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System of Environmental Economic Accounting

System of Environmental-Economic Accounting 2012 – Experimental Ecosystem Accounting Revision

First Global Consultation on:

Chapter 8: Principles of valuation for Ecosystem Accounting

Chapter 9: Accounting for ecosystem services in monetary terms

Chapter 10: Accounting for ecosystem assets in monetary terms

Chapter 11: Integrated and extended accounting for ecosystem services and assets

Comments Form

Deadline for responses: 6 July 2020 Send responses to: <u>seea@un.org</u>

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. There are twelve 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.

All documents can be also found on the SEEA EEA Revision website at: <u>https://seea.un.org/content/seea-experimental-ecosystem-accounting-revision</u>

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Questions related to Chapter 8

Question 1: Do you have comments on the principles proposed to underpin monetary valuation for the revised SEEA EEA, including the use of exchange values and net present value approaches?

Click here and start typing (The length of your response is not limited by this text box.)

Question 2. Do you have any suggestions for topics to include in Annex 8.1?

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Question 3. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 8?

I think there may be two typos in Chapter 8:

- 1. Between word "valuation" and "ecosystem (assets)" in the last sentence of paragraph 8.23, there may be lack of the preposition "of".
- 2. In the Footnote 7, the first word "The" should be replaced by the word "There".
- 3. For Footnote 1 and 2, should there be a period at the end of each of them?



Questions related to Chapter 9

Question 4. Do you have comments on the range of valuation methods proposed for use in estimating exchange values of ecosystem services?

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

I think there may be some typos in Chapter 9:

- 1. For Footnote 1, 2, 5, 7, there should be supplemented with a period at the end of each of them. For Footnote 2, it can be better expressed as that of Footnote 4 or 6.
- 2. In the third line of paragraph 9.22, the word "on" before "ecosystems" should be changed as "of".
- 3. In Line 3 of paragraph 9.33, between words of "marketed good" and "other things", there should be added with a word "when" or "with". The last sentence of paragraph 9.33 is too long, I think it could be better to add a comma after the word "outputs" in the second line from the bottom.
- 4. In 2008 SNA, "goods and services" is usually adopted. While in the revised SEEA EEA, especially in Chapter 9, "good" is often seen. I think it is better to use "goods" instead of "good" to reach more reconciliation between SEEA EEA and SNA.

Questions related to Chapter 10

Question 6. Do you have comments on the definitions of entries for the ecosystem monetary asset account including ecosystem enhancement, ecosystem degradation and ecosystem conversions?

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Question 7. Do you have comments on the recommendations concerning the selection of discount rates for use in NPV calculations in ecosystem accounting?

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Question 8. Do you have comments on Annex 10.1 describing the derivation and decomposition of NPV?

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Question 9. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 10?

Typo:

For Footnote 1 and 5, there should be added with a period at the end of each of them.



Questions related to Chapter 11

Question 10. Do you have comments on the proposed structure of the extended balance sheet that integrates the monetary values of ecosystem and economic assets?

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Question 11. Do you have comments on the approaches to assigning the ownership of ecosystem assets that underpins the structure of the extended sequence of institutional sector accounts?

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Question 12. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 11?

Typos:

- 1. In paragraph 11.41, on the third row from the bottom, right after "(2008 SNA 10.84)" there should be added with a period.
- 2. Below Table 11.1, at the end of "NB:" there should be added with a period.
- 3. For Footnote 3 and 4, should there be a period at the end of each of them?

