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System of  
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## System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 – Experimental Ecosystem Accounting Revision

### First Global Consultation on:

**Chapter 6: Ecosystem services concepts for accounting**

**Chapter 7: Accounting for ecosystem services in physical terms**

### *Comments Form*

**Deadline for responses: 20 August 2020**

**Send responses to: [seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org)**

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. There are six guiding questions in the form, please respond to the questions in the indicated boxes below. To submit responses please save this document and send it as an attachment to the following e-mail address: [seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org).

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<https://seea.un.org/content/seea-experimental-ecosystem-accounting-revision>

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**Questions related to Chapter 6**

**Question 1: Do you have comments on the concepts and definitions for ecosystem services, benefits and associated components of the ecosystem accounting framework?**

Click here and start typing (The length of your response is not limited by this text box.)

**Question 2. Do you have comments on the content and descriptions in the reference list of selected ecosystem services?**

Click here and start typing (The length of your response is not limited by this text box.)

**Question 3. Do you agree with the proposed treatments for selected ecosystem services described in Section 6.4 for biomass provisioning services, global climate regulation services, cultural services, water supply and abiotic flows?**

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**Question 4. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 6?**

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**Questions related to Chapter 7**

**Question 5. Do you have comments on the proposed recording approaches for ecosystem services supply and use tables described in section 7.2?**

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**Question 6. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 7?**

Lack of consistency in proposed baseline across services (table 7.6). Either choose zero services (my preference) or 1 fixed reference point. This also can be built-up area (concrete, flat area) instead of bare land.

Bare land is too limited in many perspectives esp. for water related services. Drainage systems are for instance very important in water regulating services. How to deal with this in the baseline (no drainage, or drainage?). How water is managed is equally important as the presence of vegetation.

Soil erosion: bare land is equal to zero services (no prevention of erosion)