

Session 7 – Objectives

(i) a review of existing training/compilation materials and recommendations on how these could be used globally for the implementation of the SEEA,

(ii) how countries implement the accounts, focusing on specific issues of implementation to have a debate on best practices depending on countries situations (experience).

- For discussion,
 - Orientations on the technical note based on discussion and issues presented?
 - Should the technical note inform on the links with other accounts?
 - ...or, is it necessary a technical note specific to forests? Are forest accounts included elsewhere?
- A kind request!

Session 7 – Forest accounts

Materials/Initiatives on forest accounts:

- The forest accounts in the CREEA project: Compiling and Refining Environmental and Economic Accounts (Elsa Varela, European Forest Institute, Presentation)
- Manual for Forest Accounting: Policy Applications and Compilation (JP Castaneda, WAVES)

Experiences and implementation issues:

- Environmental taxes and subsidies in SEEA forest accounts (Jukka Muukkonen, Statistics Finland, Presentation)
- Valuing Timber Resource Stocks in the Canadian Natural Resource stock Accounts (Cindy Lecavalier, Statistics Canada, Presentation)
- Forest definitions and linkages to wood product information (Judith Ajani and Lisa Green)

Responding to WAVES countries demands: Capacity building on forest accounts

London, November 13, 2013

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Background on WAVES

WAVES is a global partnership that aims to promote sustainable development by mainstreaming natural capital in development planning and national economic accounts.

WAVES provides a global platform to meet this challenge by:

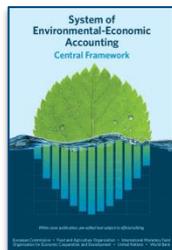
Helping implement natural capital accounting where there are internationally-agreed upon standards

Working with partners to develop standard approaches for ecosystem accounts

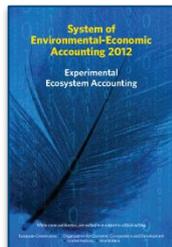
Promoting the use of the accounts in decision making among a wide range of stakeholders.

How do WAVES do NCA?

System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)



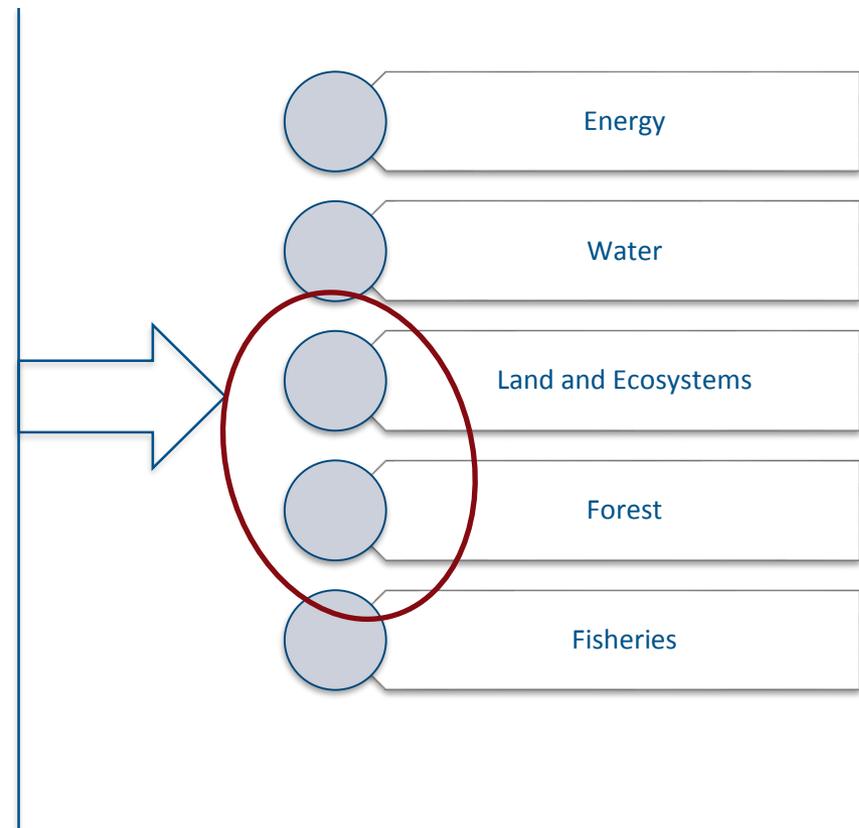
Part 1. SEEA-Central Framework
Adopted by UN Statistics Commission
as **International Statistical Standard**
in February 2012



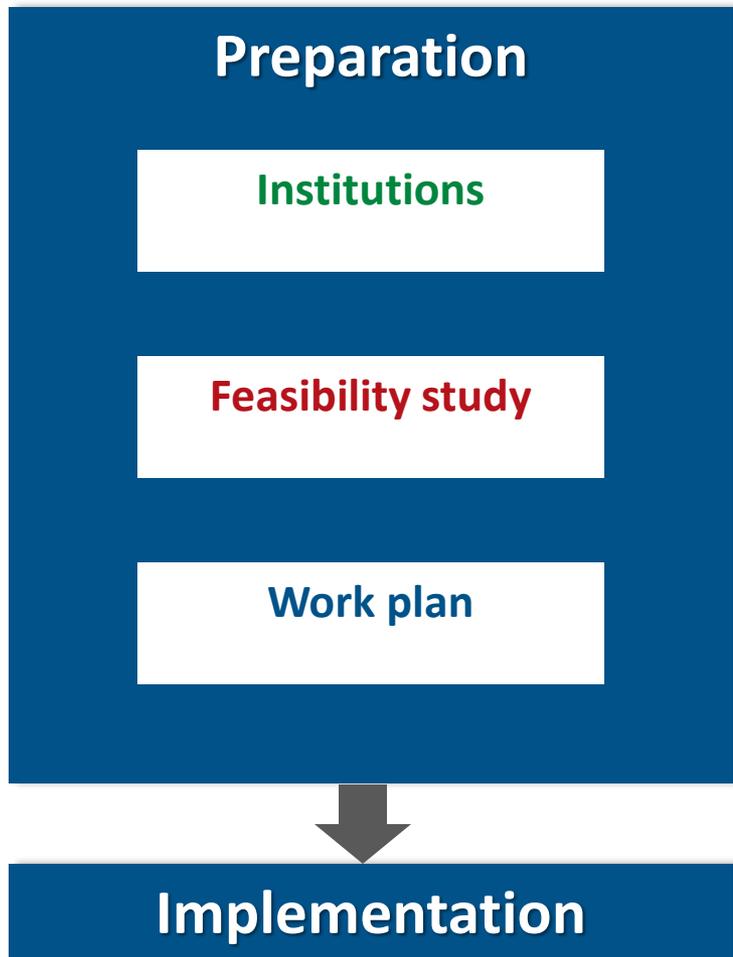
Part 2. SEEA Experimental Ecosystem,
2013



Part 3. SEEA Applications and Policy
Uses, 2013



WAVES country work



- Commitment from **key agencies**
- Establish **institutional structure**

Identification of:

- Critical **policy issues** in country
- Key **entry points for policy making**
- Relevant **components of environmental accounts**
- Assessment of **data availability** and **technical capacity**

- Which **components** will be built and in what order?
- Identify and fill **data gaps**
- How will **technical capacity** be strengthened?

Technical capacity – Filling the gaps

Assessing
readiness for
SEEA

- Diagnostic tool

Guidelines on
forest accounts

- Manual
- Training material

Knowledge
sharing on forest
accounts

- Global workshop

Manual: Objectives

- Raise awareness of the importance of forest accounting for **policy planning**
- Review the **policy questions** that can be addressed with the accounts
- Increase understanding of how forest accounts can help to address policy questions by **describing and illustrating policy applications of forest accounts** (including the use of indicators and modeling applications of the accounts)
- Provide insights into the new **methods and tools** for the physical measurement and valuation of relevant forest ecosystem services
- **Provide guidelines** for the compilation of forest accounts in line with the structure, concepts and classifications to SEEA standard methodology

Manual on forest accounts

Why to do forest accounting?

The policy relevance of the accounts

How to do forest accounting?

Guidance on the accounts compilation

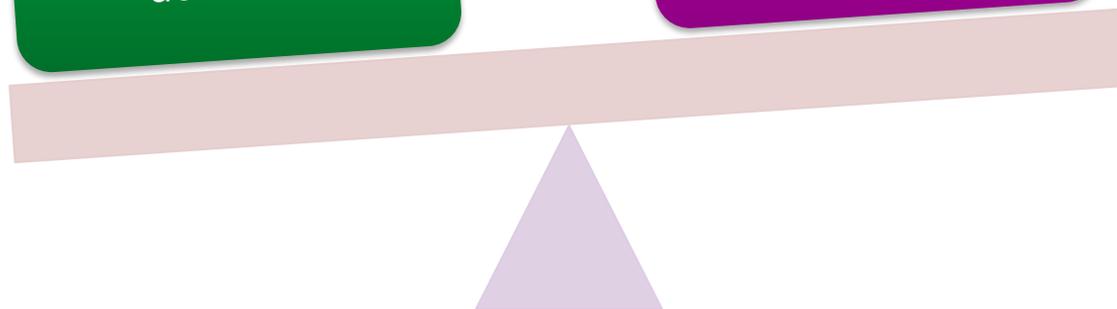
1. The importance of forests in development planning

2. Addressing policy questions with forest accounts

3. Adopting forest accounts

2. The monetary accounts

1. The physical accounts



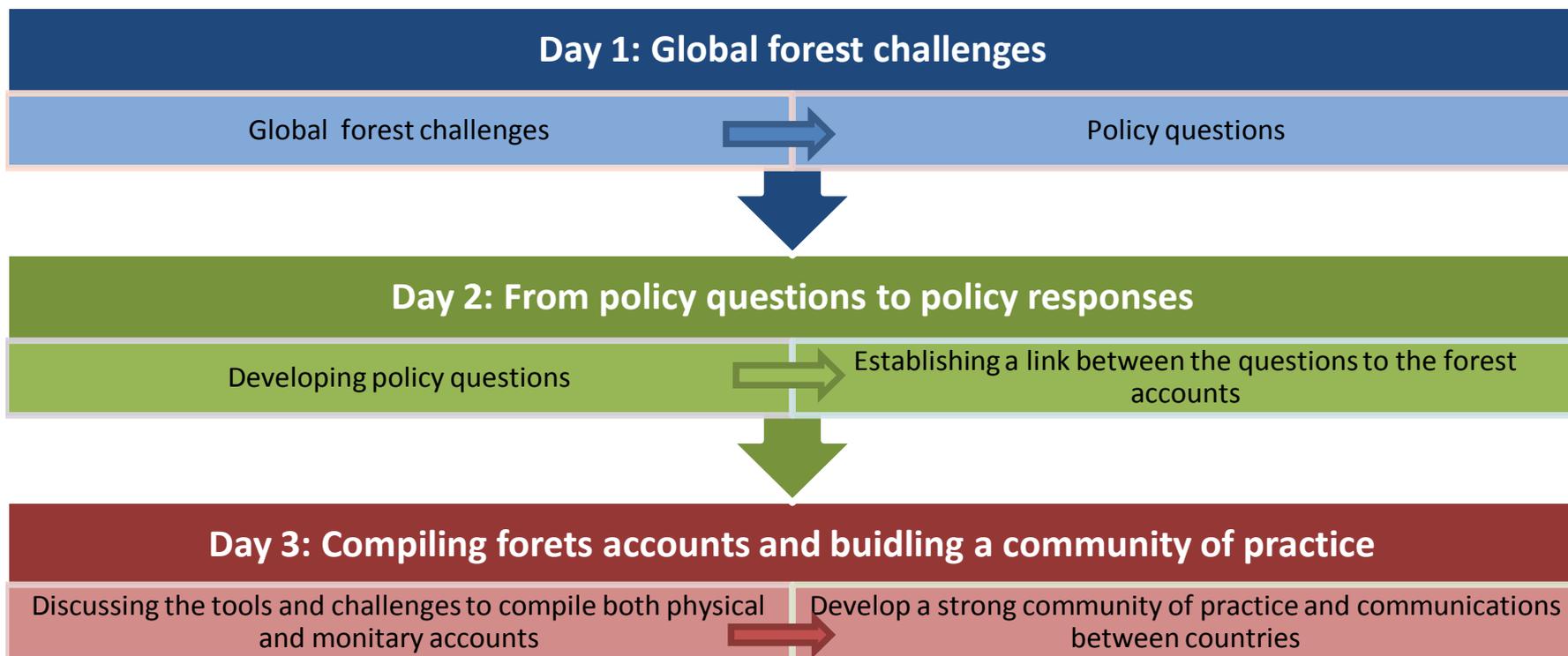
Global workshop

- a) Serve as building block for developing a forest accounting community of practice as part of the broader effort of the NCA community of practice being promoted by WAVES

- b) Strengthen technical understanding and capacity by:
 - **Sharing experiences and results** from each partner country to learn from one another
 - **Providing basic training** on forest accounting, from defining policy questions to identifying the accounts needed to answer the questions.
 - **Testing the training materials** developed within the context of the development of the Manual for Forest Accounting

- c) Start to build a common language for forest accounting among all WAVES partner countries

Workshop: Structure



For discussion

- What issues or challenges does the London Group anticipate?
- What are the recommendations of the London Group?

Thank you!

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