prof Norton said Earth’s ecosystems are experiencing massive change.

“It is essential that the best science is used to address the challenges posed by climate change and sustainable land use,” Prof Norton said.

“Native vegetation is very important because of its role in hydrological and carbon cycles, as habitat for biodiversity and for providing ecosystem services that help underpin our production systems such as agriculture.”

Prof. Norton said workshop speakers will discuss the role of the emerging carbon market in reversing environmental decline through a landscape program of targeted vegetation restoration across Australia.

The workshop was hosted by UTAS and the CERF Landscape Logic National Research Hub

Landscape Logic is a research hub under the Commonwealth Environmental Research Facilities scheme led by Prof. Ted Lefroy (Director, Centre of Environment, UTAS), and managed by the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

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