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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**

Send responses to: [seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org)

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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](mailto: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 distinction between Environmental assets and ecosystem assets. Are there ecosystems assets which are not Environmental assets and vice versa?

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

Am I correct to think that the ecosystem type 'Transitional' only applies to marine coastal areas? In Africa, we have inland deltas (like the Okavango)....how are they catered for.

**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?**

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

**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?**

Is it possible that the condition of a shared (between two economic territories) ecosystem asset can have different values from the different territories? I am thing of an ecosystem asset like the Vitoria falls shared between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**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?**

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

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

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

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

The following important themes have not been addressed in any of the chapters and need to be addressed;

1. General ecosystem characteristics, extent and pattern: Proximity of ecosystem to urban areas and cropland
2. Ecosystems' chemical and physical characteristics; Nutrients, Carbon, Pollutants -(Concentrations)
3. Biodiversity- Habitat fragmentation (Area, Description, Location, Number
4. SEEA land cover categories