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## System of Environmental-Economic Accounting— Ecosystem Accounting

### *Global Consultation on the complete document: Comments Form*

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## **General comments**

### **Question 1: Do you have comments on the overall draft of the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?**

First, Congratulations on the Draft SEEA EA for this tremendous work!

Comment: I suggest to consider as separate chapter the following:

- a) The various classifications applicable to the SEEA EA
- b) The research agenda for SEEA EA

## **Comments by sets of chapters**

### **Question 2. Do you have comments on Chapters 1-2 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?**

On Chapter 2, under 2.5 on General national accounting principles, it is helpful to add and provide discussions on possible data and data sources.

### **Question 3. Do you have comments on Chapters 3-5 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?**

On Chapter 4 under Complimentary presentations of ecosystem extent data, it is very useful to see the illustrative tables that supplement the discussions of concepts, etc. If possible, can we provide examples in the existing table formats for easy understanding?

**Question 4. Do you have comments on Chapters 6-7 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?**

The discussions Chapters 6 and 7 on Accounting for ecosystem services are comprehensive enough on details relating to the accounting concepts of ecosystem services as well as the accounting in physical terms.

**Question 5. Do you have comments on Chapters 8-11 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?**

Chapter 10 on Accounting for ecosystem assets in monetary terms is very important as this will link with other frameworks e.g. SEEA, SNA, etc.

May I suggest that more discussions can be provided on section under “Ässet Lives” and to highlight on Discounting wherein examples can be provided .

**Question 6. Do you have comments on Chapters 12-14 of the draft SEEA Ecosystem Accounting?**

On Chapter 13 under Accounting for specific Environmental Themes, this section is important to highlight in this SEEA EA Manual. Possibly, this section can still be expanded, to cover “mangroves”. Mangroves ecosystems play significant roles in countries in the Asia-Pacific during hazards and disasters.