System of Environmental-Economic Accounting—Ecosystem Accounting

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Comments Form

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General comments

Question 1: Do you have comments on the overall draft of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

The overall draft of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting is somewhat lengthy and parts of it might be harder to comprehend for a casual reader. But the draft is well structured and all the topics on ecosystem accounting are reviewed and there are loads of information which can be helpful for a professional as well as person new to the concept of ecosystem accounting.

Comments by sets of chapters

Question 2. Do you have comments on Chapters 1-2 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

No comments.

Question 3. Do you have comments on Chapters 3-5 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

These chapters are of great importance to the overall accounting process as these are the foundational accounts for further work and the draft captures the information greatly. The annexes provided in these chapters are also very helpful and a good addition to the information provided.
Question 4. Do you have comments on Chapters 6-7 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

The breakdown of treatment of specific ecosystem services in chapter 6 is really beneficial as some questions might come up surrounding this topic while accounting so this is quite helpful. Chapter 7 thoroughly explains ecosystem supply and use accounts in physical terms with a good explanation of how to deal with exports and imports of ecosystem services and also stresses the importance of spatial composition of ecosystem services supply and usage by different economic units.

Question 5. Do you have comments on Chapters 8-11 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

It is a big advantage that many different methods of monetary ecosystem service valuation is proposed which can be applied to various different services provided by different ecosystems. Chapters 8-11 are greatly informative and very important to the whole ecosystem service accounting process and put well together in the draft.

Question 6. Do you have comments on Chapters 12-14 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?

No comments.