



Initial statement of strategy for implementation of SEEA Central Framework

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Central Framework in the Latin American
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Draft outline (to be adapted as relevant)

- Background
- Policy setting
- Stakeholders
- Relevant international, regional, bilateral programmes
- Current information/data available
- Constraints
- Opportunities
- Actions



Background

- National environmental and economic policy priorities linked to national programming and budgeting cycles
- Need for integrated information for evidence based policy making for sustainable development
- Link of national policy and statistical priorities to regional and international agenda
 - Post-2015 agenda / SDGs / Broader measures of progress/WAVES/ UNEP TEEB



National policy setting and policy issues

- Main policy issues and instruments (regulations, fiscal, pricing, financial, trade, etc.)
- Environmental plans and strategies (e.g.
 - Sustainable Development Strategy
 - National Policy for the Environment Management
 - National Statistical Strategy
 - National sector plans/strategy (energy, water, waste, etc.)
 - National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)
 - National Policy for Climate Change
 - Energy (renewable, energy efficiency)
 - Deforestation
 - Low carbon agriculture



National stakeholders

- Establish national coordination board/committee
- Identify national stakeholders:
 - National Statistical Institutes
 - Central Banks
 - Ministry of Environment
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Water agencies/boards
 - Ministry of Energy
 - Ministry of Forestry
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International, regional and bilateral statistical and policy programmes relevant for the implementation of SEEA

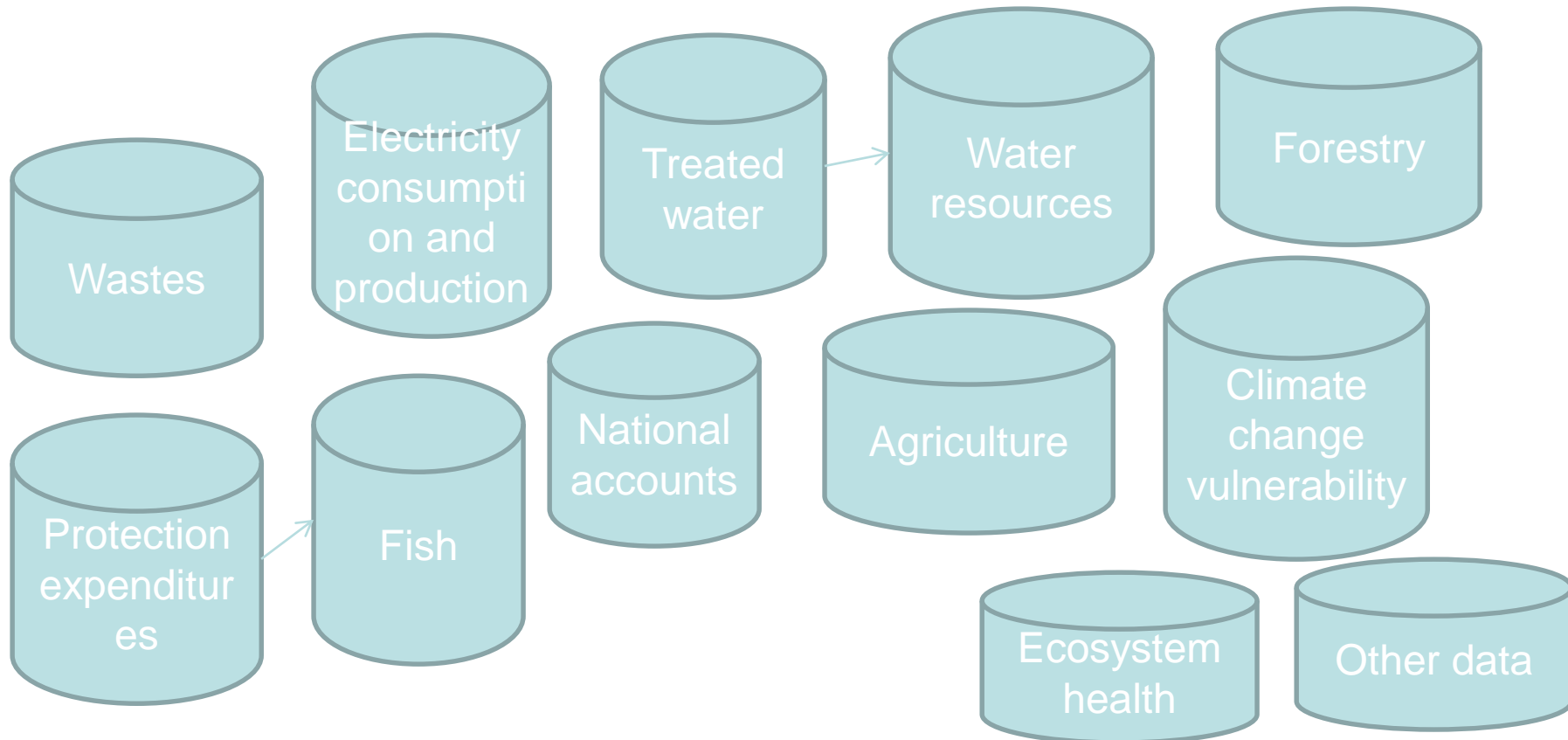
By way of example;

- Global programme on 2008 SNA implementation
- FAO global strategy for agriculture and rural statistics, pilot country
- Regional and subregional programmes
- Policy and analytical applications promoted by WAVES, TEEB and UNDP activities



Broad assessment of data availability

- Lots of data available
... But the data is not coordinated





Constraints and Opportunities



Constraints

- Data spread across national agencies and sections / not co-ordinated
 - Project based statistics
 - Limited data sharing or awareness of information
- Limited technical knowledge on environment statistics and accounts (water, forest, energy, etc.) and its linkage with economic statistics
- Lack of experience of the environment in economic policy making (e.g. use of policy instruments for fiscal and regulatory policy)



Opportunities

- Improve evidence based decision making in integrating environment/natural capital in development policies
- Improve quality of basic data sources (including the use of administrative records and official statistics)
- Reduce response burden and data collection duplication and increase cost efficiency/value for money in use of administrative sources and integration of business and household survey related collections and processing



Opportunities

- Strengthen institutional dialogue on policy and statistics
- Strengthen institutional coordination arrangements (e.g. Boards, MoUs. service agreements) for production of statistics and its policy use in support of compilation and policy use of SEEA
 - Need to identify coordinator for statistics
 - Objective to improve coordination



Actions



Actions

- Establish the national coordination board/committee with users and producers
- Prepare national statement of strategy (by December 2013)
- Decide on priority accounts and related time series, indicators and policy applications
- Institutional arrangements (strategies and plans)
- Data quality assessment (following demands from strategies and plans)



Actions

- Pilot SEEA compilation (suggested as priorities like water, energy, forest, environmental protection expenditures, land cover/use)
- Plans by accounts:
 - objectives, institutional arrangements, outputs, activities, sources, timelines, requirements for external assistance
- Dissemination and communication strategy on nationally agreed accounts and time series of statistics and indicators