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System of  
Environmental  
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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)

Name:	
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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?**

**No comments on terminology. Is it possible to present these definitions in terms of equations for better understanding? Can you support by examples?**

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

**It looks to be suitable for the sake of establishing common ground for data acquisition and analysis provided the country use it has systematic Monitoring and Recording system.**

**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?**

**More elaboration is needed when considering ecosystem conversions with ecosystem condition and extent under Exclusive Economic Zone as well as land use planning and Mapping.**



**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 on terminology. It would be better to have a simplified procedure and one working example to illustrate this three-stage approach.**

**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 Comments.**

**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?

More demonstration examples are needed with respect to Arid and Semi-Arid ecosystems.

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?

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**Additional Comments:**

1. Is the influence of radioactive and nuclear activity on the ecosystem covered?
2. Does the SEEA consider modelling and forecasting?
3. To what extent do you expect exchange of data between parties?
4. Will there be a plan to conduct workshops to address the concepts of Chapters 3, 4 & 5?
5. Will there be an awareness program of SEEA between parties?
6. Is the gap between developed countries and developing countries being tackled in terms of adaptation of Environmental Economic Accounting?

