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System of Environmental Economic Accounting

# System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Ecosystem Accounting

# Global Consultation on the complete document: Comments Form

### Deadline for responses: 30 November 2020 Send responses to: <u>seea@un.org</u>

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#### **General comments**

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

We welcome a guide on ecosystems accounting, but believe it is important to focus on the parts that are statistics in physical or monetary form, that is chapters 1-7. The monetary valuation described in the draft should however not be part of a statistical standard (chapters 8-14).

The conceptual wording of the valuation is not suitable for a statistical standard on environment and needs to be changed. Some of the chapters on monetary valuation could be presented in a separate report on applications and analysis, but is too dependent on choices of methods to be suitable for statistics.

We have seen the comments from Denmark, Italy, FAO and Germany and find their suggestions to be good.

In particular, it is important that the manual is open to include statistics on biodiversity relevant aspects of nature on land and in the water and connect that to the SEEA Central Framework. This in itself is an important contribution and would be a good place for NSOs to start implementing the system.

The SEEA is sometimes described as complicated, and we could do well by making the guides/manuals shorter and to the point, thus increasing the chance that they are taken up by countries.

#### **Comments by sets of chapters**

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

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



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

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