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SEEA-CF Update

TASK TEAM A

ISSUE A1 – SEEA CF AND SEEA EA UPDATES

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Outline

- Explaining the issue
- Agreed points from Task Team A for inclusion in Guidance Note
- Highlights, challenges and overlaps

- Issue proposal from 2024
 - > “The SEEA CF should include a broader overview of the links and overlaps between SEEA CF and SEEA EA (based on what is already in SEEA EA). This includes describing links between natural inputs, provisioning services and abiotic flows, and between natural resources and ecosystem assets.”

Agreed working points from TT-A

- Issue A1.1 Update the language and context from SEEA EA
- Issue A1.2 Update the roles of supply use tables and asset account
- Issue A1.3 Examine how species accounts can connect to SEEA CF
- Issue A1.4 Introduce concepts of biotic and abiotic flows
- Issue A1.5 Update valuation concepts based on SEEA EA
- Issue A1.6 Examine how some of the outputs of the SEEA EA Technical Committee can be included in SEEA CF
- Issue A1.7 Include discussion on the asset and production boundaries from SNA, SEEA CF and SEEA EA
- Issue A1.8 Clarify the distinction between depletion and degradation

How the inclusions line up

Wording changes

A1.1
A1.2
A1.4

New content

A1.3
A1.6
A1.7

Concept updates

A1.5
A1.8

Highlights

- Terminology and context updates should be straightforward
- Introducing a species account is interesting
 - > Connections to analysis of biological resources
- Clarity around the production boundary and associated concepts (e.g. benefits) for EA and CF accounts.
- Defining abiotic in SEEA CF context

Challenges

- Valuation discussion is still ongoing.
- Not much definition of 'biotic', is considered to be a common concept
- Some of the outputs of SEEA EA Technical committee aren't available (Oceans) or limited (Forests)

Overlaps with other update issues

- Issue A4 – spatial accounting
 - > Definition of a core geography could be derived from EA concepts
- Issue A8 – integrating functional, asset and flow accounts
 - > Discussion on the role of the sequence of accounts including ecosystem accounts
- Issue A9 – Consistency with SNA 2025
 - > Consistency with depletion concepts
 - > Consistency with treatment of biological resources and Ecosystem accounts
- Issue B6 – Pressure Accounts
 - > New wording based on ecosystem accounts (condition accounts)?
- Issue D1 – Carbon accounting
 - > Overlaps with ecosystem services
- Issue D3 – Valuation of water resources
 - > Need to include in valuation discussion?

Next steps

- Guidance note
 - > Due soon for discussion at Task Team A, SEEA CF tech committee, SEEA EA tech committee
 - > Tranche #2 paper for global discussion in May-June 2026

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