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

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?

The information provided to characterize statistical units can be used to aggregate and disaggregate the units. However, in practice, it is likely that a better understanding of how each ecosystem works is necessary in order to find the right set of standard variables that can be used to compare and contrast ecosystems for the purposes of higher level analysis. Therefore, great caution should be exercised in assuming that the characteristics of a statistical unit can be easily applied in another statistical unit, even if they have the same type of land cover.

we would have liked to have more graphics especially for the part of the ecosystem accounting area

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

The theoretical framework which structures the typology is essential to guarantee the solidity of the classification. However, knowledge on ecosystems is constantly evolving and this typology must be flexible enough to accommodate new information while developing links with existing national classifications.

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?

My remark is in relation to the accounting of the different types of assets: how often and what interval should be chosen to account for the assets knowing that the change cannot be made from one year to another?

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?

No comments

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?

I think we should have more schema and diagram in this part to well understand this concept of reference condition and the use of both natural and anthropogenic reference condition .

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

No comments

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

Chapter 3 is well done, the parts are well defined.
It is better to add some graphics for more understanding

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

The information provided in this chapter 4 is very interesting.
The content is very well done;

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

The analysis made is very relevant despite the use of a few technical words which are a little bit difficult to understand.