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First Global Consultation on:

Chapter 3: Spatial units for Ecosystem Accounting

Chapter 4: Accounting for Ecosystem Extent

Chapter 5: Accounting for Ecosystem Condition

Comments Form

Deadline for responses: 30 April 2020

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. There are nine 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:
<https://seea.un.org/content/seea-experimental-ecosystem-accounting-revision>

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Question 1: Do you have any comments on the definition and description of ecosystem assets and ecosystem accounting areas and the associated measurement boundaries and treatments?

Don't have.

Question 2. Do you have any comments on the use of the IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology as the SEEA Ecosystem Type Reference Classification?

Don't have.

Question 3. Do you have any comments on the recording of changes in ecosystem extent and ecosystem condition, including the recording of ecosystem conversions, as described in chapters 4 and 5?

Don't have.

Question 4. Do you have any comments on the three-stage approach to accounting for ecosystem condition, including the aggregation of condition variables and indicators?

More information (clarification) is required for Stage 3 - Ecosystem condition index account, especially regarding weights for aggregation.

Question 5. Do you have any comments on the description and application of the concept of reference condition and the use of both natural and anthropogenic reference conditions in accounting for ecosystem condition?

Don't have.

Question 6. Do you have any comments on Ecosystem Condition Typology for organising characteristics, data and indicators about ecosystem condition?

Don't have.

Question 7. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 3?

Don't have.

Question 8. Do you have any other comments on Chapter 4?

Since Ecosystem extent account is very close to Physical account for land cover (SEEA-CF), it would be useful to note the differences between both of them. In the case when these both of these accounts are created for the same area (for example, the territory of the country,) this can be quite confused for users.

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

Information about variables is too general. If we want to use SEEA EEA as a standard for future international comparisons, then countries need to understand which variables for which ecosystem types they should analyze. Thus, it would be useful to have recommended list of variables for different ecosystem types.