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First Global Consultation on:

Chapter 6: Ecosystem services concepts for accounting

Chapter 7: Accounting for ecosystem services in physical terms

Comments Form

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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?

§ 6.7, line 3 Benefits are used or do the use of ecosystem services procure benefits?
§ 6.9, line 3-4: Given the precedent description, the following sentence implies that ecosystem assets can be users of ecosystem services, which is probably not meant to be the case: “ecosystem services can be considered to be transacted between ecosystem assets on the one hand and economic units on the other.”
§ 6.14, line 5-7: This needs to be explained a little more : “While ecosystem accounting does not require the recording of non-SNA benefits, their description is needed such that the relevant ecosystem contributions can be defined and measured.”
§ 6.27, last sentence: Add link to relevant section.
§ 6.30, lines 9-11, Ecosystem assets: How do the “particular ecological characteristics of the ecosystems that are relevant to the supply of ecosystem services” differ from ecological factors determining supply?
§ 6.36, lines 1-3: Should the sentence reads: “the maintenance of biodiversity itself will be impacted by the types of ecosystem services used by people and the extent of that use.”?

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

Table 6.2: Specify nature of ecosystem services as final or intermediate in a separate column.

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?

§ 6.4, line 3 Replace “and any associated costs of capital” with “and associated degradation or loss of capital”?

§ 6.7, line 6: “...and economic units encompass...”

§ 6.14, line 2: “clean air”

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?

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