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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

Deadline for responses: 20 August 2020

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

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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?

Don't have.

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

It would be useful to mark the "final" or "intermediate" status of each ecosystem service in a separate column. In addition, it would be useful to add another column describing the relationship of each ecosystem service to the SNA.

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?

Agree.

Question 4. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 6?

Don't have.

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?

Don't have.

Question 6. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 7?

Section 7.4 can be supplemented with words about supply and use identity (in accordance with paragraph 2.44 SEEA-CF). Thus, according to the SEEA-CF, for each product measured in physical terms (e.g., cubic metres of timber), the quantity of output and imports (total supply of products) must equal the quantity of intermediate consumption, household final consumption, gross capital formation and exports (total use of products). In turn, in accordance with the SEEA-EEA, the total supply of ecosystem assets by residents and non-residents must equal the total use of final and intermediate ecosystem services.