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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 3: Spatial units for Ecosystem Accounting**

**Chapter 4: Accounting for Ecosystem Extent**

**Chapter 5: Accounting for Ecosystem Condition**

### *Comments Form*

**Deadline for responses: 30 April 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 nine 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).

All documents can be also found on the SEEA EEA Revision website at:  
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**Question 1: Do you have any comments on the definition and description of ecosystem assets and ecosystem accounting areas and the associated measurement boundaries and treatments?**

Chapter 3.25: Please also consider countries where there is a border dispute. How to add or not add the disputed area of land.

Chapter 3.26/3.58-3.61: Put as a reference the Land Use and Land Cover (LULUC) maps made with GIS (FAO- manual). Also link this with chapter 15 of the SDGs.

3.61: also add for a negative land use the example of mining (in the case of Suriname; gold mining).

**Question 2. Do you have any comments on the use of the IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology as the SEEA Ecosystem Type Reference Classification?**

I have no comments on that it was clear

**Question 3. Do you have any comments on the recording of changes in ecosystem extent and ecosystem condition, including the recording of ecosystem conversions, as described in chapters 4 and 5?**

I have no comments on that it was clear

**Question 4. Do you have any comments on the three-stage approach to accounting for ecosystem condition, including the aggregation of condition variables and indicators?**

I have no comments on that it was clear

**Question 5. Do you have any comments on the description and application of the concept of reference condition and the use of both natural and anthropogenic reference conditions in accounting for ecosystem condition?**

I have no comments on that it was clear

**Question 6. Do you have any comments on Ecosystem Condition Typology for organising characteristics, data and indicators about ecosystem condition?**

I have no comments on that it was clear

**Question 7. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 3?**

Overall comment is to also link the following references such as SDG goals (goal 14 & 15) and the UNSD Framework for Environment Statistics (FDES2013) to help with data collection see the following chapters –1.1; Physical condition, 1.1.1: Atmosphere, climate and weather, Chapter 1.1.2: Hydrographical characteristics, 1.1.3: Geological and geographical information, 1.1.4: Soil characteristics, 1.2: Land cover, Ecosystems and Biodiversity., 2.3: Land, 2.4: Soil resources and 2.5: Biological resources.

**Question 8. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 4?**

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**Question 9. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 5?**

Overall comment is to also link the following references such as SDG goals (goal 14 & 15) and the UNSD Framework for Environment Statistics to help with data collection see the following chapters –1.3: Environmental Quality (Air quality, Freshwater quality, Marine water quality and Soil quality)

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