



## PLAYER GUIDE - GETTING STARTED

Playing Ecosim for the first time? This is how you start up.

### 1. Choose settings

In the first menu, you choose your settings. The right settings depend of course on your computer. If you want to switch between other programs while playing Ecosim, Usually, the best settings are the following:

**Screen resolution:** 1024 x 600 and the box “windowed” ticked.

If you don't need to switch between programs, we advise the following settings:

**Screen resolution:** 1360 x 768 and the box “windowed” unchecked.

Start with graphics quality “good”. This is usually a good setting. When during the game, navigation is smooth, you may upgrade to “fantastic” next time. If your graphic card has difficulties with the Ecosim landscape, downgrade to fast next time you start up.

### 2. Main menu

Choose “start new game”.

### 3. Choose your game

Choose the game you wish to play. In many modules you download directly from [www.ecosim.nl](http://www.ecosim.nl), there is only one game you can choose.

### 4. Give your name

Give name and gender and click continue.

### 5. Choose save game slot

Ecosim saves your game automatically at the start of each year (turn). Click one of the empty slots where the game will be saved. Next time, you can open the game again in the main menu. Each saved game can be found back by a combination of module name, player name and date and time the game is last saved.

### 6. Quick guide to navigation

You now have the option to walk through a quick guide explaining the user interface and navigation of Ecosim.

Mouse-click to move through the introduction guide pages. The same quick guide is shown below.

### 7. Introduction to the module

A number of newspaper articles and avatars introduce you to the game and tasks ahead.

## QUICK GUIDE TO NAVIGATION

### **Step 1: 2D map and 3D landscape**

You can switch between a 2D map and 3D landscape. Press ESC to go to the 2D map for overview and mouseclick on the map to move to a particular spot in the landscape, where all game actions take place.

### **Step 2 Simple navigation**

Mouse-scroll or pageUp/Down to zoom in and out. Move mouse to screen edge to move over the landscape. Pressing SHIFT increases speed. Left mouse-click to choose actions and select areas in the landscape.

### **Step 3 Options for research**



Visit the library for background articles and Open the research menu to choose your research method





#### Step 4 Options for action



Open the action menu to choose your management tools

#### Step 5 The budget



The total remaining budget  
The accumulative costs you will spend this year

#### Step 6 Go to next year



The current year  
The button to proceed to next year

#### Step 7 Look up the results



The graph editor shows the survey results and trend graphs  
The export button allows you to export data to .csv files for spreadsheets