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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

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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>

In case you have any questions or have issues with accessing the documents, please contact us at seea@un.org

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?

There is no specific comment on the definitions and description of ecosystem assets and ecosystem accounting areas as the Experimental Ecosystem Accounts is a subject that is to be examined by ELSTAT in the near future.

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

No specific comment can be made for the use of the IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology as the SEEA Ecosystem Type Reference Classification.

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?

No specific comment is available for the recording of changes in ecosystem extent and ecosystem condition.

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 specific comments can be made for the three-stage approach to accounting for ecosystem condition.

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?

No specific comments can be made for this issue.

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

No specific comments can be made for this issue.

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

The description of spatial units seems, at a first glance, quite detailed and complete. However, more thorough studying should be performed taking also into account data availability.

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

No additional comments can be made at this point for “Accounting for Ecosystem Extent”.

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

No additional comments can be currently made for “Accounting for Ecosystem Condition”.