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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**

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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 definition and descriptions are well explained. It is good to have the explanation in info graphic style. Easy to understand and more user friendly.

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

Malaysia agreed on the use of IUCN as the SEEA ecosystem type reference classification which consists of types of function. Malaysia will follow and use it as a guideline to build our own classification that suits the geographical structure.

**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?**

The guideline on the recording of changes in ecosystem extent and ecosystem condition are well explained with clear example of changes that need to be represented as changes in condition or extend accounts.

**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?**

It is good to have specific example especially on what are the examples of indicator that have been used by other countries, how to calculate and measure the ecosystem condition indexes and sub-indexes. Availability of data is crucial.

**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 further comment as Ecosystem condition accounts in a standardized SEEA framework which can be applied at regional, national and international scales for a wide range of applications. It is well explained.

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

It is good to have a complete table with exact/example of variables and data to better understanding. Simple way of explanation is necessary.

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

The use of info graphics to explain the stages in developing an account is suggested as it is more friendly, easy to understand and more efficient to transfer and sharing knowledge.

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

It is suggested that:

- i. Item 4.13 under Reduction to extent: example on the Managed regression is not clear. More examples need to be included in this section for compiler to understand.
- ii. Item 4.15: the reasons changes in total area due to political factors do not require revisions to past accounts. It should be explained further for better understanding.

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

In general, Malaysia has no experience and are still in the learning process to understand the account provided. Thus, it is a challenge to understand and giving suggestions, comments and insight to the manuals which is provided by the expert in the field. Overall, we are suggested to include other countries practices in detail.